

**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 **July 18, 2006**, beginning at 6:30 PM at the **Bastrop ISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie Bullock, President
Rene Barrientos, Secretary
Glenn Peterson
Karen Halladay
James Allen
Sophia Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Vear, Vice-President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dorothy Landoll
Gene Rampy
Janice Rampy
Jessica Rampy
Jerry Acevedo
Kathy Thomas
Sheri George
Donna Bartsch
Lisa Crawford
Chris Crawford

ALSO PRESENT:

Roderick Emanuel, Superintendent
Betty Richardson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Donald Williams, Director of Community Services
Henry Gideon, Director of Operations
Karen Dooley, Director of Human Resources
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Washington, Director of Athletics
Al Gaines, Director of Food Service
Lori Gracey, Director of Technology/CATE
Paula Vinklerek, Bastrop High School Asst. Principal
Beth Murray, Gateway School Principal
Merv Doherty, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Theresa Fierro, Staff Accountant
Nancy Barrientos, Secretary to Superintendent
Shane Harrell
Mike Benedict
Greg Moore
Lisa Peavy
Christine Hansen
Richard Williams
Monica Roffol

1. Opening, Presentations & Open Forum

A. Meeting Called to Order

President Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:35 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

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

D. Opening Prayer

Roderick Emanuel offered the opening prayer.

E. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in Open Forum.

President Bullock informed the Board that Mr. Vear was out of town on business this evening and could not be present. She also stated that due to a level III grievance, the order of the agenda would be changed throughout the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of June 20, 2006

B. Consider Approval of Tax Refunds for Bastrop ISD

C. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Student Athletic Insurance

D. Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding the Extracurricular Status

of Bastrop County, Texas 4-H Organization

E. Consider Approval of Boundary Correction between Bastrop ISD and Smithville ISD

President Bullock asked if any member of the Board would like to pull any of the consent agenda items for closer review. Item 3-C1 was pulled. There being no further requests or objections, the following consent agenda items were approved: minutes of June 20, 2006; tax refunds for June for Bastrop ISD; the Resolution regarding the extracurricular status of Bastrop County, Texas 4-H organization; and the boundary correction between Bastrop ISD and Smithville ISD. Mrs. Bullock pointed out a small typographical error on the Boundary Correction Agreement. She stated that in the third paragraph of the agreement, the Appraisal District is referred to as BCAC instead of BCAD. President Bullock asked that the error be corrected on the original document.

Sandra Callahan stated that after further review, the administration would like to recommend the low bidder on the student athletic insurance.

Rene Barrientos moved and James Allen seconded to award the contract for Athletic/Student Voluntary Insurance to GM-Southwest, Inc. in the amount of \$30,730.00 and the catastrophic policy to GM-Southwest, Inc. in the amount of \$4,548.00 for a total cost of \$35,278.00

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Trustees on July 18, 2006 beginning at 6:38 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

A. Personnel Discussion (551.074)

1. FNG Level 3 Parent Complaint (Crawford)

Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:58 p.m. on July 18, 2006.

Glenn Peterson moved to uphold the decision of the administration with the exception of awarding the Crawfords with a BHS letter jacket. James Allen seconded the motion. President Bullock called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy FL (LOCAL)

Betty Richardson reported that the district has received the framework from TASB on the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct and one major change deals with directory information. She explained that the change would come from TASB in Update 78; however the district needs to make the revision to the policy now so that handbooks can be printed. Mrs. Richardson explained that the way the old policy reads, parents could go and mark out the information that they did not want released. The revised policy will not allow parents to pick and choose what they want released – they will have to sign off on all or nothing. Mrs. Richardson stated that the new policy will make it much easier to track the directory information.

Rene Barrientos moved and Karen Halladay seconded to approve the revisions to TASB Policy FL (LOCAL) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing BISD to Register and Participate In the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program

Sandra Callahan reported that the Resolution would authorize BISD to register and participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program, which would produce cost and administrative savings and provide the best value to the district.

Glenn Peterson moved and Sophia Williams seconded to approve the resolution authorizing BISD to register and participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Consider Approval of Photocopier Bid

Superintendent Emanuel informed the Board that he would like to pull this item from the agenda this evening to allow staff to gather more information prior to awarding the bid. President Bullock asked if there were any objections from Board members, and there was not. The item was postponed and no action was taken.

D. Consider Approval of 3 Additional Teaching Positions at Bastrop High School

Karen Dooley asked the Board to approve three additional teaching positions at Bastrop High School that could be used if needed. She stated that the positions would be paid for with high school initiative funds.

James Allen moved and Sophia Williams seconded to approve 3 additional teaching positions at Bastrop High School if needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Consider Approval of an Additional Dyslexia Teaching Position for Bastrop ISD

Karen Dooley asked the Board to approve an additional dyslexia teaching position for the district for the 2006-07 school year. She explained that dyslexia testing takes place at the end of the school year and therefore data is evaluated after school has ended. Mrs. Dooley stated that the position would be locally funded with Comp Ed funds. If approved, a budget amendment would be brought to the Board for approval in the quarterly amendment in September.

Glenn Peterson moved and James Allen seconded to approve an additional dyslexia teaching position for Bastrop ISD.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Personnel Report

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

B. Financial Report

1. Proposed Use of Unexpended Bond Proceeds

CFO Sandra Callahan reviewed a letter that the district received from Bob Dransfield with Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. with information regarding the use of unexpended bond proceeds from the 2002 Bond. Mrs. Callahan reported that there was \$2.8 million remaining from Proposition 1 and \$635,000 from Proposition 2. She stated that unexpended bond proceeds from Proposition 1 could be spent for additional renovations, additions and improvements to the districts' elementary campuses, purchase of land for future school sites, or for debt service payments. Unexpended bond proceeds from Proposition 2 could be used for additional renovations, additions, and improvements to the districts' intermediate and middle school campuses or for debt service payments. In addition, the money could be used for technology.

Mrs. Callahan reported that based on the current budget, the district could use \$700,000 from fund balance and keep debt service at the same rate. She stated that the district must leave enough money in the fund balance to pay August bond

payments as tax revenue does not start coming in until October.

Mrs. Halladay inquired about land purchases from Proposition 1. Mrs. Callahan reported that several pieces of land were purchased with the bond proceeds, including land that was purchased for the two new elementary schools, the 100 acres at FM 812 and Hwy. 21 and land on Shiloh Road.

C. Operations Report

1. Update on BHS Renovations & Additions Program

Shane Harrell with Bartlett- Cocke reported that the BHS Renovations Program is progressing nicely. Mr. Harrell thanked the district, particularly the maintenance staff and high school staff that have worked with them and made their jobs easier.

Mr. Harrell reviewed the progress of the project. He reported that the anticipated completion date for parking lot A is August 7th. The cafetorium addition formwork is scheduled to be completed by August 10th, and the science building pad is scheduled to be completed July 25th. Mr. Harrell reported that all asbestos abatement work is complete. The anticipated turnover date to BHS staff for the administration wing is August 9th, and the 100 hall will be complete and ready to turnover to staff on August 10th.

Mr. Harrell informed the Board that there would be some bare concrete exposed floors in the high school for a while, but assured the Board that the floors would be clean. Jerry Acevedo from Pfluger Associates thanked the staff for a great team effort and added that communication is the key. President Bullock thanked Bartlett-Cocke and Pfluger Associates for all of the hard work.

2. Current Demographics and Possible Second High School Timeline

Mr. Gideon stated that the current high school and 9th grade campus will house up to 3,000 students when renovations are completed. He reminded the Board that this would also complete phase 1 of 2 phases for high school planning. According to the Deskmap study, phase 2 will accommodate our growing high school population through 2014. Mr. Gideon informed the Board that the demographic study is a conservative guess as to the districts' pending growth; however the potential for astonishing growth remains a possibility.

Mr. Gideon reviewed a possible second high school timeline using current demographic information. He noted that this

timeline only takes into account high school planning – even though the demographic study finds growth in all grade levels and will also most likely need analysis for planning. Mr. Gideon stated that the design phase for a new high school could take up to one year, and the bidding and construction phase could last up to three years. Based on current estimates, the district would need a second high school completed by fiscal year 2011-2012 in order to house freshman and sophomore classes. By the time the second high school graduates its first Senior Class in 2014, based on this projected timeline, the historical predictions will be 3,438. President Bullock asked when an election would need to be called for a May election. Donald Williams stated that if the district decided on a May bond election, the election would have to be called in January.

D. Update on Bastrop High School

Superintendent Emanuel thanked Merv Doherty for serving as Interim Principal at Bastrop High School. Mr. Doherty thanked Mr. Emanuel and the Board for the opportunity and stated that he met many wonderful, hard working people at BHS. Mr. Doherty stated that the perception of the high school can only be changed by the people that work there. He gave thanks to Paula Vinklerek and Dan Allen for their hard work on scheduling, and reported that they are at 81.2% and climbing. Mr. Doherty also thanked Director of Maintenance Thomas Dowdy. Mr. Doherty presented a brief update to the Board on Bastrop High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Bullock thanked Mr. Doherty for stepping in and helping out. James Allen agreed and added that the district is lucky to have him.

5. Information Items

A. District-Wide Calendar

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

B. Bastrop High School Athletic Handbook

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

C. Discuss Future Agenda Items.

President Bullock requested that an item be placed on the August agenda to discuss personnel policies in closed session.

6. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees on July 18, 2006 beginning at 9:07 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

A. Personnel Discussion (551.074)

2. Bastrop High School Principal

4. Chief Operations Officer

5. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

7. **Action Resulting from Closed Session**

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:47 p.m. on July 18, 2006.

2. **Bastrop High School Principal**

Rene Barrientos moved and James Allen seconded to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Michael Benedict for Bastrop High School Principal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Chief Operations Officer**

Karen Halladay moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Henry Gideon for Chief Operations Officer.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**

Rene Barrientos moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Karen Dooley for Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Trustees on July 18, 2006 beginning at 10:49 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

A. **Personnel Discussion (551.074)**

3. **Superintendent's Evaluation**

Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:07 p.m. on July 18, 2006.

3. **Superintendent's Evaluation**

There was no action taken this evening.

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President