

**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 on **Tuesday, February 19, 2008**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the **Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Allen, President
Rene Barrientos, Vice-President
Karen Halladay, Secretary
Valerie Bullock
Glenn Peterson
Sophia Williams
Jim Mills

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Allen
Mary Jefferson
Carolyn Moore-Green
Missy Schuelke
Evelyn Weilert
Staci Gideon
Jan Taylor
Vivian Washington
Chris Duggan
Diana Bliss
Kelly Jones
Jud Stahl
John Eaton
Lisa Peavy
Michelle Forester
Jerry Acevedo
Karen Gardner
Brad Wilbourn
John Huerta
Shawn Walston
Manuel Huerta
Jill Messina
Jamie Gurka
Sheila Lowe
Tommy Hines
Guillermo DeLeon
Rose Clemons
David Vineyard

ALSO PRESENT:

Roderick Emanuel, Superintendent
Betty Richardson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Karen Dooley, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Williams, Exec. Director of Community Services
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Robert Washington, Director of Athletics
Lori Gracey, Executive Director of Technology
Jennifer Womack, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Tessie Young, Director of Programs
Lacey Padgett, Director of Human Resources
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Nanci Stobaugh, Director of Special Education Co-op
Dr. Tamera Stark, Director of Community Programs
Al Gaines, Director of Child Nutrition
Teresa Human, Child Nutrition Field Supervisor
Gerald Perry, BHS Head Football Coach
Natalie Bennight, Bastrop Middle School Asst. Principal
Elva Conrardy, Bilingual/ESL Specialist
James Richardson, Genesis High School Principal
Terrell King, Bastrop High School Asst. Principal
Beth Murray, Gateway School Principal
Laurie Bauer, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Bernie Jackson
Sarah Forester
Hector Forester
James Gardner
Ethan Kennedy
Joe Walston, Jr.
Paul Perez
Rosie Pacheco
Kendall Sloan
Carol Armstrong
Manny Santos
Robert Aleman
Sue Lara
Gloria Norfleet
Melissa Lautenschlager
John Montgomery

Gerald L. Kline, Jr.
Judy Humphries
Tommy Oates

Cheryl Robinson
David Lopez

1. Opening, Presentations & Open Forum

A. Meeting Called to Order

President Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

Glenn Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Glenn Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

D. Opening Prayer

Glenn Peterson offered the opening prayer.

E. Special Presentation

1. Recognition of After School 4-H Club

Mrs. Jan Taylor, one of the managers for the After School 4-H Club, thanked the Board, the Superintendent, Henry Gideon and Durham Transportation for making it possible to have an after school 4-H club. Mrs. Taylor explained that this club was established for students that are unable to attend evening meetings. Mrs. Taylor reported that she received a grant from the Bastrop Education Foundation back in 2006 and the program began in 2007. She briefed the Board on the various volunteering that club members have participated in.

F. Open Forum

1. David Vineyard

Mr. Vineyard addressed the Board on his concerns with the direction of the BISD Athletic program. He stated that he had a few issues this year and the Athletic Director satisfactorily addressed his concerns. Mr. Vineyard asked the Board to please keep in mind the students when making decisions about the athletic program. President Allen explained that the Board was unable to answer any questions on this matter since it is not listed on the agenda, but he thanked Mr. Vineyard for his comments.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

1. Update on the BISD/ACC College Connection

Austin Community College Vice President of College Support Systems and ISD Relations Mary Hensley updated the Board on the BISD/ACC College Connection Program. Dr. Hensley praised Mr. Emanuel for his leadership, adding that he is a leader among Superintendents in the area. Dr. Hensley also praised Betty

Richardson and Donald Williams for their efforts with the BISD/ACC College Connection program.

Dr. Hensley reviewed college transition rates. She reported that 39% of 2006 Bastrop graduates enrolled in Texas higher education in the fall of 2006. Dr. Hensley stated that one of the goals of the program is to increase this percentage.

Dr. Hensley reported that the program started in Bastrop ISD and has had wonderful success.

2. Campus Updates

a. Gateway School

Principal Beth Murray presented an update on Gateway School. Ms. Murray stated that Gateway school is a DAEP for students in grades 6-12 that are placed in the school by their principals. She added that she has a veteran staff and all of her teachers are certified in all content areas.

b. Genesis High School

Principal James Richardson presented an update on Genesis High School. Mr. Richardson thanked the Board and the administration for bringing the Genesis program back. He explained that most of the kids that attend Genesis do not fit in at the traditional high school setting. Mr. Richardson reported that there are currently 48 students enrolled in the day program and 20 in the evening program. He stated that there are limitations due to space and computers; however he hopes to be able to expand next year.

3. Bilingual/ESL Evaluation

Tessie Young reviewed information on Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in the district, reporting that there are now 1154 LEP students enrolled in BISD this year. Mrs. Young reported that the Texas Education Agency conducted an onsite visit in January and visited campuses, met with Service Center administrators and campus principals, and held focus group meetings. She reviewed preliminary findings and stated that the district should receive the final report from TEA in the next few weeks. Mrs. Young reviewed internal findings and improvement goals to assure quality instruction for the LEP students. She reported that 190 staff members have been trained in ESL from January 2005 through January 2008. In addition, the district has increased the stipends for bilingual teachers. Mrs. Young reported that summer ESL classes are held for students as well as ESL classes for parents of bilingual/ESL students.

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. Child Nutrition Department Update

BISD Child Nutrition Director Al Gaines presented an update on the districts' Child Nutrition Program. Mr. Gaines reported that the district recently underwent a Comprehensive Review Effort (CRE) and the audit revealed two small dings, both which were corrected before the day was over. In addition, the districts' meal planning and production was reviewed during the audit and Mr. Gaines will be disputing the audit due to them using incorrect data. Mr. Gaines reported that a Corrective Action Plan was completed at the conclusion of the CRE.

Mr. Gaines reported that reimbursements in the Child Nutrition Department are up 8% and breakfast and lunch meals are up 3%. Mr. Gaines stated that March 3-7, 2008, is National School Breakfast Week and breakfast will be made available to all students at no charge. Mr. Barrientos commented that he recently visited Bluebonnet Elementary and was very impressed with the cleanliness of the cafeteria. Henry Gideon commended Al Gaines and the Child Nutrition Department and reported that all revenue to operate the program is received in the cash register, not from school district funds.

2. Update on Design and Construction Projects

Sean Connor & Denise Shaw from Pfluger Associates updated the Board on the design of the performing arts center. They reviewed exterior and interior materials and informed the board that colors for the curtains and seat covers had not yet been decided.

Committee Chair Staci Gideon thanked the Board for seeking community input on the design of the performing arts center and added that she was honored to serve as the committee chair. She stated that input from the committee has been invaluable. Mrs. Gideon introduced members of the Performing Arts Center committee, which included BISD faculty and staff members, as well as members of the community.

Mrs. Gideon, who has served as a fine arts teacher in BISD since 1990, applauded the stakeholders and the community for their support of the facility. She thanked the Board for naming the facility after Mrs. Jerry Fay Wilhelm, the districts' first drama teacher and biggest cheerleader when it came to the fine arts. Mrs. Gideon stated that she felt that the design that the committee and the Board have come up with will make the community proud and will level the playing field for students to compete. BHS Theater Arts teacher Guillermo DeLeon commented on the great experience working with Pfluger Associates and the performing arts committee. He thanked Mr. Gideon for great guidance. Mr. DeLeon stated that there is a lot of excitement among the students about the facility, and he added that he has heard many alumni and students express their gratitude for naming the facility after Mrs. Wilhelm.

On behalf of the Board, President Allen thanked Mrs. Gideon for her hard work and her energy. He added that the district needed more “Staci Gideon’s”. He concluded by stating that this was a proud moment for Bastrop ISD

a. Consider Approval of the Design Development Phase for the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts and Authorize the Architect to Begin the Contract Documents Phase

Valerie Bullock moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the design development phase for the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts and authorize the architect to begin the contract documents phase. President Allen asked the Board for comments or discussion. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of January 15 and January 22, 2008

B. Consider Approval of Bids

- 1. Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO) Supplies RFB #2008-08**
- 2. Laptops for 7th and 8th Grades CSP #2008-09**
- 3. Computer Lab Wiring CSP #2008-10**
- 4. Wireless Access Points & Cabling CSP #2008-11**

C. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy GKC (LOCAL)

D. Consider Approval of Bastrop County Elections Administrator Contract

E. Consider Approval of Joint Election Agreement with the City of Bastrop

F. Consider Calling Board of Trustees Election for May 10, 2008 for Place 3 and Place 4

1. Board of Trustees Election Calendar

2. Order of Election

G. Consider Approval of TASB Model Contracts

President Allen asked if any member of the Board would like to pull any of the consent agenda items for closer review. Rene Barrientos moved and Sophia Williams seconded to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: the minutes of January 15 and January 22, 2008; vendors as presented for Maintenance, Repair, and Operations supplies and related items; awarding the bid to CDWG for the laptops, Complete Care, imaging package, and case in the amount of \$1,237,005.00; awarding the contract for the computer lab wiring to the low bidder, Technology for Education LLC in the amount of \$20,900.00; the contract for the wireless access points and cabling (including the scope of work and the additional AP quote #2) be awarded to the low bidder, INX Incorporated, in the amount of \$16,354.80 and authorize Bryan Doyle to

negotiate the contract that will provide the best value for the district; revisions to TASB Policy GKC (LOCAL); the Bastrop County Elections Administrator Contract; the Joint Election Agreement with the City of Bastrop; the Order of Election calling the Board of Trustees Election for May 10, 2008; and the TASB Model Contracts as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

Valerie Bullock moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to approve the general fund budget amendment as presented. President Allen asked the Board for comments or discussion. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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. Update on Board Member's Continuing Education Hours

Information was provided to the Board. President Allen announced continuing education hours that Board members had completed since February 1, 2007. President Allen reported that all Board members had exceeded their goal with the exception of Mrs. Bullock, who is scheduled to attend the Winter Governance & Legal Seminar later in the week. Board members have until the end of February to complete their continuing education hours.

D. TASB Policy Update 82

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

E. Upgrading of Cedar Creek Elementary and Bastrop Intermediate Cafeteria Serving Lines

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

F. BISD Meal Price Increase

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

G. 2008-2009 Budget Calendar

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

H. Resolution to Authorize Tax Resale

Information was provided to the Board. Ellen Owen from McCreary, Veselka reported that bids were submitted for properties held in trust by Bastrop ISD and she recommended that the Board approve the Resolution before them this evening to authorize the tax resale.

Karen Halladay moved and Valerie Bullock seconded to approve the Resolution to Authorize Tax Resale as presented. President Allen asked the

Board for comments or discussion. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Discuss Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion of future agenda items.

6. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees on February 19, 2008, beginning at 7:38 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

B. Personnel Matters (551.074)

1. Consideration and possible action regarding the reassignment of the Athletic Director duties. Any action will be taken in open session.
2. Administrators' Contracts

Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened from closed session at 8:53 p.m. on February 19, 2008.

Glenn Peterson moved and Valerie Bullock seconded to take no action on one particular contract discussed in closed session and renew all of the other contracts presented. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Karen Halladay, Jim Mills, Rene Barrientos and James Allen opposed.

MOTION FAILED 3-4

Karen Halladay moved and Jim Mills seconded to approve the Superintendent's recommendation and approve all administrators' contracts as presented. Valerie Bullock, Glenn Peterson and Sophia Williams opposed.

The following administrators were offered two-year contracts: Shawn Adams, Richard Battle, Laurie Bauer, Michael Benedict, Natalie Bennight, James Bonavita, Sandra Callahan, Mervyn Doherty, Karen Dooley, LaShun Gaines, Henry Gideon, Sherri Gilmore, Lori Gracey, James Hallamek, Lora Hardway, Mary Hernandez, Melinda Howell, Linda Johnson, Terrell King, James Matthews, Albert Matus, Deborah Mayer, Delores Moore, Sherrell Moore, Beth Murray, Jinger Myers, William Nelson, Alisa Niemeyer, Donna Orsag, Lacey Padgett, Shelly Pietsch, Betty Richardson, James Richardson, Denise Rogers, Beau Sanchez, William Sanders, Melinda Soliz, Nanci Stobaugh, James Trousdale, Paula Vinklerek, Robert Washington, Donald Williams, Jennifer Womack, and Teresa Young.

MOTION CARRIED 4-3

Karen Halladay moved and Rene Barrientos seconded to reassign the Athletic Director duties to BHS Head Football Coach Gerald Perry.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Trustees on February 19, 2008, beginning at 8:57 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- A. Personnel Matters (551.074)**
 - Attorney Consultation (551.071)**
 - Student Information (551.0821)**
 - 1. FNG Level 3 Parent Complaint (Kline)

7. Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened from closed session at 9:48 p.m. on February 19, 2008.

Karen Halladay moved and Valerie Bullock seconded to deny the Level 3 grievance and further moved that the Board deny the requested remedies on both grievances presented this evening. President Allen asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President