

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held Tuesday, December 17, 2013, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
John Eaton, Vice-President
David Long, Secretary
Ashley Mutschink
Matthew Mix
Mark Martyn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Glenn Peterson

ALSO PRESENT:

Cliff Sparks
Thoracio-Tere Lucero
Marc Garcia
Jeanie DeLeon
Erin Green
Sue Lara
Lilith Hannan
Rebecca Bennett
Molly McClure

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Asst. Superintendent for HR
Janie Pollard, Asst. Superintendent for C&I
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs & Grants
Les Hudson, Director of CTE
Nancy Roll, Director of Secondary Instruction
Celina Estrada-Thomas, Bastrop High School Principal
Adelaida Olivares, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Delores Moore, Emile Elementary Principal
Cynthia Sneed, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Reba King, Mina Elementary Principal
Clifton Ames, Chartwells Child Nutrition Director
Melinda Soliz, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Martin Conrardy, Genesis High School Principal
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent

1. Opening, Presentations & Open Forum

	<p>A. Meeting Called to Order President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum of board members was present. The meeting was duly called and notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.</p>	
	<p>B. Pledge of Allegiance President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	
	<p>C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	
	<p>D. Opening Prayer Cliff Sparks from Bastrop Christian Outreach Center offered the opening prayer.</p>	
	<p>E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for December – Perseverance Lilith Hannan, a 6th grader at Bastrop Intermediate School, spoke to the Board on Perseverance, the December Character Education Trait for December. Lilith is involved in the after-school choir at BIS and enjoys reading, singing, drawing, sewing, crocheting and any kind of crafty activity.</p>	
	<p>F. Special Presentations</p>	

	<p>1. Special Presentation to Bastrop ISD from Chartwells</p> <p>Mr. Gideon introduced representatives from Chartwells: Mr. Clifton Ames (Child Nutrition Director) and Ms. Sue Lara (Field Supervisor). Chartwells presented the Board of Trustees two presentation checks representative of their stewardship and commitment to Bastrop ISD. Check number one, valued at \$10,000.00 represents a financial commitment to sponsor a Stadium advertisement, bill board for which the proceeds are used to support district wide initiatives. Check number two, valued at \$20,000.00 represents the financial commitment of in-kind value as well as equipment purchase value to sustain their Culinary Arts partnership with the District's CATE programs.</p>	
	<p>2. Special Presentation by Cedar Creek Middle School Theatre Arts Students</p> <p>Cedar Creek Middle School Theatre Arts Teacher Jeanie DeLeon and two CCMS students presented a preview of their 4th Annual Musical – Guys and Dolls Jr. Mrs. DeLeon reported that over 200 students auditioned for the production. She invited all to attend the musical, which will run at the JFW Center for the Performing Arts on January 9-11, 2014.</p>	

	G. Open Forum There were no requests to speak in open forum this evening.	
2.	Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion	

	<p>A. Public Statement by Superintendent</p> <p>Superintendent Steve Murray extended his heartfelt sympathy to the family of CCHS senior Breana Platt who passed away earlier this month. Mr. Murray said that there would be a public memorial service for Breana at the Hyatt Lost Pines on Saturday.</p> <p>Mr. Murray also expressed his concern for the CCHS male student that was involved in an incident at the school in November. Mr. Murray stated that the district would like to be informed of the young man’s condition. There is an ongoing investigation of the incident and possible pending litigation.</p> <p>Mr. Murray reported that on December 11th, the district was informed that a female BHS student was allegedly abducted from the school. He added that the District is cooperating with the investigation. Mr. Murray reported that the video cameras at Bastrop High School were operating and functional on the day of incident, adding that safety and security are a top priority of the district.</p> <p>Mr. Murray wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and gave thanks to staff and students for a great semester.</p>	
	<p>B. Curriculum Report</p>	

1. Overview on Early College High School (ECHS) Program

Janie Pollard presented an overview of an Early College High School (ECHS) Program. Mrs. Pollard reported that an ECHS is an innovative high school located on or in close proximity to a college campus which targets students who may not otherwise go to college and provides students with up to 60 college credit hours for free. Mrs. Pollard reported that the program can save up to \$4,000 per student or a total of \$4.5 million in college tuition. She added that the ECHS program helps meet the Closing the Gaps goals set out by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Mrs. Pollard reviewed the benefits of the ECHS program and comparisons of dual credit versus ECHS. She reported that the next step is to be accepted by TEA, adding that the district should receive notification in January. Mr. Murray explained that if approved by TEA, the district would bring the MOU to the Board for approval around March. He added that Dr. Rhodes, President/CEO of Austin Community College, is very intrigued by the BISD Quad C Program.

C.	Financial Report - Attachment A Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.	
D.	Personnel Report Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.	

E.	Communications / Community Services Report	
	1. Strategic Planning Update Information was provided to the Board. Donald Williams reported that he would provide a complete update on the districts' Strategic Plan in June 2014.	
3.	Consent Agenda	
A.	Consider Approval of Minutes of November 16 and 19, 2013	
B.	Consider Approval of Bids	
	1. Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO) Retail Vendor Merchandise and Services #2013-07	
	2. Apparel & Equipment for Extra-Curricular Activities #2013-10	
	3. Wastewater Holding Tanks Gateway & Baseball Field #2014-03	
C.	Consider Approval of District Investment Report	
D.	Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report	
E.	Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 98	
F.	Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy FD (LOCAL), FFF (LOCAL) and FNG (LOCAL)	

G. Consider Approval for Naming of the Science Building at Bastrop High School

President Allen asked if any board member would like to pull a consent agenda item for discussion. President Allen asked to pull item E. There being no further requests, President Allen entertained a motion. Matthew Mix moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of November 16 and 19, 2013; all submitted proposals on the attached tabulation for the Maintenance, Repair, and Operations Retail Merchandise and Services RFP #2013-07; all submitted proposals on the attached tabulation for Athletic Apparel and Equipment #2013-10; the bid received from Grubert Equipment Contractors, Inc. for the base proposal amount as well as the alternate for a total cost of \$91,375.00 for the wastewater holding tanks at Gateway and the baseball field #2014-03; the District Investment Report for November 2013; the December 2013 IMA Expense Report; the revisions to TASB policy FD (LOCAL), FFF (LOCAL) and FNG (LOCAL); and naming the Science Building at Bastrop High School “The Vivian Kreitner Science Building” as presented.

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Superintendent Murray stated that item E would be brought back to the Board for action in January.

4.	Action Items	
	<p>A. Consider Approval of Bastrop County Elections Administrator Contract</p> <p>David Long moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the Bastrop County Elections Administrator Contract as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> <u>UNANIMOUSLY</u></p>	
	<p>B. Consider Approval of Agreement to Conduct Joint Election between the City of Bastrop, Bastrop ISD, and the Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2</p> <p>Ashley Mutschink moved and John Eaton seconded to approve the Agreement to Conduct a Joint Election between the City of Bastrop, Bastrop ISD, and the Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> <u>UNANIMOUSLY</u></p>	
	<p>C. Consider Calling Board of Trustees Election for May 10, 2014 for Place 3 and Place 4</p>	
	<p>1. Board of Trustees Election Calendar</p>	

2. Order of Election

John Eaton moved and Mark Martyn seconded to call the Board of Trustees Election for May 10, 2014 for Place 3 and Place 4 as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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D. Consider Approval of Revisions to Student Code of Conduct

Camille Smith reviewed two minor revisions to the Student Code of Conduct. She explained that the first revision could be found on page 7 of the Student Code of Conduct and would be the addition of the following technique: Gateway and/or Boot Camp Preview Day. In addition, on page 18 of the document, the district would like to revise the ages of grade levels to be separated in a DAEP setting and would like to define secondary, for DAEP purposes, as beginning with grade 6.

David Long moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the revisions to the Student Code of Conduct as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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E. Consider Approval of an Additional Pay Grade (A11) to the BISD Administrator/Professional Salary Ranges for 2013-2014 School Year

Superintendent Murray reported that he has promoted Barry Edwards to Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services and asked the Board to approve an appropriate pay grade for the new position.

Ashley Mutschink moved and David Long seconded to approve an additional pay grade (A11) to the BISD Administrator/Professional Salary Ranges for 2013-2014 school year as presented. Mr. Eaton stated that he has concerns with the structural change to the organization structure. President Allen believes that as a growing school district, BISD needs a Deputy Superintendent. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. John Eaton and Mark Martyn opposed.

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	<p>F. Consider Approval of Deputy Superintendent Pay Increase to Pay Grade A11 Commensurate with Duties and Responsibilities</p> <p>Ashley Mutschink moved and David Long seconded to approve Deputy Superintendent Pay Increase to Pay Grade A11 commensurate with duties and responsibilities. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> <u>UNANIMOUSLY</u></p> <p>President Allen congratulated Mr. Edwards on his promotion.</p>	
<p>5. Information Items</p>		
	<p>A. District Wide Calendar</p> <p>Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	
	<p>B. Enrollment</p> <p>Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.</p>	
	<p>C. Report on Board Member Training Received to Date</p> <p>Information was provided to the Board. President Allen reported that all members have met required continuing education hours except for Glenn Peterson. He added that Mr. Peterson has until the end of February to complete his training requirements.</p> <p>President Allen thanked staff and students and told them to enjoy the well deserved time off.</p>	

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, John Eaton moved and Mark Martyn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President