

**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 **December 19, 2006**, 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:

Dorothy Landoll
Jerry Acevedo
Brad Pfluger
Linda Allen
Robbie Graham
Karen Riles
Wanda Baker
Cheryl Smith
Judge Benton Eskew
Shane Harrell
Patsy Trigg
Virginia Thurman
Bill Chess
Nelia Greene
Evelyn Weilert
Ellen Owens
Dale Burke
Ginni Smith
Dixie West
Cynthia Hicks
David Castor
Kathy Bankston
Jim Mills
Maria Tuttrup
Cheryl Harris
Jean Wilson
Becky Raemsch
Ashley Mutschink

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 Technology/CATE
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Robert Washington, Director of Athletics
Jennifer Womack, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
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
Sharon Chess, Language Arts Facilitator
Deborah Mayer, Emile Elementary Principal
Delores Moore, Emile Elementary Asst. Principal
Donna Orsag, Lost Pines Elementary Principal
Shawn Adams, Cedar Creek Intermediate Principal
Jinger Myers, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Richard Battle, Bluebonnet Elementary Principal
Beth Murray, Gateway School Principal
Bruce Nelson, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Linda Johnson, Mina Elementary Principal
Merv Doherty, Bastrop Intermediate Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Richard Welch
Rebecca Saucedo Saenz
Nat Bankston
Susan Wendel
Heather Wheeler
Jud Stahl
Lynsey Adkins
Randy Wilson
Mark Sheffield
Josh McLaughlin

Andrew Polk

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

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

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

D. Opening Prayer

Valerie Bullock offered the opening prayer.

E. Special Presentations

1. Recognition of 2007 Nominee for the Texas Exes Award for Outstanding High School Teachers

BHS Principal Mike Benedict introduced Patsy Trigg as a nominee for the 2007 Texas Exes Award for Outstanding High School Teachers.

2. Presentation of Plaques to Campuses for Receiving Gold Performance Acknowledgements

Superintendent Emanuel presented plaques to campuses for receiving Gold Performance Acknowledgements. President Bullock thanked principals and teachers for their hard work.

3. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming January 2007 as School Board Recognition Month

Judge Benton Eskew presented a Proclamation Proclaiming January 2007 as School Board Recognition Month.

F. Open Forum

1. Karen Riles

Karen Riles addressed the Board on Boot Camp concerns. Ms. Riles commended Superintendent Emanuel for addressing some of her concerns

2. Evelyn Weilert

Mrs. Weilert addressed the Board on Character Education and asked the Board to make Character Education a priority in the district.

3. Catherine Davila

Cedar Creek resident Catherine Davila addressed the Board on the high school site. Ms. Davila asked the Board to consider using the Highway 21 and FM 812 site for a new high school.

2. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Financial Report

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

B. Personnel Report

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

C. Operations Report

1. Update on BHS Renovations & Additions Program

Henry Gideon and Shane Harrell updated the Board on the BHS renovations and additions. Mr. Harrell reported that work would continue during the holidays.

Thomas Dowdy reported that he was working with Bastrop Power and Light on updating some of the transformer equipment the district owns at West Campus. Unfortunately, some of these transformers are showing signs of wear and they are of a size different than what the LCRA and/or Bastrop P&L keep in inventory. Mr. Dowdy stated that he would bring back costs to reconfigure and upgrade.

Mr. Gideon stated that he's been told that Union Pacific will increase their current freight schedule of 8 to 13 trains per day to 40 trains per day as a result of the City of Austin's efforts to eliminate freight traffic from Mopac. He added that this could include hazardous material.

2. Report from Long Range and Master Facility Planning Advisory Committee

Superintendent Emanuel introduced Long Range and Master Facility Planning Advisory Committee (LRMFPAC) members and thanked them for attending tonight's meeting. Mr. Emanuel reviewed Board Goal #5 and reported that this committee updated the districts' long range facilities plan during the month of November.

Henry Gideon reviewed demographic information for the district including the new parcel of land that the district is purchasing on Highway 71. He reported that he is working with Bastrop County on the possibility of a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 71 and Union Chapel Road.

Brad Pfluger of Pfluger Associates reported that the majority of the districts' facilities are in good shape and will be serviceable for years to come. Mr. Pfluger reviewed historical enrollment projections. He reported that the districts' elementary campuses have a little excess capacity at this time; however bond elections would be needed approximately every five years for new elementary schools. Mr. Pfluger reported that the district's strategic plan calls for the district to turn the 9th Grade Campus into a middle school.

Mr. Pfluger reviewed high school projections. He stated that the current high school and 9th Grade Campus have a 3,000 student capacity between both campuses, but the plan calls for the high

school to be a self-contained campus. Mr. Pfluger reported that there is no prototype for a high school, and it would take approximately one year to design a new high school. He added that the district would need a bond program in 2007-08 for a new high school.

LRMPFAC Chair Ashley Mutschink commended the administration and the School Board for continuing to push for a second high school. He explained that the renovations that are currently taking place at the high school is phase one of a two phase process. A new high school is the second phase of the process. Mr. Mutschink reported that the committee members agreed that a bond issue for a second high would not pass unless the school was located on Highway 71. He added that the members strongly agreed that voters would reject a high school planned on the Highway 21 and FM 812 site.

Mr. Mutschink presented the LRMPFAC recommendation which includes a new 1,500 student high school with core facilities for 2,300 students, a centralized athletic facility, and a centralized auditorium. In addition, the committee recommended a site purchase allowance for purchasing a site for the athletic facility, and district-wide technology improvements. Mr. Mutschink reported that the total project cost would be \$102,315,506, and the committee recommended one proposition with all of the items included. Mr. Mutschink reported that the consensus of the committee was to locate the centralized auditorium at the current high school site. He stated that committee members are very excited about the possible bond program and are hearing a lot of positive comments in the community.

Josh McLaughlin with RBC Capital Markets reviewed the financial impact of the committee's recommendation. He stated that it is an excellent time to consider a bond program with interest rates so low. Mr. McLaughlin reported that during the 2005 Bond Program, district taxpayers were informed that the districts' interest and sinking fund could increase up to 8.2 cents; however the districts' current financing plan resulted in a tax rate increase of 5.2 cents which is 3.0 cents lower than the projection. Mr. McLaughlin explained the 50 cent bond test. He stated that the district must prove to the Attorney General that it can service the debt for a maximum of 50 cents. In addition, the Attorney General is of the opinion that any bonds to be issued from a certain voter authorization must be completed within 10 years from the date of the bond election.

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed potential state funding assistance available. He reported that only instructional facilities qualify for assistance, therefore the athletic facility would not qualify. Mr. McLaughlin reviewed projected tax rates for a bond program with and without additional state funding assistance. He reported that through tax compression implemented with House Bill 1 the Maintenance &

Operations tax rate will drop to \$1.04 for 2007-08. Mr. McLaughlin informed the Board that if they are planning a May bond election, the election would need to be called on or prior to March 1, 2007.

President Bullock thanked committee members and asked Mr. Emanuel to bring this item back in January for further discussion.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of November 21 and November 30, 2006

B. Consider Approval of Bids

- 1. Wireless Equipment and Installation**
- 2. Portable Building Relocation Renewal**
- 3. Music Instruments & Equipment**
- 4. Maintenance, Repairs, and Operations Bids**

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

D. Consider Approval of Revisions to TASB Policy DBB (LOCAL)

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 November 21 and November 30, 2006; the wireless equipment and installation bid to Rx Technology in the amount of \$63,128.00; the renewal of the contract for portable building relocation services with Larry Jollisant, Inc. through December 2007; the music instruments and equipment bids as presented; the maintenance, repair, and operations bids as presented; the revisions to TASB Policy CDA (LOCAL); and the revisions to TASB Policy DBB (LOCAL).

4. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of District Improvement Plan

Mr. Emanuel asked Board members to note one slight change in the District Improvement Plan on page 8 of the plan. He stated that number one under Needs Assessment should read "Percent of staff who increase their rating over the previous year" instead of exceeds expectations.

Bill Vear moved and James Allen seconded to approve the 2006-2007 Bastrop ISD District Improvement Plan with Mr. Emanuel's revision on page 8 of the plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

Sandra Callahan reported that the budget amendment encompasses the SHARS amendment, updated revenues based on Version 10 of the state aid template and an increase in property tax revenue based on updated property values. She added that amendments to expenditures based on the first quarter salary and benefit projections are also included.

James Allen moved and Rene Barrientos seconded to approve the general fund budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Consider Approval of Two Additional Teaching Positions

Karen Dooley explained that the district is requesting the addition of two teaching positions – one that would be funded by the High School Allotment and will provide TAKS remedial services to students during the second semester and the other a special education teaching position that would be paid for out of federal funds.

Glenn Peterson moved and Bill Vear seconded to approve two additional teaching positions.

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. Election Administrator Contract

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

D. Buy Board Contract Revisions

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

E. Campus Improvement Plans

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

F. Family Access

CFO Sandra Callahan and PEIMS Coordinator Monica Kadura presented information to the Board on Skyward Family Access. The Family Access will be available in January.

G. Resolution to Authorize Tax Resale

Information was provided to the Board. Ellen Owens from McCreary, Veselka recommended that the Board accept 21 of the bids for Tahitian Village lots.

Bill Vear moved and Rene Barrientos to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Tax Resale.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Possible BHS Parking Upgrades

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

I. Affidavit as to Lease and Agreement related to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County and BISD

Information was provided to the Board. Henry Gideon reported that the affidavit would clean up a slight housekeeping item on the conveyance of land to Bastrop County for the park.

Bill Vear moved and Karen Halladay seconded to approve the Affidavit as to Lease and Agreement related to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Bastrop County and the Bastrop ISD.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Discuss Future Agenda Items

Bill Vear announced that he would not be running for re-election in May. He added that it has been a privilege to serve the district and he feels that the school district is in fine hands and is definitely heading in the right direction. Mr. Vear stated that he was proud to work with the Superintendent and commended the Board President on a fine job.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President