

Minutes of Special Agenda Review Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

A Special Agenda Review Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held Thursday, August 14, 2014, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
David Long, Vice-President
Ashley Mutschink, Secretary
Matthew Mix
Molly McClure
Billy Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Glenn Peterson

ALSO PRESENT:

Rebecca Bennett

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services
Janie Pollard, Asst. Superintendent for C&I
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Dir. Of Communications/Comm. Svcs.
Tessie Young, Director of Compliance & Grants
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Jim Hallamek, Bastrop Intermediate School Principal
Melinda Marquez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Delores Moore, Emile Elementary Principal
Stephanie Foster, Cedar Creek Elementary Asst. Principal
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Melinda Gardner, Lost Pines Elementary Asst. Principal
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Les Hudson, Director of CATE
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education Svcs.
Rob Hensarling, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Melanie Kovar, Bluebonnet Elementary Asst. Principal
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
LaShun Gaines, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL
Reba King, Mina Elementary Principal
Bridgette Cornelius, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal

The agenda items below were reviewed and discussed as follows. If no text is present, the item was reviewed and accepted for the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for August 19, 2014 with no changes or significant discussion.

1. 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.

2. Public Hearing on Proposed Application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2014-2015

Presenter: Nancy Roll

A. Optional Flexible School Day Program Report 2013-2014

B. Proposed Application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2014-2015

C. Consider Approval to Submit Application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) for Eligible Students for 2014-2015

Presenter: Nancy Roll

3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Accountability Update including Community & Student Engagement

Janie Pollard gave an explanation of the accountability system. Mrs. Pollard reviewed strategies and goals for the coming year.

Mr. Mutschink asked if there needed to be more money designated in the budget for additional specialists and tutoring. Mrs. Pollard stated that additional support makes a huge difference. She stated that there is money in the budget for tutoring; however she added that tutoring needs to look different and principals must hold teachers accountable. Mrs. Pollard also added that more mentoring is needed. Mr. Mutschink asked Mrs. Pollard if she felt that the district can achieve her expectations with the current budget. Mrs. Pollard answered absolutely.

B. Financial Report

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

C. Personnel Report

Presenter: Barry Edwards

1. Workload: Required Plans and Reports

Presenter: Barry Edwards

D. Operations Report

Presenter: Henry Gideon

1. Appointment of Integrated Pest Management Coordinator

Presenter: Henry Gideon

Mr. Moore asked if signs were available in Spanish as well. Mr. Gideon will check to make sure the signs are available in Spanish.

E. Communications / Community Services Report

1. Strategic Planning Update

Presenter: Donald Williams

2. Naming Rights to Memorial Stadium

Donald Williams reported that a local business is interested in engaging in conversation regarding naming rights to Memorial Stadium. Mr. Williams stated that the District works with Steep Media for advertising. He asked the

board if they would be interested in entertaining this idea. The Board decided to discuss this item further at the regular meeting next week.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider Approval of Minutes of June 12 and 17, 2014**
- B. Consider Awarding Bids**
 - 1. Property & Casualty Insurance for 2014-2015**
 - 2. Special Education Professional Services RFQ #2014-14**
 - 3. Sole Source Purchases over \$25,000.00**
- C. Consider Approval of Advanced Course Exemptions for No Pass, No Play**
- D. Consider Approval of District Investment Report**
- E. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report**
- F. Consider Approval of Tax Refunds**
- G. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement**
- H. Consider Approval of 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Amendment**
- I. Consider Approval of Leasor Crass, P.C. Proactive Legal Services & Retainer Program**

5. Action Items

- A. Consider Approval of Proposed Tax Rate to be Published in the Notice of Public Meeting to be held in September**

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

Mrs. Callahan reported that the proposed total tax rate to be published in the Notice of Public Meeting will be \$1.441, which is a two cent reduction in the district's debt service tax rate.
- B. Consider Approval of the District Improvement Plan for 2014-2015**

Presenter: Janie Pollard
- C. Consider Authorizing Administration to Issue Contracts for 6 Additional Teaching Positions as Part of the August General Fund Budget Amendment**

Presenter: Barry Edwards
- D. Consider Selecting a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the TASB Assembly in September**

Presenter: James Allen
- E. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Initiation of Proceedings for the Sale of Real Property Located near Paige, Texas**

Presenter: Henry Gideon

Mr. Mutschink asked Mr. Murray to bring a recommendation to the Board on what to do with the proceeds of the recent land sales.
- F. Consider Approval of Resolution to Suspend Portions of TASB Policy EIE**

(LOCAL) for the 2014-2015 School Year Only

Presenter: Janie Pollard

- G. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, including the adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of such bonds, establishing parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to an authorized official of the District**

Presenter: Sandra Callahan

Mrs. Callahan reported that the bond refunding will save the District an estimated \$1.2 million.

6. Information Items

- A. District Wide Calendar**
- B. Proposed 2015 Bastrop Central Appraisal District Budget**
- C. TASB Policy Update100**
- D. TASB Board of Directors Endorsement**

President Allen stated that he would like to hear from campus principals in September when the Board will be approving Campus Improvement Plans on challenges facing their campuses and what they are planning to do to address these challenges. He would like each principal to make a 5 minute presentation.

Mr. Mutschink asked if the district could apply for grants to help with the districts' scores. Mr. Moore reminded that Bastrop Education Foundation grants will be available and grant applications will be due in December.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President