

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Bastrop Independent School District**

A rescheduled regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District was held on **January 23, 2007**, beginning at 6:30 PM at the **Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jan Taylor
Jerry Acevedo
Angie Dailey
Lisa Peavey
Shane Harrell
Johnny Sanders
Gary Gutierrez
Sheri George
Laura Talbot
Lori Horvath
Russell Voigt
Sarah Johnson
Michele Tagliabue
Sara Clayton
Susan Wendel
Susan Dawson
Shannon Boatright
Christine Havens
D'Les Moreno
Chris Duggan
Ashley Mutschink
Jim Mills

ALSO PRESENT:

Roderick Emanuel, Superintendent
Betty Richardson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Karen Dooley, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources
Donald Williams, Exec. Director of Community Services
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Tamera Stark, 21st Century Grant Coordinator
Al Gaines, Director of Child Nutrition/Food Services
Lacey Padgett, Director of Human Resources
Lori Gracey, Director of Instruction & Technology
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Robert Washington, Director of Athletics
Jennifer Womack, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Tessie Young, Director of Programs
Lauri Anzaldua, Community Services Specialist
Teresa Human, Food Services Field Supervisor
Mike Benedict, Bastrop High School Principal
Terrell King, Bastrop High School Asst. Principal
Sherri Gilmore, Director of Special Education Co-op
Garry Blasig, Bastrop Middle School Principal
Deborah Mayer, Emile Elementary Principal
Donna Orsag, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Jinger Myers, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Denise Rogers, Cedar Creek Elementary Asst. Principal
Richard Battle, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Beth Murray, Gateway School Principal
Bruce Nelson, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Linda Johnson, Mina Elementary Principal
Alisa Niemeyer, Mina Elementary Asst. Principal
Merv Doherty, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Jud Stahl

1. Opening, Presentations & Open Forum

A. Meeting Called to Order

President Bullock 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

President Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

President Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

D. Opening Prayer

Glenn Peterson offered the opening prayer.

E. Special Presentations

1. Recognition of Bastrop ISD Board of Trustees for School Board Appreciation Month

Superintendent Emanuel presented Board members with a plaque in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

2. Presentation from Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative to Bastrop ISD

Johnny Sanders and Gary Gutierrez from Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative presented President Bullock and Bastrop ISD a check in the amount of \$8,500 to purchase additional defibrillators for the district and the athletic department.

3. Presentation from Bastrop Education Foundation to Bastrop ISD

BEF Past President Sarah Johnson presented President Bullock and the Bastrop ISD with a check in the amount of \$5519.15 for innovative teaching grants. Mrs. Johnson congratulated the teachers that applied for and were awarded the grants.

F. Open Forum

1. Angie Dailey

BISD parent and PTA member Angie Dailey addressed the Board on the upcoming bond election. Ms. Dailey asked the Board to consider giving voters a choice by separate bond propositions.

2. Cathy Davila

Cathy Davila addressed the Board on the location of the future new high school. Ms. Davila presented the board with a petition with names of community members that prefer the FM 812/21 site to the new site on Highway 71.

2. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on 2005-2006 Academic Excellence Indicator Report (as part of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce 2006 Bastrop Community Education Progress Report)

Donald Williams introduced Bastrop Chamber of Commerce President Susan Wendel and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce Progress Report Task Force Chair Susan Dawson. Mrs. Wendel thanked Bastrop ISD for agreeing to participate in the progress report with the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Dawson commended BISD for gathering data for the report.

Betty Richardson presented information on the 2005-06 Academic Excellence Indicator Report. Mrs. Richardson reported that this report includes a wide range of student, staff, and financial information for each school and district in Texas each year. Mrs. Richardson thanked Karen Halladay and Susan Wendel for serving as Task Force Members.

3. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Personnel Report

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

B. Financial Report

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

C. Curriculum Report

Information was provided to the Board.

1. Information on the Process of the Development of the District Calendar and Waivers for 2007-2008

Betty Richardson reviewed the process for the development of the district calendar and waivers for 2007-08. She reported that the District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) gathers input from BISD staff to develop the school calendar for the upcoming school year and this information would be brought to the Board for approval in February. In addition, the DEIC met January 11, 2007, and approved the district applying for 3 waivers: Staff Development Waiver, Early Release Waiver and Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Waiver. This information will also be brought for approval in February. Mrs. Richardson reminded the Board that the DEIC does not approve the calendar – the Board does.

Mrs. Richardson presented two drafts of the 2007-08 calendars with board members for their review. She explained that the calendars are different this year due to the legislature making changes so that districts cannot start school before the 4th Monday in August. Mrs. Richardson went on to explain that it would be impossible to end the first semester before the Christmas break due to the later start date. Mr. Emanuel stated that a big concern of the district with getting out of school too late is that it risks students and staff not being able to attend summer school at colleges.

Mr. Emanuel reported that the bad weather make-up days for the district would be February 26th and April 6th. He added that he is looking into having an early release day for the district on April 6th.

2. 2005-2006 Evaluation of Student Performance of Limited English Proficient Students

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

D. Operations Report

1. Update on BHS Renovations & Additions Program

Shane Harrell updated the Board on the BHS renovations and additions program. He reported that the renovations are moving along nicely despite of the recent rains.

2. Review of Bastrop ISD Child Nutrition Program

BISD Child Nutrition Director Al Gaines presented information on the districts' nutrition program. He stated that the districts' child nutrition program addresses board goal #3. Mr. Gaines reviewed the major functions of the program. He reported that all BISD campuses have passed all health inspections.

Mr. Gaines reported that the district has an online system where parents can put money on their child's lunch card, and can also see what their children are eating in the school cafeteria. He added that the system alerts parents when their child has a low balance on their lunch card.

Mr. Gideon reported that the BISD Child Nutrition Program is a self-sufficient program with a \$4 million budget. He added that it is one of the most efficient operations in district. Mr. Gideon commended Mr. Gaines and his staff for operating a successful program.

Mr. Vear stated that he would like to see what type of training is provided on the nutritional aspect of the program – not only manager training, but employee training. Mr. Gaines stated that his staff has attended a lot of training this year and he would be happy to bring that information back to the Board. Mr. Barrientos commended Al and his staff for their hard work.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2006**
- B. Consider Approval of Election Administrator Contract**
- C. Consider Approval of Revised Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard**
- D. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Bastrop for Community Education**
- E. Consider Approval of Revisions to Policy DGBA (LOCAL)**
- F. Consider Approval of TASB Model Contracts**

President Bullock asked if any member of the Board would like to pull any of the consent agenda items for closer review. There being no requests or objections, the following consent agenda items were approved: the minutes of December 19, 2006; the Election Administrator Contract; the revised Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard; the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bastrop for Community Education; the revisions to TASB Policy DGBA (LOCAL); and the TASB model contracts.

5. Action Items

- A. Consider Approval of Campus Improvement Plans**

Bill Vear moved and Rene Barrientos seconded to approve the Campus Improvement Plans as presented.

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B. Consider Calling Board of Trustees Election for May 12, 2007 for Place 5, Place 6, and Place 7

- 1. Board of Trustees Election Calendar**
- 2. Order of Election**

Rene Barrientos moved and James Allen seconded to approve the Order of Election calling the Board of Trustees election for May 12, 2007.

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6. 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. Board Review of Long Range and Master Facility Planning Advisory Committee Recommendation, Possible Bond Language and Timeline

Long Range and Master Facility Planning Advisory Committee Chair Ashley Mutschink reviewed the committee's recommendation to the Board. He reported that the committee continues to receive positive feedback about a bond election; however after some discussion with fellow committee members, they have decided to change their initial recommendation. Mr. Mutschink stated that the committee's new recommendation is for the Board to break up the items into 3 propositions: one for a new high school; one for a new centralized athletic facility; and one for a new centralized fine arts auditorium.

Henry Gideon reviewed the recommendation for a bond election which would include a new 1500 student high school (core facilities for 2300 students), centralized athletic stadium, centralized multi-purpose fine arts facility, land acquisition for future sites, and district wide technology improvements. He reported that the athletic facility would have bleacher seating for 8,000, which could later be expanded for up to 12,000 seats. Mr. Gideon reported that the Fine Arts facility would be a 1,500 multi-purpose auditorium that would have classrooms and training centers and could be utilized by the school district and the community.

Lori Gracey reviewed the technology improvements that would be included in the bond package to continue phases 3 & 4 of the districts' technology plan. She added that phases 1 and 2 of the plan have already been funded. The recommendation would include \$4.6 million for technology improvements.

Josh McLaughlin from RBC Capital Markets reviewed the preliminary tax rate impact analysis for a new bond program. He reported that interest rates are very close to an all time low and added that it is a great time to be looking

at a bond program. Mr. McLaughlin reminded the Board that the district has 10 years to sell the bonds before they go stale. Mr. McLaughlin reported that if the district was successful in passing a \$102,320,000 bond program, the tax rate would still decrease by 8.2 cents.

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the timeline for calling a bond election. Karen Halladay suggested that the Board meet again prior to the February 20th meeting to discuss this item further. President Bullock thanked Mr. Mutschink and the committee for reviewing the information and bringing a new recommendation.

D. TASB Policy Update 79

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

E. TASB Policy BG (LOCAL)

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

F. School Board Self-Evaluation

President Bullock asked Board members to complete the self-evaluation form and return it to her prior to the next meeting. She stated that the School Board Self-Evaluation would be done at the February 15th workshop meeting.

G. Discuss Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion of future agenda items.

7. Closed Session

A. Personnel Discussion (551.074)

1. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation

The Board of Trustees on January 23, 2007 beginning at 8:30 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:05 p.m. on January 23, 2007.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President