

# 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 17, 2015, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Allen, President

### ALSO PRESENT:

Theresa Wenske  
Linda Smith  
Nathan Krupke  
Charles LeBlanc  
Kirsten Watson  
Brook Whatley  
Colton Cave  
Don Hayes  
Leslie Mellenbruch  
Hannah Thompson  
Brittany Gibson

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent  
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services  
Janie Pollard, Asst. Superintendent for C&I  
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer  
Penne' Liefer, Chief Academic Officer  
Emily Parks, Executive Director of Communications & Community Partnerships  
Terrell King, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Jackie Waneck, Director of Special Education Services  
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support  
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL  
Nancy Roll, Director of Professional Learning, Grants, Fed. Programs  
Sarah Brightwell, Director of Community Services  
Les Hudson, Director of Career & Tech  
Bob Jones, Athletic Director  
Martin Conrardy, Genesis & CRCA Principal  
Jason Hewitt, Bastrop High School Principal  
Mark Willoughby, Bastrop Intermediate Asst. Principal  
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent  
Michelle Vainwright  
Kelly Day  
Ashley Kaye  
Lori Tuggle  
Miesha Havard  
Marty Gibson

## **1. Opening, Pledges, Prayer, Recognitions & Open Forum**

### **A. Meeting Called to Order**

Vice-President Mutschink 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**

Reverend Bob Long offered the opening prayer.

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

Brittany Gibson, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Colorado River Collegiate Academy will speak this evening about compassion. Brittany is a student leader at CRCA. She is on both the Speech and Debate and the Speak Up, Speak Out teams and is one of the editors of the yearbook. She also participate as a member of CRCA’s Student Council. In her spare time from school, Brittany enjoys her church youth group. Brittany is also an ACC student. Her dad is Marty Gibson.

Mr. Murray introduced the new Chief of Operations and Police Chief, Mr. Jeffrey Yarbrough.

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

Superintendent Murray introduced representatives from the Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School Superintendent’s Student Advisory Councils: Brook Whatley a Senior at CCHS; Kirsten Watson a Junior at CCHS; Hannah Thompson a Junior at CCHS; Michele Vainwright a Senior at BHS; and Miesha Havard a Senior at BHS.

**G. Special Recognitions**

**1. Recognition of Bastrop ISD Athletics**

Bastrop ISD Athletic Director Bob Jones introduced coaches and students from the BHS and CCHS Volleyball teams, Cross Country teams and Tennis teams.

**H. Open Forum**

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

**2. Public Hearing on 2015 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating**

CFO Sandra Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2015 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating at 5:55 p.m. Mrs. Callahan reported that this rating is for the 2013-2014 school year. She added that BISD earned a perfect score for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. She reported that the district earned 30 points on seven financial indicators, including administrative cost expenditures; the accuracy of a district’s financial information submitted to the TEA; and any financial vulnerabilities or material weaknesses in internal controls as determined by an external auditor. Mrs. Callahan reported that BISD spends 62 percent of its \$80.6 million budget on instruction. The School FIRST report will be posted on the districts’ website following tonight’s meeting. Mrs. Callahan asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m.

### **3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion**

#### **A. Financial Report**

##### **1. Report from Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP 2014-2015 Audit**

Mrs. Callahan reported that all of the districts' board members serve on the Finance Committee, so instead of having a separate Finance Committee meeting this year, she invited the two community members that serve on the Finance Committee to the board meeting. She stated that Mr. Mican emailed and congratulated the district on a great audit.

Nathan Krupke from Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP presented results of the 2014-2015 Audit. Mr. Krupke reported a clean audit for Bastrop ISD for the 2014-2015 year. Mr. Krupke congratulated Mrs. Callahan and her staff for their hard work. Mrs. Callahan thanked her department, adding that they do a great job! Mr. Mutschink thanked Mr. Mican for taking time to review the audit.

Vice-President Mutschink pulled up Action Item 5.

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

Matthew Mix moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the Annual Audit Report for Bastrop ISD as presented. Vice-President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, Vice-President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### **2. Annual Investment Policy Review**

Sandra Callahan reviewed the districts' investment policy and recommended no changes to the policy this year.

##### **3. Bond Sale Results**

Sandra Callahan reviewed the final results from the 2015-A Bond Refunding Program. She reported that on November 3, 2015, the district successfully sold its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-A. She stated that the actual savings from the refunding totaled \$6.6 million. In addition, Mrs. Callahan reported that the District's refunding programs over the last 5 years have generated a collected savings of \$27.5 million for District taxpayers.

#### **B. 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 20, 2015**

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

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

##### **D. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy CH (LOCAL)**

##### **E. Consider Approval of Region XI Master Interlocal Agreement**

Vice-President Mutschink asked if any Board member wanted to pull any of the consent agenda items for discussion. There being none, Vice-President Mutschink asked for a motion. Billy Moore moved and Molly McClure seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of October 20, 2015; the District Investment Report for October 2015; the IMA Expense Report for October 2015; the revisions to TASB Policy CH (LOCAL); and the Region XI Master Interlocal Agreement as presented.

#### **5. Action Items**

##### **B. Consider Resolution Voting on Candidates for the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors**

Molly McClure moved to give the districts' 2,145 votes to David Redd. Matthew Mix seconded. Vice-President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, Vice-President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### **C. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding the Appointment of the Next Texas Commissioner of Education**

Superintendent Murray presented two different Resolutions Regarding the Appointment of the Next Texas Commissioner of Education. Superintendent Murray explained that Governor Abbott would be appointing the new Education Commissioner in the coming months and both resolutions implore him to place an educator into this position.

Molly McClure moved and Kellye Seekatz seconded to approve draft #1 of the Resolution Regarding the Appointment of the Next Commissioner of Education. Vice-President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, Vice-President Mutschink 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. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Billy Moore moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

---

Board Secretary

---

Board President