

**Bastrop Independent School District  
906 Farm Street  
Bastrop, Texas 78602-3717**

A workshop meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bastrop Independent School District was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at the **BISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Roderick Emanuel, Superintendent  
Betty Richardson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction  
Karen Dooley, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources  
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer  
Lori Gracey, Director of Technology/CATE  
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Community Services  
Robert Washington, Director of Athletics  
Nancy Barrientos, Secretary to Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lisa Peavy  
Dr. Joe Thedford  
Dr. Pat Pringle

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President James 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. Closed Session**

The Board of Trustees on September 13, 2007, beginning 6:00 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- A. Trustees will adjourn into Closed Session, as permitted under Texas Government Code section 551.071, to consult with legal counsel regarding the issues concerning the publication of the Board's meeting materials to the public prior to Board meetings.**
- B. Trustees will adjourn into Closed Session, as permitted under Texas Government Code section 551.071, to consult with legal counsel regarding the issues concerning the public's participation in discussion regarding action items during meetings of the Board of Trustees outside the public comment/open forum agenda item**

**3. Action Resulting from Closed Session**

The Board reconvened from closed session at 6:45 p.m. on September 13, 2007. There was no action resulting from Closed Session.

The Board took a 5 minute break at 6:45 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

4. **Consider and take action as appropriate on the purchase of real estate consisting of 37.17 acres located at 755 West Highway 21, Cedar Creek, Bastrop County, Texas 78612 (A7, Barker, Martha) from Jaime and Yolanda Torres for \$444,000.00 The property is expected to be utilized for the construction of a Centralized Multi-Purpose Athletic Stadium for the District. The project budget for the stadium is \$17,000,000.00 as approved by the voters in the 2007 bond election**

Henry Gideon presented information on a possible site for the Centralized Multi-Purpose Athletic Stadium. Mr. Gideon reported that the Superintendent directed the District's counsel to draft a Real Estate Contract and make an earnest money offer of \$5,000. He added that a formal appraisal of the property cannot be done without Board approval of a Resolution to Purchase Real Property.

Mr. Gideon reported that there is good access to utilities on the property and sufficient water supply with the existing infrastructure. He stated that there was no wastewater infrastructure, adding that alternatives would have to be studied.

Superintendent Emanuel stated that the 37 acres of property would be sufficient for a Centralized Multi-Purpose Athletic Stadium, and added that the district would like to purchase an additional ten acres and relocate other athletic fields to the site. Mr. Emanuel reported that the district would like to lock in the price on the property and continue talks and investigation. He added that if the property was not suitable, the deal could be stopped at anytime.

Rene Barrientos moved and Jim Mills seconded to adopt the Resolution to Purchase Real Property for the development of the Centralized Multi-Purpose Athletic Stadium and authorize the Superintendent to direct the District's investigation of the Property and the related provisions of the real estate sales contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Board discussion on naming the new high school**

Superintendent Emanuel explained that the district has historically named schools after their geographical location. Mr. Emanuel recommended naming the new high school Cedar Creek High School; however he added that the Board needed to decide what they would like to name the high school. Valerie Bullock expressed concern about the third high school. Mr. Emanuel stated that there are other options when we get to the third high school. President Allen stated that the new high school does have a Cedar Creek address and zip code. Glenn Peterson commented that the Board owed it to the people of Cedar Creek to name the new high school Cedar Creek High School.

Rene Barrientos moved and Sophia Williams to name the new high school Cedar Creek High School. President Allen called for comments or questions. There being none, President Allen called for a vote. Valerie Bullock opposed.

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 1

**6. Team Building Exercises**

Joe Thedford and Pat Pringle from Region XIII Education Service Center led the Board in team building exercises. The Board then reviewed the District goals, priorities and Superintendent's charges. After some discussion, the Board agreed on the following changes to the goals: Board Goal 3 was changed to read "The Bastrop ISD will provide a total school environment that is well-disciplined, safe and health conscious and where students feel emotionally and physically secure" and Board Goal 5 was changed to read "The Bastrop ISD will review and update the current long-range plan for facilities."

Mr. Peterson stated that he would like for the Capturing Kids Hearts program to be evaluated. He stated that the program holds kids accountable instead of teachers and he felt that the program was too harsh for kids. In addition, the Board suggested that campus leadership work together and share ideas so there is consistent leadership among campuses. Mr. Emanuel stated that these things would be incorporated in the Superintendent's Charges.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Glenn Peterson moved and Valerie Bullock seconded to adjourn. President Allen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Board President