

May 15, 2007

AT THE BOARD TABLE

**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 **May 15, 2007**, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Cedar Creek Intermediate School, 151 Voss Parkway, Cedar Creek, 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:

Julie Gutierrez
Jo Lynn Howard
Alma Lopez
Javier Lopez
Matthew Lopez
Angie Kana
Macy Kana
Jake Kana
Daniel Beck
Janna Oliver
Debbie Rogers
Brian Hohle
Cristine Pogue
Megan Emmmons
Fil Valderrama & Family
M. Sheila Muehr
Janet Namken
Heather Wheeler
Alejandro Rodriguez
Marissa Rimer
Dillon Becker
Patricia Washington
Kimberly Smith
Marc Berron
Marie Green

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Lee Treadway
Linda Trigg
Nelia Greene
Tamara Frerich
Jerome Wenske
Patricia Allen
Leonel Hernandez
Arlette Peterson Taylor
Mark Trussel
Brenda Penshorn
Staci Gideon
Bella Kouba
Makayla Goertz
Randi Dodd
Connie Magnum
Ben Gutierrez
Miriam Smith
Roderick Emanuel, Jr.
Letitia Grohman
Teresa Kennedy
Ursula Parker
Anastasia McCullough
Celena Hendrix & Family
Chris Eddings
Heather Brunson
Barbara Clemons
Tom & Linda Wilkins
DeAnna Peterson
Mariliesa Lawhon
Josh Inich
Brandon Denny
Debra Reynolds
Maria Reyes
Josh Almendarez
Sheri George
Kay Wade
Cheryl Green
Mary Wier
Jackie Klatt
Veronica James
Blanche Underwood
Jordan Underwood
Nina Ostrander
David Ostrander
Dae Joon Kim
David Kahan
Linda Waxman
Vivian Mendel
Sammy McWhorter
Cindy Geisman
Judy Sien
Pat Whitehead
Cass & Ruby Callahan

Cheryl Nelson
Eric Tarver
Priscilla Ramseyer
Jennifer Wenske
Cindy Cox
Juana Villalobos
Jordan Ludzenski
Deborah Fahrenthold
Christine Hansen
Stephanie Wood
Rose Gilson
Haley Goertz
Fred Markham
Susan Strode
Tahmina Hogue
Lisa Hohle
Emily Riefel
Charlene Emanuel
Carmene Harman
Mary Voelker
Cesar Udave
Lori Brisco
Deamma Bpdome
Dan, Linda, Ed & Jared Smith
Robert Kennedy
Marilyn Reinemund
Margie Beck
Jennifer Martinez
Nicole Willoughby
Michon Maynard
Roy & Tammy Williams
Victor Shaw
Robert Frerich
Ricardo Rubalcava
Lora Wilhelm
Rebecca Saucedo Saenz
Gregory Carquilo
Shawanda Stewart
Barbara Copeland
Alisha Fiorentini
Chris Underwood
Ben Underwood
Brenda Baker
Feng Johanning
Beverly Finn
Leslie Mellenbruch
Cheryl Beck
Haley Mendel
Cindy Goertz
Robbie Harris
Robby Cairns
Lisa McRae
Cristie Plummer

Donovan Scandariato
Laura Talbot
Bart Riefel
Katie Coy
Matthew Berron
Ella Williams
Esther Washington
Jerry Acevedo
Robin Lucio
Irvin Shen

Wyatt Talbot
Rebecca Bennett
Blas Coy
Frank Berron
Angela Dailey
Kenneth Lemuel
Brad Pfluger
Lori Tuggle
Sharon Duggan

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

Roderick Emanuel offered the opening prayer.

E. Special Presentations and Recognitions

1. Recognition of Bastrop Education Foundation and Texas Pioneer Foundation Grant Awards

Betty Richardson introduced BEF Executive Vice-President Sara Clayton and Fred Markham, President of the Texas Pioneer Foundation. Mrs. Richardson announced that with the assistance of Tom Scott, Bastrop ISD was awarded two P-16 grants. Mr. Markham presented a check to Bastrop ISD from the Texas Pioneer Foundation for \$93,300.00 for the first year of a five year grant. On behalf of the Bastrop Education Foundation, Sara Clayton presented BISSD with a check for \$50,000.30 for innovative teacher grants and the P-16 Partnership for Post Secondary Readiness, Participation and Success for All Students Grant. Mrs. Clayton read a letter from BEF President Tom Scott congratulating BISSD faculty and administration on the grants. In addition, Mayor Scott and Mrs. Clayton thanked Allison Murray for her assistance and hard work.

2. Recognition of Best Buy Technology Award

Bluebonnet Elementary Principal Richard Battle congratulated Heather Wheeler for receiving the Best Buy Technology Award.

3. Recognition of Bluebonnet Elementary Teacher that has been Accepted as a Fulbright Recipient to Japan

Bluebonnet Elementary Principal Richard Battle recognized Ms. Heather Wheeler for being accepted as a Fulbright Recipient to Japan.

4. Recognition of Students
 - a. Bluebonnet Elementary
 - b. **Cedar Creek Elementary**
 - c. **Emile Elementary**
 - d. **Lost Pines Elementary**
 - e. **Mina Elementary**
 - f. **Red Rock Elementary**

- g. **Bastrop Intermediate School**
- h. **Cedar Creek Intermediate School**
- i. **Bastrop Middle School**
- j. **Cedar Creek Middle School**
- k. **Bastrop High School**

Students from BISD schools were recognized for their outstanding achievements this year.

The Board took a 5 minute break at 7:45 p.m. President Bullock stated that 10 people signed up to speak in open forum, and only 30 minutes are allotted for this portion of the meeting, so she allowed each speaker 2 minutes. President Bullock reminded that the Board would be unable to address any concerns that were not listed on the agenda.

F. **Open Forum**

The following citizens addressed the Board on the graduation policy that currently does not allow BISD students to participate in commencement exercises unless they have completed all of their coursework and passed all of the exit-level testing. All of the citizens asked the Board to consider revising the policy to allow the students that did not pass the TAKS tests to participate in the commencement ceremony.

- 1. **Eric Tarver**
- 2. **Heather Brunson**
- 3. **Craig Maynard**
- 4. **Richard Kindred**
- 5. **Christine Hansen**
- 6. **Matthew Kennedy**
- 7. **Anastasia McCullough**
- 8. **Victor Shaw**
- 9. **Kimberly Smith**
- 10. **Tamara Frerich**

2. **Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion**

A. **Personnel Report**

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

1. **Report on BISD Job Fair**

Karen Dooley reported that 141 applicants participated at the BISD Job Fair and 5 bilingual teachers were hired.

B. **Financial Report**

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

1. **Preliminary Budget Information**

Sandra Callahan reviewed preliminary property values and presented two proposed budget scenarios. She reported that the preliminary budget includes 19.5 additional positions. Mrs. Callahan reported that BISD would sell a portion of the bonds in July. She also reported that the district's tax rate would be set in September.

Bill Vear asked if the Board could have a budget workshop meeting next week. Mrs. Callahan responded that it would not be a problem to meet again next week.

C. **Operations Report**

1. **Update on BHS Renovations & Additions Program**

Shane Harrell from Bartlett Cocke presented an update on the BHS renovations and additions program. He reported that the renovations should be completed by the time school begins in August.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2007

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Gym Floor Refinishing

2. Uniform Services Renewal

C. Consider Approval of Extension of Depository Contract

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 April 17, 2007; the contract for gym floor refinishing and screening to Quality Hardwood Floors, Inc.; the renewal contract for uniform services with G & K Services; extension of the depository contract with First National Bank from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

4. Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Resolution to Authorize Tax Resale

Ellen Owens from McCreary, Veselka recommended that the Board approve the bids on 99 BISD properties.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Consider Approval of Medicaid Administrative Claim (MAC) Program Operating Plan

Glenn Peterson moved and James Allen seconded to approve the MAC Program Operating Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Consider Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment

Sandra Callahan reported that there was no fiscal impact with this budget amendment and added that a final budget amendment would be presented to the Board in June.

Karen Halladay moved and Rene Barrientos seconded to approve the amendments to the 2006-07 general fund budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Consider Approval of Proposal for Wireless Access Points & Wiring Projects

Lori Gracey reported that this is the last proposal this year for updating the infrastructure. She explained that the low bidder did not include the equipment; therefore, she is recommending the Board award the contract to the second lowest bidder, RX Technology. Mrs. Gracey stated that this item is already included in next year's proposed budget.

Rene Barrientos moved and Glenn Peterson moved that the contract for wireless access points and wiring be awarded to RX Technology in the amount of \$104,892.00 and that Lori Gracey be authorized to negotiate the contract that will provide the best value for Bastrop ISD.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Vear stated for the record that the Board did not include technology in the bond election in the event that the proposition didn't pass, adding that it would be too risky. Mr. Vear asked the Board to please continue to make technology a priority for the district.

5. Information Items

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. Information on Parking Upgrades at Bastrop High School

Information was provided to the Board. Henry Gideon reported that the district would have some money left in various contingencies from the BHS renovations and additions bond program and would like to add some upgrades to the parking at Bastrop High School to assist with safety and pedestrian flow.

Karen Halladay moved and Rene Barrientos seconded to approve a change order to Bartlett-Cocke's contract to include additional parking upgrades at Bastrop High School.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Discuss Future Agenda Items

President Bullock stated that the Board would canvass the election on Friday, May 18, 2007, at 8:15 a.m. She stated that she would like for the Board to have a budget workshop meeting the first week in June and welcome the new Board member. President Bullock asked Board members in check their calendars and let the Superintendent know if they are available.

Mr. Peterson stated that in light of tonight's open forum, he would like to request the Board meet prior to graduation and discuss the graduation policy. Karen Halladay agreed.

Mr. Allen stated that according to the BISD Team Operating Procedures, the election results should be certified, the reorganization of the Board should take place, and a budget workshop should be held in May, so he would like to take care of this business in May. Mr. Barrientos and Mrs. Williams agreed with Mr. Allen that the Board should stick to the calendar and take care of these items in May.

Mr. Allen asked Board members to refer to TASB Policy BE (LEGAL). Mr. Barrientos requested that the Board meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007 to discuss the graduation policy, swear in the new Board member, reorganize the Board, and have a budget workshop. President Bullock stated that the agenda would be sent out and would be posted for a May 21, 2007 meeting as requested.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

