

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, August 18, 2015, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
Ashley Mutschink, Vice-President
Molly McClure, Secretary
Matthew Mix
Kellye Seekatz
Billy Moore
Glenn Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Cliff Sparks
Christi Martinez
Shannon Boatright
Chris Wehmeyer
Andy Sevilla
Shirley Garrison
Shannon Klaus
Jake Namken
Mary Ann Maxwell
Robert Hinds

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services
Janie Pollard, Assistant Superintendent for C & I
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Emily Parks, Executive Director of Communications & Community Partnerships
Waylan Rhodes, Interim Chief of Police
Penne' Liefer, Chief Academic Officer
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Les Hudson, Director of CATE
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL
Terrell King, Executive Director of Human Resources
Nancy Roll, Director of Professional Learning, Grants, Fed. Programs
Jennifer Hranitzky, Emile Elementary Principal
Heather Tucker, Emile Elementary Asst. Principal
Jackie Waneck, Director of Special Education Services
Liz Wysocki, Bastrop High School Associate Principal
Melinda Marquez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Alison Hall, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Chris Julian, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Sarah Brightwell, Director of Community Services
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Brian Lemelle
Susan Hinds

1. Opening, 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

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

D. Opening Prayer

Cliff Sparks with the BCOC offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speakers on Character Education Trait for August – Respect

Hayden Hinds, a 4th grader at Emile Elementary spoke to the board on Respect. Hayden is involved in Girl Scouts, enjoys tennis and plays the piano. Hayden enjoys traveling and has set a goal of visiting all 50 states. Hayden’s parents are Robert & Susan Hinds.

Emmanuel Lemelle, a Senior at Bastrop High School, spoke to the Board on the July Character Education trait, Patriotism. Emmanuel is the Vice-President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Parliamentarian of National Honor Society, runs Varsity track and cross country and is Commanding Officer Sea Bear Company NJROTC. He likes sports (especially soccer), traveling, and watching movies. Emmanuel is delayed entry US Navy and also plans to apply to the Naval Academy and Texas A&M University. Emmanuel’s parents are Brian & Milca Lemelle.

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

Superintendent Murray introduced CCHS Senior Shannon Klaus and BHS Senior Jake Namken, representatives of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council.

G. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

2. Public Hearing on Proposed Application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2015-2016

Penne' Liefer opened the Public Hearing on the Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2015-2016 at 5:57 p.m. Ms. Liefer explained that the OFSDP is a program that districts may offer to provide flexible hours and days of attendance for students in any grade who meet certain criteria. She added that the goal of the program is to improve graduation rates for students who are in danger of dropping out of school or who are behind in core subject courses. Ms. Liefer stated that the district is requesting to submit application to TEA for the OFSDP for Genesis High School for 2015-2016. Ms. Liefer asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

A. Optional Flexible School Day Program Report 2014-2015

Ms. Liefer reviewed the 2014-2015 OFSDP Report.

B. Proposed Application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2015-2016

Ms. Liefer reviewed the application for the OFSDP for 2015-2016.

C. Consider Approval to Submit Application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) for Eligible Students for 2015-2016

Ashley Mutschink moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the district to

submit application for an Optional Flexible School Day Program for Eligible Students for 2015-2016. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Accountability Update

Janie Pollard presented an accountability update for 2015. Ms. Pollard reported that districts and campuses in the state received their official State Accountability Performance Rating on August 6, 2015. Ms. Pollard reviewed changes this year. She reported that the district Met Standard and explained that the new ratings are based on 4 performance indexes. Mrs. Pollard reviewed Distinction Designations for BISD campuses: BHS earned 4 distinctions; CCHS earned 5 distinctions; CRCA earned 6 distinctions; CCIS earned 3 distinctions; and Bluebonnet Elementary earned 2 distinctions.

Mrs. Pollard reviewed system safeguards for 2015 which includes 3 components – performance rates, participation rates and graduation rates. Mrs. Pollard also reviewed community and student engagement.

Mrs. Pollard reported that two BISD campuses did not meet standards – Red Rock Elementary and Cedar Creek Elementary. She added that both campuses are in their second year in IR status.

Mr. Mutschink thanked the principals for all of their hard work.

2. Information on Methodology for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS) Class

Penne' Liefer presented information on Methods of Academic Personal Success (MAPS) course. Ms. Liefer explained that the MAPS course will be offered at both high schools for incoming freshmen (except for some AP students) and focuses on the skills and strategies necessary for students to make a successful transition into high school as well as an academic career.

3. Grade Classification Revisions

Penne' Liefer provided information on grade classification revisions. She reported that in an effort to support high school student success, the district is revising the grade classification regulation to reflect the following grade classification requirements: 5 credits after the Freshmen year to become a Sophomore; 11 credits after the Sophomore year to become a Junior; and 18 credits after the Junior year to become a Senior.

4. Update on Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA)

Les Hudson presented an update on Instructional Materials Allotment. He reported that the IMA for 2015-2017 is \$2.088 million in funds to be received. He added that this is a biannual allotment and supports the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school years.

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. Communications / Community Services Report

1. Strategic Planning Update

Emily Parks presented a Strategic Planning update. She reported that the district is currently in Year 5 of the Strategic Plan. Ms. Parks reviewed the three areas of focus – continued implementation of project based learning, pre-k programs, and meaningful experiences for high school students outside of the classroom.

Ms. Parks reported that the district would be undergoing a Communications Audit in the coming months to look at what the district is doing well, district perception, and areas in need of improvement. She stated that the data gathered from the audit would be provided to the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Mutschink said he would like to see how BISD competes with other districts and believes that a Communications Audit will be a good start. Dr. Mix stated that he's interested in seeing more family involvement.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of June 9 and 16, 2015

B. Consider Awarding Bids

1. Property & Casualty Insurance 2015-2016

2. Sole Source Purchases over \$25,000.00

3. Printing Services #2015-05

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

D. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report

E. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement

F. Consider Approval of Leasor Crass, P.C. Proactive Legal Services & Retainer Program

G. Consider Approval of PDAS Appraisers

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. Matthew Mix moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of June 9 and June 16, 2015; the continued participation in the TASB Risk Management Program for Property/Casualty, General Liability, Educators Liability, and Auto Insurance Coverage (premium is \$170,656.00) effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016; the following purchases: learning A-Z in the amount of \$203,220.10, Istation in the amount of \$64,390.00, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$37,640.00; the following vendors (attached) be awarded for printing services for the category or items indicated and all vendors submitting proposals be awarded approved vendor status for printing services on an as-needed basis; the District Investment Report for July 2015; the IMA Expense Report for July 2015; the Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Agreement; and the Leasor Crass, P.C. Proactive Legal Services and Retainer Program; and the list of PDAS Appraisers as presented.

5. Action Items

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

Sandra Callahan reported that a Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Tax Rate was published on September 5th. She reported that the proposed tax rate to be adopted will be as follows: Maintenance and Operations tax \$1.040; Debt Service Tax Rate .401 for a Total Tax Rate of \$1.441.

Billy Moore moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the proposed tax rate of \$1.44 to be published in the notice of public meeting to be held in September. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Janie Pollard reviewed key changes to TASB Policy EIC (LOCAL) that addresses academic achievement and class ranking.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Molly McClure seconded to approve the revisions to TASB Policy EIC (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 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct

Camille Smith presented information on Managing Student Behavior. In addition, she reviewed revisions to the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct. She explained that the Code of Conduct contains legislative changes as well as changes made by

the district which were discussed and decided in collaboration with several administrative colleagues.

Molly McClure moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bastrop Police Department and the Bastrop ISD Police Department and Memorandum of Understanding between Bastrop County Sheriff's Department and the Bastrop ISD Police Department

Interim Police Chief Waylan Rhodes reviewed the two MOU's between BISSD and the City of Bastrop Police Department and the Bastrop County Sheriff's Department and reported that both MOU's have the same language and same intent. He added that both entities are willing to work on a strong partnership with the district.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Kellye Seekatz seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between and City of Bastrop Police Department and Bastrop ISD Police Department and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bastrop County Sheriff's Department and the Bastrop ISD Police Department as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Dispatching Services between Bastrop County and Bastrop ISD

Chief Rhodes reported that the agreement for dispatching services between Bastrop County and Bastrop ISD is a very detailed agreement and has to be approved by the County Commissioner's Court. He added that the Commissioner's would consider approving the agreement next week. Mr. Mutschink thanked Judge Pape and Commissioner Beckett for their assistance. Chief Rhodes thanked Sheriff Pickering and Chief Adcock.

Matthew Mix moved and Billy Moore seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Dispatching Services between Bastrop County and Bastrop ISD as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Ashley Mutschink abstained from the vote.

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Chief Rhodes thanked the board for approving the Interlocal Agreement. He

reported that he received great, quality candidates for the two officer positions, and added that he has made two offers. Chief Rhodes stated that the two will start tomorrow as civilians, and once the department is commissioned, they will be commissioned officers.

6. Information Items

A. District Wide Calendar

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

B. Proposed 2016 Bastrop Central Appraisal District Budget

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

C. TASB Board of Directors Endorsement

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

D. 2015-2016 School Board Meeting Dates

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

E. Revisions to TASB Policy DEC (LOCAL)

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

F. Summary of Bond Refunding Opportunity, Series 2006

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

7. Closed Session

A. Attorney Consultation (551.071)

The Board of Trustees adjourned to closed session at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

1. 2011 Bastrop County Wildfire Lawsuit

8. Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:55 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to enter into litigation regarding the 2011 Bastrop County Wildfire and authorize Superintendent Steve Murray to finalize the contract. 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 Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President