

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, January 20, 2015, 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:

Jim Spiro
Karen Spiro
Madison Spiro
Pablo Garcia
Ebelia Soto
Itzel Garcia
Rebecca Bennett
Polly Anna Littlefield
Campbell Littlefield
Lora Baynard
Sunday Thompson
Dawnyel Sullivent
Kiersten Sullivent
Laicey Sullivent
Kristi Nielsen
Leon McClure
Kim Chapman
Jamie Chavez
Trisha Mutschink
Beth Riefel
Kevin Plunkett
Vera Preston-Jaeger
Kelly Larson
Darlene Thomas

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
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual/ESL Svcs.
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education
Les Hudson, Director of Career & Technology
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Melinda Gardner, Lost Pines Elementary Asst. Principal
Steven Prater, Mina Elementary Asst. Principal
Reba King, Mina Elementary Principal
Sami Kinsey, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Jim Hallamek, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Missy Schuelke, Bastrop High School Asst. Principal
Dr. Jason Hewitt, Bastrop High School Principal
Melinda Marquez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Robert Hensarling, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Martin Conrardy, Genesis / CRCA Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
JoAnn Sullivent
Laura Carder
Patricia Allen
Bryan Sullivent
Maria Palacios
Fran Hunter
Olga Hallamek
Jimmy Hallamek
W.A. Jaeger
Janean Whitten

1. Opening, Pledge, Recognitions & Presentations, and 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

Ashley Mutschink offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for January – Loyalty

Itzel Garcia, a 3rd grader at Cedar Creek Elementary spoke on Loyalty, the January Character Education trait. Itzel loves reading and writing and her favorite subject is math. She is always looking for new ways to become a better learner. Itzel's favorite animal is a dolphin and her favorite color is blue. She is one of three students competing on the CCE UIL Ready Writing team for the third grade. Itzel's parents are Ebelia Soto and Juan Garcia.

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

Mr. Murray introduced BHS SSAC rep Samantha Conger and CCHS SSAC reps Clara Duggan and Luis Sanchez and thanked them for attending tonight's meeting.

G. Recognitions and Presentations

1. Recognition of Bastrop ISD Board of Trustees for School Board Appreciation Month

Superintendent Steve Murray thanked the Board of Trustees for their service on the board. Mr. Murray also recognized spouses of board members, adding that board service is a family endeavor. Campus principals presented board members with tokens of appreciation.

H. Open Forum

1. Vera Preston-Jaeger

Dr. Jaeger encouraged the districts' math teachers to continue using hands on materials to teach all students. Dr. Jaeger gave thanks to the board members for their service.

2. Rebecca Bennett

Bastrop Federation of Teachers President Rebecca Bennett presented final results of the BFT survey of employee satisfaction.

2. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Janie Pollard opened the Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) at 6:07 p.m. Mrs. Pollard reported that this is the 2013-14 Annual Report compiled by TEA for every district and campus using PEIMS and Student Assessment Data. Mrs. Pollard reviewed the contents of the annual report. Mrs.

Pollard asked for questions or comments. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Update on Colorado River Collegiate Academy

CRCA Principal Martin Conrardy presented an update on the Colorado River Collegiate Academy. Mr. Conrardy reported that the district partners with Austin Community College.

Mr. Conrardy reviewed the vision and mission and core values of CRCA. He reviewed the CRCA application process and reported that there are currently 58 students enrolled in the first class at CRCA. Mr. Conrardy proudly reported that the ADA for the 1st semester at CRCA was 97.61%. In addition, he reported that 41 of the 58 CRCA students (or 71%) are college ready high school freshmen.

2. Update on Instructional Materials Digital Access

Les Hudson presented an update on Instructional Materials Digital Access. He walked the board through the process of accessing online textbooks on the districts' website. Mr. Hudson reported that these procedures were publicized on the website, in The Communicator, and on social media.

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.

1. Supplemental Benefits

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

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2014

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. JFW PAC Scene Shop

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

D. Consider Approval of Tax Refunds

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 Molly McClure seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of December 16, 2014; reject all bids pursuant to the construction of a scene shop and storage building in support of the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts; the District Investment Report for December; and the tax refunds over \$2,500 for Bastrop ISD as presented.

5. Action Items

A. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, 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.

Sandra Callahan reported that the district has a bond refunding opportunity available for the Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2007 with a potential savings of over \$10 million. She stated that the Series 2007 bonds were used for the construction of Cedar Creek High School, the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts and Bastrop Memorial Stadium. Mrs. Callahan added that the interest rate on the new Refunding Bonds is 3.73%, down 1.5% from the old bonds.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Matthew Mix seconded to Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, 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. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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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 6:41 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

A. Personnel Discussion (551.074)

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

2. Superintendent's Contract

8. Action Resulting from Closed Session

The board reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

A. Superintendent's Contract

Billy Moore moved and Matthew Mix seconded to extend the Superintendent's contract one year to 2018. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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B. Consider Authorizing the Board President to Sign the Employment Contract for the Superintendent, on Behalf of the Bastrop Independent School District Board of Trustees

Matthew Mix moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to authorize the Board President to sign the employment contract for the Superintendent, on behalf of the Bastrop Independent School District Board of Trustees. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and David Long seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President