

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, November 18, 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
Molly McClure
Matthew Mix
Billy Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Glenn Peterson

ALSO PRESENT:

Cassidy Emens
Rebecca Bennett
Michelle Vainwright
Sherri Gilmore
Tommy Vasquez
Paul Grabowski
John Gardner
Tony McDonald
Jake Namken
Hannah Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Communications
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs & Grants
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of ESL/Bilingual
Nancy Roll, Director of Secondary Instruction
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Tammy Underwood, Cedar Creek High School Assoc. Principal
Les Hudson, Director of Career & Technology
Liz Wysocki, Bastrop High School Assoc. Principal
Betty Richardson, Red Rock Elementary Interim Principal
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Patricia Alford, Gateway School Principal
Sheila Muehr, Accountant
Nathan Krupke, Belt, Harris, Pechacek

1. Opening, Pledges, Prayer, Recognitions & 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

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

D. Opening Prayer

Mr. Mutschink offered the opening prayer

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for November – Compassion

Marissa Simmons, a 10th grader at Cedar Creek High School, spoke to the Board on Compassion. Marissa is involved in Youth and Government, is a cheer manager and she loves helping others. Marissa's parents are Steve and Nancy Simmons.

F. Introduction of Representatives from BHS and CCHS Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Mr. Murray introduced SSAC representatives Jake Namken and Michele Vainwright, both Juniors at Bastrop High School, and Hannah Thompson, a Sophomore at Cedar Creek High School. The board asked the students a few questions.

G. Special Recognitions

1. Recognition of Bastrop Association for the Arts for Donation

Bastrop ISD Fine Arts Coordinator Staci Gideon presented a token of appreciation to former Bastrop Association for the Arts Board of Directors who recently voted to give the remaining funds in their account to the Bastrop ISD for use in continuing the Salinas Contest and Exhibit. Mrs. Gideon thanked the members for their support of the school district.

2. Recognition of Bastrop ISD Athletics

a. Bastrop High School Volleyball Team

Bastrop ISD District Athletic Coordinator Mark Willoughby introduced BHS Volleyball Head Coach Nicole Creek and members of the team and congratulated them for advancing to the Bi-District round of the playoffs for the first time.

b. Cedar Creek High School Volleyball Team

Bastrop ISD District Athletic Coordinator Mark Willoughby introduced CCHS Volleyball Head Coach Jayson Langman and member of the team and congratulated them on advancing to the Bi-District round of the playoffs for the first time.

c. Bastrop High School Cross Country Team

Bastrop ISD District Athletic Coordinator Mark Willoughby introduced BHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Head Coach Kim Miller and members of the teams and congratulated them on a great season. He reported that the Varsity Boys were the District 26-5A Champions and the Varsity Girls finished fourth in District 26-5A.

d. Cedar Creek High School Cross Country Team

Bastrop ISD District Athletic Coordinator Mark Willoughby introduced CCHS Cross Country Head Coach Stephen Morales and members of the teams and congratulated them on a great season. He reported that the Varsity Girls were District 26-5A Champions and the Varsity Boys were the District 26-5A Runner Up.

e. Bastrop High School Tennis Team

Bastrop ISD District Athletic Coordinator Mark Willoughby introduced BHS Tennis Head Coach Kristen Parnell and members of the tennis team. Mr. Willoughby congratulated them on a great season and reported that the Varsity tennis team was the District 26-5-A Runner Up and qualified for the Area Tennis Meet.

H. Open Forum

1. Tony McDonald

Tony McDonald, an attorney for Pine Forest Investments Group spoke to the Board regarding Pine Forest Unit 6. He stated that Pine Forest Investments Group wants to move forward with developing the lots in Pine Forest Unit 6 and hopes for resolution that will benefit all parties.

2. John Gardner

John Gardner, President of the Pine Forest Property Owners Association spoke to the Board about Pine Forest Unit 6.

3. Robert Leffingwell

Robert Leffingwell spoke to the Board about Pine Forest Unit 6 and gave a brief history of the project.

4. Rebecca Bennett

Bastrop Federation of Teachers representative Rebecca Bennett asked the Board to send a strong message on school finance and presented the Board with a draft resolution calling on state representatives to address the ongoing crisis of school finance.

2. Public Hearing on Goals for Improvement Required Campuses

The Public Hearing on Goals for Improvement Required Campuses was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Agenda Review Meeting.

3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Financial Report - Attachment A

1. Report from Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP 2013-2014 Audit

Nathan Krupke with Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP presented the 2013-2014 audit. Mr. Krupke reported a clean opinion audit and he commended Mrs. Callahan and her staff for a great job complying with all of the regulations.

President Allen pulled up item 5A for action.

5A. Consider Approval of Annual Audit Report for Bastrop ISD

Ashley Mutschink moved and David Long seconded to approve the annual audit report as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Bond Rating and Bond Sale

Information was provided to the Board. Mrs. Callahan reported the district successfully sold its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 on November 4, 2014 saving the district a total of \$1,499,940. She added that based on these results, the District has achieved \$8,723,487 of savings for District taxpayers since year 2011. In addition, Mrs. Callahan reported that the District's bond rating was upgraded to AA-.

B. Curriculum Report

1. Quad C Program Annual Update

Dr. Hewitt and Ms. Olivares introduced Associate Principals Liz Wysocki and Tammy Underwood. Ms. Underwood and Ms. Wysocki presented an annual update on the Quad C Program. They reported that the program allows students to achieve up to 36 college hours (tuition free) before graduating from BISD while learning about servant leadership and participating in community service activities for the BISD community. Ms. Underwood and Ms. Wysocki recognized the Bastrop Education Foundation for awarding a \$5,000 grant to each campus to go towards books. Mr. Murray reported that he was interviewed by KLRU today for the CRCA campus, and added that the Quad C program helped make the early college high school a reality. He commended Ms. Underwood and Ms. Wysocki for doing an outstanding job.

C. Personnel Report

1. NCLB Compliance Report

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

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of October 16 and 21, 2014

B. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

C. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report

D. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

E. Consider Approval of PDAS Appraiser

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. David Long moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of October 16 and 21, 2014; the District Investment Report for October; the IMA Expense Report for October; the general fund budget amendment; and the PDAS Appraiser as presented.

5. Action Items

B. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy FM (LOCAL)

Ashley Mutschink moved and David Long seconded to approve the revisions to TASB Policy FM (LOCAL) as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Consider Approval of Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District Authorizing the Sale of Real Property in Paige, Texas

Matthew Mix moved and Molly McClure seconded to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District Authorizing the Sale of Real Property in Paige, Texas. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Consider and take action on proposal by Synergy Insurance and Investment Strategies for the naming rights of Bastrop ISD Memorial Stadium

Mr. Murray stated that the administration was recommending that the Board not go forward with the naming rights of Bastrop ISD Memorial Stadium.

Molly McClure moved and Matthew Mix seconded to reject the proposal from Synergy for the naming rights of Bastrop ISD Memorial Stadium and not move forward with selling the naming rights to Bastrop Memorial Stadium. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. 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.

7. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees adjourned to Closed Session at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014

A. Real Property (551.072)

Attorney Consultation (551.071)

1. Pine Forest Unit 6

8. Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

Matthew Mix moved David Long seconded to authorize the Superintendent to enter

into an interlocal agreement on behalf of Bastrop ISD subject to attorneys' review and approval. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Ashley Mutschink abstained.

MOTION CARRIED 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and David Long seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Secretary

President