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 19, 2016, 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  
Billy Moore  
Kellye Seekatz  
Matthew Mix

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Steve Murray, Superintendent  
Barry Edwards, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services  
Janie Pollard, Asst. Superintendent for C&I  
Jeffrey Yarbrough, Chief of Police/Director of Operations  
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

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Glenn Peterson

ALSO PRESENT:  
Kelli Davis  
Elizabeth Rangel  
Rosa Rangel  
Bobby Bauer  
Luke Bauer  
Weston Bauer  
Linda Hinkle Miller  
Rebecca Woodley  
Payton Woodley  
Adam Edmiston  
Gary Couchman  
Guillermo DeLeon  
Kim Morriss  
Chris Lott  
Brooke Goertz  
Nancy Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support  
Patricia Melgar-Cook, Director of Bilingual / ESL  
Jackie Waneck, Director of Special Education Services  
Les Hudson, Director of CTE  
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent  
Rachel Bauer  
Curtis Woodley  
Korie Woodley  
Kade Morriss  
Kara Finlaysong  
Jeanie DeLeon  
Edward Hatch  
Kailyn Morriss  
Alesha Goertz

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
   Kellye Seekatz offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for April - Self-Discipline
   Bastrop Middle School 8th grader Jude Dennis and 7th grader Elizabeth Rangel spoke on Self-Discipline. Jude is involved in Video Tech, Athletics and Art. His parents are Mike Dennis and Merit Picket. Elizabeth is involved in Dance and Band. Her parents are Juan and Rosa Rangel.

F. Introduction of Representatives from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
   Superintendent Murray introduced representatives from the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council, Natalia DePaz a sophomore at CRCA and Celeste Nevares, a senior at Bastrop High School.

G. Special Recognitions
   1. Recognition of Bastrop Education Foundation Sportsman's Group for Raising Money for Educational Grants
      Superintendent Murray introduced BEF President Jay Polsky and thanked the BEF Sportsman’s Group for educational grants. Mr. Murray stated that the money raised goes directly into the districts’ classrooms. He reported that the BEF Sportsman’s Group has raised over $1 million over the past 7 years. Dr. Polsky introduced members of the BEF Sportsman’s Group and thanked them for all of their hard work and for their dedication to the district.

   2. Recognition of Special Olympics Silver Stars Team
      Director of Special Programs and Services Jackie Waneck introduced coaches and members of the BISD Special Olympics Silver Stars Team. Mrs. Waneck congratulated the students and coaches and thanked the many volunteers that assisted the team during the Special Olympics.

   3. Recognition of 2016 Bastrop Area Livestock Show Winners
      Director of CATE Les Hudson introduced and congratulated the 2016 Bastrop Area Livestock Show Winners.

   4. Recognition of Colorado River Collegiate Academy Students for Winning First Place in the Speak Up! Speak Out! Competition
      CRCA teacher Megan Brandon introduced Speak Up! Speak Out! Students that received 1st place in a project-based competition in Austin last spring. She reported that the students focused their project around the need for awareness of stray cats and dogs, calling their project PAWS (Providing Animals With Shelter).

   5. Recognition of Bastrop High School One Act Play
      BHS Theater teacher Jeanie DeLeon introduced members of the 2016 District Champions BHS One Act Play. Mrs. DeLeon reported that this was the third
consecutive year for the team to be District Champs. Mrs. DeLeon thanked
the students for their hard work.

6. Recognition of Bastrop High School Girls Soccer Team for Advancing to
Play-Offs
BISD Athletic Director Bob Jones introduced the BHS Girls Soccer Team and
their coach and congratulated them for advancing to the play-offs this season.

7. Recognition of Cedar Creek High School Girls and Boys Soccer Teams
for Advancing to Play-Offs
Athletic Director Bob Jones introduced the CCHS Girls and Boys Soccer
teams and their coaches and congratulated them for advancing to play-offs.

8. Recognition of Cedar Creek High School Boy's State Powerlifting
Qualifier
Athletic Director Bob Jones introduced the CCHS Boy's State Powerlifting
Qualifier and his coach. He reported that this was the first state powerlifting
competitor from CCHS.

9. Recognition of Bastrop High School Tennis Team
Bob Jones reported that the BHS Tennis Team was playing at the Regional
Meet today. He said that the Tennis Team will be recognized at the May
meeting.

10. Recognition of Bastrop High School and Cedar Creek High School Golf
Teams
Athletic Director Bob Jones introduced and congratulated the BHS and CCHS
Golf Teams. He reported that the BHS Boys and Girls teams were the district
champions.

11. Campus Spotlight - Red Rock Elementary
Principal Laura Kremar presented a spotlight on Red Rock Elementary. Mrs.
Kremar highlighted programs and initiatives being implemented at RRE.

H. Open Forum
There were no requests to speak in open forum.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report
There was no curriculum report this month.

B. Financial Report
Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

1. Delinquent Tax Report
Noe Reyes with McCreary Veselka presented the districts’ annual delinquent
tax collection report. Mr. Mutschink thanked Mr. Reyes and his associates for
their great work collecting the districts’ taxes.

2. Budget Update
Sandra Callahan presented an update on the 2016-2017 preliminary budget.
She reported that the board would have a budget workshop on May 12th, and
may possibly adopt the budget on May 17th. She added that it’s great to get the budget approved early so the district can hire teachers early. Mrs. Callahan stated that the tax rate would be adopted in September.

Mrs. Callahan reported that the proposed budget is based on an estimated enrollment of 10,526 and average daily attendance estimated at 9,863 for funding purposes. Mrs. Callahan reviewed priority goals, decision package items and salary increases. She added that the district will be increasing the bilingual teacher stipend. Mrs. Callahan reported that Certified Preliminary Values would be received by April 30th.

3. **Final Results from 2016 Bond Refunding Program**
   Sandra Callahan reported the final results from the 2016 Bond Refunding Program. She reported $1.9 million in savings on the 2009 bonds. Mrs. Callahan added that based on the successful result of the 2016 Refund Program, the District’s refunding programs over the last 5-years have generated a collective savings of over $29.5 million for District taxpayers.

C. **Personnel Report**
   Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

D. **Communications / Community Services Report**
   There was no communications / community services report this month.

E. **Operations / Police Department Report**
   There was no operations / police department report this month.

3. **Consent Agenda**

   A. Consider Approval of Minutes of March 10 and 22, 2016
   B. Consider Approval of Bids
      1. Yearbooks for BHS and CCHS #2015-03 Renewal
      2. Financial Audit Services #2012-07 Renewal
      3. General Retail Merchandise and Services #2016-04
   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 TASB Policy Update 104
   G. Consider Approval of Two Interlocal Cooperation Contracts with the University of Texas Heart of Texas Writing Project for Professional Development and Supplies and Materials
   H. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Recommendation of the Superintendent on Renewal of Identified Term Contracts
   I. 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. Matthew
Mix moved and Ashley Mutschink seconded to approve the consent agenda items as follows: the minutes of March 10 and 22, 2016; the contract with Herff-Jones for the printing and binding of the yearbooks for BHS and CCHS be renewed for the 2016-2017 school year; renewing the contract for financial audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 to Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP; all submitted proposals presented for the General Retail Merchandise and Services RFP #2016-04; designating July 8, 2016, as the deadline date for accepting resignations, without penalty, from contractual employees prior to the 2016-2017 school year, further, that May 23, 2016, be named as the deadline for notifying contractual employees of the District’s proposal to renew or not renew the employee’s contract; the March 2016 IMA Expense Report; the District Investment Report for March 2016; TASB Policy Update 104; Two Interlocal Cooperation Contracts with the University of Texas Heart of Texas Writing Project for Professional Development and Supplies and Materials; the Superintendent’s recommendation on the renewal of the identified term contracts (Bonnie Baker, John Gustafson, and Emily King); and the tax refunds over $2,500 for Bastrop ISD as presented.

4. 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.

C. Revisions to TASB Policy DH (LOCAL) and FFAC (LOCAL)
   Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.

5. Adjournment
   There being no further business, Ashley Mutschink moved and Billy Moore seconded to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Molly McClure
Board Secretary

Jim All
Board President