

Bastrop Independent School District

906 Farm Street
Bastrop, Texas 78602-3717

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bastrop Independent School District was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at **the Bastrop High School 9th Grade Center Cafeteria, 1602 Hill Street, Bastrop, Texas.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Valerie Bullock

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carol Schumacher
Carol Armstrong
Barry Armstrong
Pat Allen
Jean Levering
Bernie Jackson
Dorothy Landoll
Terry Hamm
Patty Green
Linda Olivarez
Sheila Lowe
James Beckom
Lee Poplinski
Greg Warner
Katherine Rainosek
J. Carder
David Long
Paula Myers
Elva Conrardy
Jack Stephenson
Catherine Davila
Willie Pina

ALSO PRESENT:

Roderick Emanuel, Superintendent
Betty Richardson, Asst. Supt. for C & I
Karen Dooley, Asst. Supt. for HR
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Community Svcs.
Lori Gracey, Executive Director of Technology
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
James Richardson, Genesis High School Principal
Merv Doherty, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Bryan Doyle, Director of Technology
Linda Johnson, Mina Elementary Principal
Deborah Mayer, Emile Elementary Principal
Tessie Young, Director of Programs
Sherri Gilmore, Ex. Director of Special Education
Nanci Stobaugh, Director of Special Education
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Beth Murray, Gateway School Principal
Jennifer Womack, Director of Curriculum
Lacey Padgett, Director of Human Resources
Denise Rogers, Cedar Creek Elementary AP
Terrell King, Bastrop High School AP
Dr. Tamera Stark, Director of Community Programs
Dr. Laurie Bauer, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Secretary to Superintendent
Yvonne Thompson
Marsha Goertz
Felicita Ruiz
Michael Goebel
Taylor Stephenson
Linda Sullivan
James Sullivan
Martin Conrardy

Richard Kindred
David Board
Jan Eaton
Ken Jones
John Apostalo
Bruce Wilson
Johnny Sanders
Ashley Mutschink
Dani Schumacher
Cheryl Heard
Lori Tuggle
Rebecca Saenz
Richard Welch
David Castor
J.D. Yoder
Sondra O'Reilly
Barbara Coy
Rev. R.D. Smith
Sedric Martin
Benita Collins
Jim Clark
Doug Clark
Tommy Oates
W.A. Jaeger

James Froncek
Tres Womack
John Eaton
Mary Williams
Jean Wilson
Evelyn Weilert
J. Amador
Lauren Hansell
Ashley Crawford
Jeff Ahn
Randy Wilson
Maria Adkins
Mary Castor
Jack Yoder
Raymond Tatum
Dena Zavala
Ronald Brooks
Vincent Messina
Barbara Clemons
Cheryl Robinson
Rose Clemons
Dee DeShay
Gerald Francis
Vera Preston-Jaeger

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6:00 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.

2. Identification of Board Members Present

President Allen identified the Board Members that were present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

President Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

4. Public/Community Forum

President Allen welcomed the community to the Public Forum. He introduced the district's legal counsel, Ms. Marquette Maresh with Walsh, Anderson. President Allen explained that Ms. Maresh would assist with facilitating the meeting and would advise the Board to ensure

compliance with the Open Meetings Act. President Allen read the rules and guidelines for the community forum and stated that disruptive behavior would not be tolerated.

1. **Carol Armstrong**
 - Central Office staff contracts – why are they continually renewed each year if student performance is not improving
 - Restroom policy at grades 8 - 12
2. **Dorothy Landoll**
 - What is the Board going to do about new buildings with the economy?
3. **Catherine Davila**
 - Location chosen by the Board for the new high school
 - When does the district expect to utilize their land at Hwy 21 and FM 535?
 - Laptop computers vs. computer labs at schools
 - Curriculum is off track – not everyone is on the same page
4. **Patty Green**
 - In favor of mural at Bastrop High School
5. **Lauren Hansen**
 - Against mural at Bastrop High School
6. **Richard Kindred**
 - Encouraged Board to continue having community forum meetings
 - Would like for district to survey teachers on likes and dislikes
 - Quit throwing money at teachers and look at what it takes to maintain good teachers
 - Timing of traffic light at Hwy 71 & FM 1209
 - Athletic Department not promoting from within
7. **Carol Schumacher**
 - In favor of mural at Bastrop High School
 - School prayer is in violation of a students' first amendment right
8. **James Froncek**
 - Retention of students – many students getting pulled out of BISD and opting for private and/or magnet schools

- Retention program to keep young scholars
 - AP program at Bastrop High School and athletics – make-up work is unreal
 - What will be the configuration of the new high school?
9. **Vera Preston-Jaeger**
- Recommended sensitivity training for all district employees
10. **Sheila Lowe**
- Inconsistent restroom policies across the district
 - Lack of consistency and communication between Bastrop High School and the 9th grade campus
 - Recommended including restroom policy in Student Handbook
11. **J.D. Yoder and Sedric Martin**
- Hiring of new Varsity Boy's Head Basketball Coach
12. **Dena Zavala**
- Several safety concerns for the new Cedar Creek High School
 - Requesting the Board have public discussions and let the community be a part of the decision making process
13. **Rev. R.D. Smith**
- Attitudes shown to people of color at the high school
 - Concerns with mural at Bastrop High School
14. **Eric Jones**
- Kudos to Coach Cyril Adkins
15. **Dani Schumacher**
- Supports mural at Bastrop High School – she wrote the narrative for the mural
16. **Jean Levering**
- In favor of the mural at Bastrop High School
17. **Ashley Crawford**
- In favor of the mural at Bastrop High School

18. **Bernie Jackson**
 - Thanked the Board for holding community forum
 - Would like for the Board to have quarterly forums

19. **Dee Deshay**
 - Would like to see the mural at Bastrop High School come down

20. **Dorothy Landoll**
 - Would like permission to bring entry forms and criteria for the Daughter's of Republic Essay Contest to the Service Center for distribution to campuses

21. **Catherine Davila**
 - Drop-out rate – what is the district planning to do to address the drop-out rate?

The Board listened and addressed the concerns brought to their attention this evening. A tape recording was made of this evening's community forum and is on file in the Superintendent's office.

President Allen thanked Bernie Jackson, Carol Armstrong, and Rev. R.D. Smith for requesting that the Board hold a community forum. He also thanked the community for their comments and their attendance.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President