

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, September 16, 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
Glenn Peterson
Billy Moore
Molly McClure

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Teresa Sims
Tabitha Ash
Jaxon Gabaldon
Russell Ash
Heather McNeil
William Jaeger
Vera Preston-Jaeger
Carlos Liriano

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent
Janie Pollard, Asst. Superintendent for C&I
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Communications
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs & Grants
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education Svcs.
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Les Hudson, Director of CTE
Nancy Roll, Director of Secondary Instruction
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
Celina Estrada-Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of ESL/Bilingual
Sami Kinsey, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Melinda Marquez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Liz Wysocki, Bastrop High School Assoc. Principal
Adelaida Olivares, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent

1. Opening, Pledge, Presentations & Open Forum

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.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

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D. Opening Prayer

Pastor Bernie Jackson offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for September – Honesty

Jaxon Gabaldon, a second grader at Lost Pines Elementary, spoke to the Board about Honesty. Jaxon likes to play with his cats, and he likes baseball, basketball and soccer. His favorite school subject is Science. Jaxon has four siblings and one on the way. His parents are Tabitha & Russell Ash.

F. Recognition of Sami Kinsey for being Selected as the Region 13 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals

Superintendent Steve Murray congratulated Bastrop Middle School Principal Sami Kinsey for being selected as Texas Association of Secondary School Principal's Region 13 Middle School Principal of the Year.

G. Open Forum

1. There were no requests to speak in open forum.

2. Public Hearing on 2014-2015 Proposed Tax Rate

A. Presentation and Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Proposed Tax Rate

CFO Sandra Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Proposed Tax Rate at 5:37 p.m. Mrs. Callahan recommended the Board adopt the tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$0.401 for payment of principal and interest on debt for a total tax rate of \$1.441 for the 2014-15 school year. Mrs. Callahan noted a two cent decrease from the 2013-14 tax rate. Mrs. Callahan asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:40 p.m.

B. Adopt 2014-2015 Tax Rate

This year's proposed tax rate does NOT exceed the effective tax rate. David Long moved and Matthew Mix seconded to adopt the tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$0.401 for payment of principal and interest on debt for a total rate of \$1.441 for the 2014-15 school year. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. 2014-2015 Program Plans and Budgets for ESEA Title I, Title II, Title III, and Migrant

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

2. Technology Update

John Korb presented a Technology Update. Mr. Korb reported that the Mission Statement for the Technology Team is to "support successful learning and

instruction”. He reviewed the objectives and roles for the four teams – Instruction; Operations; Infrastructure; and Applications. Mr. Korb reported that the district has received preliminary notification of award for the Technology Lending Program Grant by TEA, and added that this is the second time the district has received this grant.

B. Financial Report

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

C. Personnel Report

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

D. Operations Report

1. Demographics Update

Information was provided to the Board. Trent Smith from Templeton Demographics presented a demographics update. Mr. Smith reviewed an economic overview and housing markets for Austin and Bastrop. He reported that Texas energy is key to growth in the state. Mr. Smith reviewed active and future subdivisions in the district as well as a ten year forecast by grade level. He reported that enrollment at BISD would reach over 10,000 in the fall of 2015 and over 11,000 in the fall of 2018. Mr. Murray stated that the district would empanel a Facilities Planning Committee to look 5-15 years out.

2. Long Range & Master Facilities Planning Timeline

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

3. District Audit Review Reporting / Safety & Security Audits

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

E. Communications / Community Services Report

1. E3 Alliance Missing School Matters Campaign

Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Murray reported that BISD would be participating in the Missing School Matters Campaign to improve student attendance across the district. He stressed the importance of students coming to school every day and asked for assistance in getting the word out.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of August 14, 16, and 19, 2014

B. Consider Approval of Qualified PDAS Appraisers

C. Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 100

D. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

E. Consider Approval of Tax Refunds

F. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

President Allen asked if any Board member wanted to pull any of the consent agenda items for discussion. There being none, President Allen asked for a motion. Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the

consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of August 14, 16 and 19, 2014; the qualified PDAS Appraisers; TASB Policy Update 100; the District Investment Report; the tax refunds over \$2,500; and the general fund budget amendment as presented.

5. Information Items

A. District Wide Calendar

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

B. Enrollment

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

C. BISD Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

Mr. Murray reported that Campus Improvement Plans would be presented to the Board in October and campus presentations will be done at the Agenda Review Meeting in October.

President Allen explained that when the regular meeting agenda is light, the Board will occasionally cancel the Agenda Review Meeting.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President