

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, April 21, 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
Glenn Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Romonda Watley
Kellye Seekatz
Ben Clements
Carolyn Hoeflin
Ryan St. Clair
Kaleigh Harrell
David Vincik
John Eberle
Vera Preston-Jaeger
Alan Jaeger
Noe Reyes
Ellen Owens
Bekah Owens
Elizah Bravo
Elaine Bravo
Melanie Peavy
Mike Taylor
Erica Taylor
Alyssa Walker
Lacey Ellison
Hendrich Mohler
Elizabeth Bravo

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
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL
Tessie Young, Director of Compliance & Grants
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Kathy Cawthron, Director of Elementary Instruction
Mark Willoughby, District Athletic Coordinator
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education
Les Hudson, Director of Career & Technology
Sarah Brightwell, Director of Community Services
Celina Estrada-Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Adelaida Olivares, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Melinda Marquez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Bridgette Cornelius, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Jennifer Hranitzky, Emile Elementary Principal
Sara Guerra, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Melinda Gardner, Lost Pines Elementary Asst. Principal
Reba Tucker, Mina Elementary Principal
Laura Krcmar, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Staci Gideon, District Fine Arts Coordinator
Jason Hewitt, Bastrop High School Principal
Sami Kinsey, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Willard Peavy, Jr.
Sarah Taylor
Jenny Taylor
Sterling Ellison
Sienna Rodriguez
Debbie Kelley
Venie Bravo

Vyrone Bravo
Rebecca Bennett
Julien Rhoades
Johnny Oliver
Lana Hastings
K, Patel
Adryanna Coy

Kara Fisher
Samantha Massie
Dawson Jackson
Mariah Ramon
Kinsey Adare
Ashlynn Watley
Madison Klatt

1. Opening, Pledge, 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

Pastor Paula Canby with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for April - Self-Discipline

Mina Elementary 4th grader Cate Miller spoke to the Board on Self-Discipline. Cate is an A/B Honor Roll student and is an active member of the Mina Green Team. She was on the UIL Music Memory Team this year and placed first in the local competition. She also participated in the Advanced 4th Grade Writing Club. Outside of school, Cate is involved in the Rockne 4-H. She showed her lamb in the Bastrop Area Livestock Show and received 4th place. She enjoys riding horses, drawing and writing in her free time. Her parents are Scott and Trina Miller.

F. Introduction of Representatives from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Mr. Murray introduced representatives of the SSAC – BHS Senior Destiny Higgins, BHS Sophomore Corey Sanders, and CCHS Senior Ben Clements.

G. Recognition of Outgoing School Board Member

Superintendent Murray recognized outgoing School Board Member David Long and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his service on the school board.

H. Special Recognitions

1. Recognition of Bastrop Education Foundation Sportsman's Group for Raising Money for Educational Grants

Superintendent Murray reported that the Bastrop Sportsmen's Committee held their annual banquet in January and raised over \$175,000. Mr. Murray stated that the committee is part of the Bastrop Education Foundation (BEF) that

raises funds to help support the students of Bastrop ISD. On behalf of all BISD staff and students, Mr. Murray thanked the BEF and the Bastrop Sportsmen's Committee for awarding in excess of \$150,000 for innovative teacher mini grants. Mr. Mutschink stated that this was a team effort and he thanked the BEF for their great work in reviewing and awarding grants.

2. Recognition of National Library Month

Bastrop ISD Director of IT Services John Korb reported that April is National Library Month and recognized the districts' library media specialists. Mr. Korb thanked the library media specialists for their hard work.

3. Recognition of Lost Pines Elementary Destination Imagination Team

Lost Pines Elementary Principal Sara Guerra and Assistant Principal Melinda Gardner introduced the LPE Destination Imagination Team and their coaches and congratulated them for advancing to the State Tournament.

4. Recognition of Bastrop High School One Act Play

Dr. Hewitt introduced Guillermo and Jeanie DeLeon and congratulated their BHS One Act Play students for being the District Champions.

5. Recognition of High School UIL Winners

High school principals introduced and congratulated UIL winners and their UIL coaches. The principals thanked the parents for their support.

6. Recognition of Bastrop High School Girls Soccer Team for Advancing to Play-Offs

BISD Athletic Coordinator Mark Willoughby introduced BHS Girls Soccer Coaches Alexia Dyar and Robert Ardis and their soccer team and congratulated them on being District 26-5A Champions and advancing to play-offs.

7. Recognition of Cedar Creek High School Girls and Boys Soccer Teams for Advancing to Play-Offs

Mr. Willoughby introduced the CCHS Boys Soccer team and their coaches, Chris Fisher, Jason Allgood and Dustin Mlenar, and congratulated them on being the 26-5A District Champions. Mr. Willoughby then introduced the CCHS Girls Soccer Team and their coaches, Nathan Anderson, Celika Cassanova and Suzanne Lacy and congratulated them on being a Bi-District Qualifier and advancing to play-offs.

8. Recognition of Bastrop High School Golf Team

Mr. Willoughby introduced members of the BHS Golf Team and their coaches Romonda Watley and Jim Hutchinson and congratulated them for being 26-5A District Champions. He reported that three teams qualified for regional competition. Mr. Willoughby also introduced members of the CCHS Golf Team and their coach Ben Newsum. He reported that two CCHS girl golfers also qualified for regionals

Superintendent Murray congratulated Chief Operations Officer Henry Gideon on being named Director of Maintenance and Facilities in Boerne ISD. Mr. Murray thanked Mr. Gideon for his 25 years of service to Bastrop ISD and

wished him well in his new endeavor.

I. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Update from Elementary Campuses

Kathy Cawthron presented an update on the district's elementary campuses. Mrs. McClure applauded the principals for their hard work and stated that she was "proud of the road we're taking for student success." Mr. Mutschink thanked the two new elementary principals for taking on the challenge.

B. Financial Report

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

1. Delinquent Tax Report

Noe Reyes from McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. presented a report on delinquent property tax collections for BISD. Mr. Reyes reported that it was an excellent year for collections. Board members thanked Mr. Reyes and his staff for their hard work. Superintendent Murray expressed condolences to the family of Shelley Veselka. He stated that Shelley was a great supporter of the district and will be missed.

2. Budget Update

Sandra Callahan presented preliminary budget information for 2015-2016. She reported that she continues to monitor legislative action regarding funding and revenue, and she reviewed priority bills heard in committee as well as three main budget scenario plans. Mrs. Callahan reported that the proposed budget is based on enrollment of 10,357 and ADA of 9,421. She will bring more information to the board in May.

C. Personnel Report

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

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2015

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Apparel & Equipment for Extra-Curricular Activities #2013-10 Renewal

2. Yearbooks for BHS and CCHS #2015-03

3. Financial Audit Services #2012-07 Renewal

C. Consider Approval of Designated Contract Renewal and Resignation Days

D. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report

E. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

F. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

G. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy BE (LOCAL)

H. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Recommendation of the Superintendent on Renewal of Identified Probationary Contracts

I. Consider Approval of 2015-2016 TDA Contract Renewal and Amendment Number Seven for Chartwells and the Provision of Food Service Management for BISD

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 March 24, 2015; the renewal of current contracts for Apparel and Equipment for extra-curricular activities from April 2015 through April 2016; the contract for the printing and binding of the yearbooks for BHS and CCHS to Herff-Jones; the renewal of the contract for financial audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP; the recommendation to designate July 13, 2015, as the deadline date for accepting resignations, without penalty, from contractual employees prior to the 2014-2015 school year and naming May 26, 2015 as the deadline for notifying contractual employees of the District's proposal to renew or not renew the employee's contract; the March 2015 IMA Expense Report; the District Investment Report for March 2015; the amendment to the 2014-2015 general fund budget; revisions to TASB Policy BE (LOCAL); the renewal of the identified probationary contract as presented; and the 2015-2016 TDA Contract Renewal Process and Amendment Number Seven for Chartwells as presented.

4. Action Items

A. Consideration and Approval of Transportation Proposal and Authorize the Superintendent to Negotiate and Finalize the Terms of the Contract

Henry Gideon introduced Goldtars President of Operations Richard Templeton. Mr. Templeton thanked the board and Mr. Murray for their support and for allowing GoldStar to be a part of BISD for the past 5 years. Mr. Templeton acknowledged and thanked GoldStar employees. President Allen was pleased to see GoldStar working on offering competitive salaries for their employees. President Allen thanked the bus drivers and employees for all they do for the district. Mr. Murray thanked GoldStar for doing a great job.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the Goldstar Transit, Inc. proposal to support the provision of pupil transportation services for the students of Bastrop ISD as presented and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and sign the final terms of the agreement. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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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.

6. Closed Session

There was no need for a closed session this evening.

A. Attorney Consultation (551.071)

Real Property (551.072)

1. Pine Forest, Unit 6

7. Action Resulting from Closed Session

Board members asked SSAC students what one thing the district could do to improve. Destiny said more consistency, Corey said he thought the district was doing a great job, and Ben commented that teachers are much more involved with students here than the prior district he attended.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President