

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held Tuesday, September 15, 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

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Glenn Peterson

### ALSO PRESENT:

Cierra Green  
Sheila Wyman  
Laurie Hoffman  
A. DeLeon  
Bessie Evans  
Luis Denova  
Tracy Bohmont  
Sally Keinarth  
Art Keinarth  
Rebecca Bennett

### 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  
Penne' Liefer, Chief Academic Officer  
Waylan Rhodes, Interim Police Chief  
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support  
Terrell King, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Nancy Roll, Director of Professional Learning, Grants, Fed. Programs  
Sarah Brightwell, Director of Community Services  
Jackie Waneck, Director of Special Education Services  
Martin Conrardy, Genesis & CRCA Principal  
Stephen Autrey, Bastrop Intermediate Principal  
Laura Krcmar, Red Rock Elementary Principal  
Liz Wysocki, Bastrop High School Associate Principal  
Melinda Marquez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal  
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent  
Estrella Martinez  
Jake Keinarth  
Tiffany Green  
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## **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**

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 September – Honesty**

Cierra Green, a Senior at Genesis High School, spoke to the Board on Honesty. Cierra enjoys her personal fitness class in ACE and enjoys writing poems and reading in her spare time.

**F. Introduction of Representatives of Superintendent's Student Advisory Council**

Superintendent Murray introduced CCHS Seniors Star Martinez and Luis Denova and BHS Juniors Celeste Nevares and Jake Keinarth, representatives of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

**G. Open Forum**

**1. Vera Preston-Jaeger**

Dr. Jaeger spoke to the board about teaching to all students and their styles. She stated that she is happy to help if needed.

**2. Rebecca Bennett**

On behalf of the Bastrop Federations of Teachers, Rebecca Bennett urged the Board to approve the policy creating a sick leave ban for district employees.

**2. Public Hearing on 2015-2016 Proposed Tax Rate**

**A. Presentation and Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Proposed Tax Rate**

CFO Sandra Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 proposed tax rate at 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Callahan reviewed the 2014-2015 tax rate and reported that the proposed tax rate will remain the same as last year at \$1.441. Mrs. Callahan reviewed principle taxpayers and the districts' total tax rate history. She reported that the Maintenance and Operations tax rate has been at \$1.04 since 2007-08. Mrs. Callahan said that a Constitutional Amendment would be on the ballot in November to increase homestead exemptions to \$25,000 (currently \$15,000) which would save taxpayers \$144.10 for each \$10,000 of value per year in taxes in Bastrop ISD. Mrs. Callahan asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 proposed tax rate was closed at 5:50 p.m.

**B. Adopt 2015-2016 Tax Rate**

This year's tax levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures does not exceed last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. Ashley Mutschink 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 2015-2016 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. 2015-2016 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. Cedar Creek Elementary & Red Rock Elementary Targeted Improvement Plans Update**

Penne'Liefer presented an update on the Cedar Creek Elementary and Red Rock Elementary Targeted Improvement Plans. Ms. Liefer reported that each IR campus has hired a Professional Service Provider (PSP) and has a District Coordinator for School Improvement (DCSI) with the purpose of examining campus structures and consulting and assisting the campus leadership team in setting goals to improve campus leadership to positively impact student progress and performance. Ms. Liefer reviewed pathways to improvement.

#### **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. Appointment of Integrated Pest Management Coordinator**

Superintendent Murray notified the Board that he has appointed Waylan Rhodes to serve in the role of Integrated Pest Management Coordinator on behalf of BISD. He added that Mr. Rhodes will be the IPM Coordinator, however GCA Services will be responsible for managing the districts' Integrated Pest Management program in accordance with all laws.

### **4. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Consider Approval of Minutes of August 13, 18, 22 and 27, 2015**

#### **B. Consider Approval of Purchases over \$25,000**

#### **C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report**

#### **D. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report**

#### **E. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy DEC (LOCAL)**

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 Molly McClure seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of August 13, 18, 22 and 27, 2015; the following purchases – Texas Educational Solutions, Inc in the amount of \$26,400.00 and Education Service Center Region 13 in the amount of \$28,600.00; the District Investment Report for August 2015; the August 2015 IMA Expense Report; and the revisions to TASB Policy DEC (LOCAL) as presented.



## 5. Action Items

### A. Consider Approval of District Improvement Plan

Assistant Superintendent for C&I Jane Pollard reviewed changes to the 2015-2016 BISD District Improvement Plan.

Billy Moore moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the 2015-2016 Bastrop ISD District Improvement Plan as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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### B. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of Bastrop Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-A, 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 reviewed a summary of potential bond refunding opportunity available to the district for the Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2005-A and Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 at a lower interest rate. She noted the potential savings of \$4.9 million and added that the district has generated over \$20 million in savings for District taxpayers over the last 4 years through bond refunding sales.

Molly McClure 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-A, 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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### C. Consider Approval of Revisions to BISD Board of Trustees Team Operating Procedures

President James Allen reviewed revisions to the BISD Board of Trustees Team Operating Procedures.

Kellye Seekatz moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the revisions to the BISD Board of Trustees Team Operating Procedures as presented. 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. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and Matthew Mix seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

  
Board Secretary

  
Board President