

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, February 19, 2013, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
John Eaton, Secretary
Glenn Peterson
Jim Mills
Mark Martyn
David Long

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Apostalo

ALSO PRESENT:

Caitlin Maddox
Amy Maddox
Gary Maddox
Weston Bauer
Rachel Bauer
Luke Bauer
Al Bauer
Bobby Bauer
Camden Fester
James Fester, Jr.
Patricia Fester
Ron Hunt
Raymond Malter
Nya Stuart
Cella Ceciliano
Thomas Sims
Justin Townsend
Jacie Townsend
David Canales
Ashley Dotson
Jane Sanders
Matt Holloway
Sheila Giesalhart

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Murray, Superintendent
Barry Edwards, Asst. Supt. for HR
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Dir. of Communications
Jane Pollard, Asst. Supt. for C&I
Michele Martella, Director of Special Education Svcs.
Derek Eberly, Coordinator of Inclusive Services
LaShun Gaines, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Richard Batlle, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Martha Werner, Mina Elementary Principal
Tessie Young, Director of Federal Programs & Grants
John Korb, Director of IT Services
Camille Smith, Director of Assessment & Student Support
Terrell King, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Delores Moore, Emile Elementary Principal
Melinda Soliz, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Sami Kinsey, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Celina Estrada-Thomas, Bastrop High School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Steven Long
Angie Malter
Harry Stuart
Rochelle Daniels
Dale Martyn
Mattie Townsend
Kasey Townsend
Tate Townsend
Matthew Mix
Myra LeGros
Theresa Guidry
Melanie Jones
Paula Clark

1. Opening, Pledge, Recognitions and 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 the 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

Ron Hunt with the Bastrop Ministerial Alliance offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for February – Justice

Caitlin Maddox, a 4th grader at Bluebonnet Elementary, spoke to the Board on Justice, the Character Education Trait for February. Caitlin enjoys reading chapter books, practicing math, drawing and doodling, playing piano, singing and playing softball.

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

Mr. Murray introduced BHS Senior Thomas Simms and CCHS Junior Ashley Dotson, representatives from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Mr. Murray recognized Thomas for being the recipient of a Marine-Option NROTC Scholarship for up to \$220,000. He added that Thomas plans on attending Florida A&M and majoring in engineering or physics and plans to make the Marine Corps his career.

G. Special Recognitions

1. Recognition of Red Rock Elementary Students Whose Poetry has Been Published

LaShun Gaines, Red Rock Elementary Principal introduced students whose poetry has been included in a publication entitled "A Celebration of Poets".

2. Superintendent's Remarks (STAAR)

Superintendent Murray reported that this was a baseline year for the new STAAR test. Mr. Murray recognized BISD campuses for their results and highlighted the areas in which each school shined. Mr. Murray applauded the efforts of students and staff at these schools.

H. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum this evening.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. 2011-2012 Bilingual/ESL Education Annual Program Report

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

2. Presentation on Co-Teach

Michele Martella & Derek Eberly, along with Jaime Williams, Jane Sanders, Myra LeGros and Theresa Guidrey showcased a program/model called "Co-Teach" in which

learning disabled students are now in regular ed classrooms. They reported that the Co-Teach model prepares students for real life by not isolating them.

3. Draft School Calendar for the 2013-2014 School Year

Information was provided to the Board. Jane Pollard explained the process for coming up with the draft school calendar and reminded that the Texas Legislature requires that districts cannot start the school year before the fourth Monday in August. Mrs. Pollard explained that the district requested a waiver for 3 additional staff development days; therefore the calendar includes 177 student days. She added that the focus next year is to extend the Co-Teach model as well as Laying the Foundation training.

Mr. Eaton stated that the largest influence in a student's education is a teacher and he felt that students need to be in the classroom for 180 days. He added that academic improvement is definitely being made; however wondered if students would perform even better with 3 additional days in the classroom. Mr. Eaton asked that the calendar committee look at the data next year when creating the school calendar.

John Eaton moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the 2013-2014 school year calendar as presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

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4. STAAR Results

Janie Pollard reviewed grades 3-8 Spring 2012 STAAR results. She reported that this is a new assessment and this is baseline data. Mrs. Pollard highlighted areas that indicate that BISD is at or above the state average and stated that the district is definitely moving in the right direction. She said that there are a lot of new things in place for Writing for next year.

Mrs. Pollard thanked principals and teachers for doing what's good for kids. Mr. Eaton commended all and agreed that the district is going in the right direction.

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. Texas Public Schools Week

Mr. Murray reported that Texas Public Schools week is March 4-8, 2013. Mr. Murray invited the community to visit our schools that week and partake in special activities planned to showcase student learning.

2. Update on Strategic Planning Year 2

Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Murray stated that this is a 5-year strategic

planning process and some items noted in the plan are uncertain due to the budget and the legislature such as Student Activities Coordinator.

3. Transfer Policy for the 2013-2014 School Year

Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Murray asked the Board to consider the policy revisions this evening noting the one slight change to the policy.

David Long moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the revisions to TASB Policy FDB (LOCAL) as presented.

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E. Operations Report

1. Elementary Attendance Zone Leveling

Henry Gideon presented information on elementary attendance zone leveling. Mr. Gideon stated that the goal is to redistribute portions of the BISD geography and student population in order to achieve more balanced enrollment levels with an eye on growth. He explained that the district started with three options and has narrowed it down to Option B. Mr. Gideon reported that this option would affect approximately 349 elementary students, as opposed to option A which would affect 738 elementary students.

Mr. Gideon explained that the administration is continuing to work with Gold Star to shorten some of the bus ride times and thanked parents for the good feedback received from the community meetings. He added that these changes would be implemented next school year.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of January 10 and 15, 2013

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Beverage Vending Services

C. Consider Approval of Additional Qualified PDAS Appraiser

D. Consider Approval of General Fund and Food Service Budget Amendments

E. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

F. Consider Approval of Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification Form

President Allen asked if any Board member wanted to pull any of the consent agenda items for discussion. There being no requests, President Allen asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. GP moved and DL seconded to approve the consent agenda items as presented: the minutes of January 10 and 15, 2013; awarding the contract for beverage vending services to Austin Coca-Cola only based on agreement of a favorable contract providing the best value for the district and further allow negotiation and contract award with the next available vendor in the event a contract with Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Inc. cannot be negotiated; the additional qualified PDAS appraiser; the general fund and food service budget amendments; and the district investment report; and the Instructional

Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification Form as presented.

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4. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Contract for Laying the Foundations Training

Nancy Roll stated that BISD is seeking to provide teachers with rigorous instructional experiences through Pre-AP level training and resources and asked the Board to award the contract for Laying the Foundations Training. She explained that the actual cost is based upon the exact enrollment in the courses. Ms. Roll added that the Laying the Foundations training is four days and would be paid with Title II carryover funds.

John Eaton moved and Jim Mills seconded to award the contract for Laying the Foundations training as presented. 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.

C. 2013-2014 Budget Calendar

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

D. TASB Policy Update 96

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

President Allen read a couple of letters that were received from Lost Pines Elementary students for School Board Recognition Month.

6. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, convened into Closed Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

A. Personnel Matters (551.074)

1. Administrator's Contracts

7. Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session at 6:47 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

John Eaton moved and Mark Martyn seconded to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on administrator's contracts as follows:

Last Name	First Name	TERM	MONTHS	YEARS
ADAMS	SHAWN	2	12	2013-2015
ALFORD	PATRICIA	PROBATIONARY	12	2013-2014
AUTREY	STEPHEN	2	12	2013-2015
BATLLE	RICHARD	2	12	2013-2015
BENNIGHT	NATALIE	2	12	2013-2015
CALLAHAN	SANDRA	2	12	2013-2015
CAWTHON	KATHLENE	2	12	2013-2015
CONRARDY	MARTIN	PROBATIONARY	12	2013-2014
CORNELIUS	BRIDGETTE	2	12	2013-2015
EBERLY	DEREK	2	12	2013-2015
EDWARDS	BARRON	2	12	2013-2015
FOSTER	STEPHANIE	2	11	2013-2015
GAINES	LASHUN	2	12	2013-2015
GARDNER	MELINDA	2	11	2013-2015
GIDEON	HENRY	2	12	2013-2015
GIDEON	STACI	2	12	2013-2015
GILL	SUSAN	2	12	2013-2015
GUERRA	SARA	2	12	2013-2015
HALLAMEK	JAMES	2	12	2013-2015
HERNANDEZ	MARY	2	11	2013-2015
HUDSON	LESLIE	2	12	2013-2015
KING	REBA	2	11	2013-2015
KING	TERRELL	2	12	2013-2015
KINSEY	SAMI	2	12	2013-2015
KORB	JOHN	PROBATIONARY	12	2013-2014
LAURENT	ALAN	2	12	2013-2015
LOPEZ	KELLI	PROBATIONARY	12	2013-2014
MARTELLA	MICHELE	2	12	2013-2015
MATTHEWS	JAMES	2	12	2013-2015
MOORE	DELORES	2	12	2013-2015
MOORE	SHERRELL	2	11	2013-2015
OLIVAREZ	ADELAIDA	2	12	2013-2015
PARKER	KENNETH	2	12	2013-2015
PIETSCH	SHELLY	2	11	2013-2015
POLLARD	JANE	2	12	2013-2015
PRATER	STEVEN	2	11	2013-2015
RODGERS	JACKIE	2	12	2013-2015
ROLL	NANCY	2	12	2013-2015
SKINNER	MELISSA	2	11	2013-2015
SMITH	CAMILLE	2	12	2013-2015
SOLIZ	MELINDA	2	12	2013-2015
SUMMER	MARLYSE	PROBATIONARY	12	2013-2014
THOMAS	CELINA	2	12	2013-2015
TUCKER	HEATHER	2	11	2013-2015
WASHINGTON	ROBERT	2	12	2013-2015
WERNER	MARTHA	2	12	2013-2015
WILLIAMS	DONALD	2	12	2013-2015
WILLOUGHBY	MARK	2	12	2013-2015
WYSOCKI	ELIZABETH	2	12	2013-2015

YOUNG	TERESA	2	12	2013-2015
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8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President