

May 21, 2007

AT THE BOARD TABLE

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees**

Bastrop Independent School District

A workshop meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bastrop Independent School District was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, **May 21, 2007**, at the BISD Service Center, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie Bullock, President
Rene Barrientos, Secretary
Sophia Williams
James Allen
Glenn Peterson
Karen Halladay
Jim Mills, Board Member Elect

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Vear, Vice-President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michon Maynard
Tamara Frerich
Mamie Leonard
La'Tresha Carter
Wanda Adare
Margie Beck
Sherry Beck
Kelley Lamson
Rev. Charles Williams
Colleen Meuth
Yolanda Kindred
Tommy Beck
Brandon Warren
Susan Beck
Amy Hilbig
Teresa Kennedy
Ranae Mills
Gayle Wilhelm
Larry Vinklarek
Samantha Vinklarek
Kalli Meuth
Jessica Tucker
Bill Bullock
Heather Brunson
Bonnie Shimek
Marisela Guerra

ALSO PRESENT:

Roderick Emanuel, Superintendent
Betty Richardson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Henry Gideon, Chief Operations Officer
Karen Dooley, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources
Donald Williams, Ex. Director of Community Services
Lori Gracey, Director of Instruction & Technology
Jennifer Womack, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Sherri Gilmore, Director of Special Education Co-op
Thomas Dowdy, Director of Maintenance
Jim Hallamek, Cedar Creek Middle School Principal
Terrell King, Bastrop High School Asst. Principal
Nancy Barrientos, Secretary to Superintendent
Paul Vinklarek
Lacy Maynard
La'Tesha Carter
Linda Waxman
Kayla Frerich
Molly Tomlin
Belinda Williams
Patricia Allen
Barbara Kessel
Cheryl Beck
Bryan Doyle
Lee Treadway
Stephen Beck
Sarah Vinklarek
Matthew Kennedy
Courtney Lamson
Jerry Wilhelm
Cindy Cox
Jerry Dean Shimek
Karen Tucker
Dustin Downing
Robert Kennedy
May Gordon-Belcher
Etta Madison
Ranelda Craney

Grege Maynard
Dorine Barlowe
Ashley Goertz
Derek Beck
Terrell Taylor
Saina Crumley
Christin Coy
Jake Green
Frank Rainosek
Mallory Hughes
Janet Staton
Charnece Sanders
Randy Wilson
Theresa Veal
Dorothy Peterson
Shirley Black White
Ellee Johnson
Kyle Arrington
Sonia French
Esther Washington
Daniel Beck
Tammy Hilbig
Richard Kindred
A.L. Figueroa
Lyndsie Buerger
Victor Shaw
Douglas Peterson

Heather Kennedy
Ismael Gonzalez
Gail Klaus
Coletta Taylor
Celine Taylor
Joshua Coy
Kristal Coy
Ashley Mutschink
David Brunson
Tresha Silva
Cheryl Henderson
Sherman Green
Amvi Henderson
Cheryl Henderson
Sonji Greene Lewis
Quency Lewis
Brittany Jones
Lillie Barnett
Darnell Washington
Christine Hansen
Ron Hollenbeck
Mike Cox
Stella Figueroa
Audrey Goertz
Justin Fillman
James Moore
Rebecca Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Valerie Bullock at 7:00 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. Administration of Oath of Office to New Board Members

Judge Benton Eskew administered the Oath of Office for newly elected board members to Glenn Peterson, Place 5; Sophia Williams, Place 6; and Jim Mills, Place 7.

Superintendent Emanuel presented the new board members with a certificate and congratulated them on being elected to serve on the BISD Board of Trustees.

3. Reorganization of Board – Election of Officers

President Bullock thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve as President for the 2006-07 school year.

President Bullock stated that James Allen desired to serve as Board President and she declared Mr. Allen President of the BISD Board of Trustees.

President Allen called for nominations for the office of Board Vice-President. Sophia Williams nominated Rene Barrientos for Board Vice-President. Jim Mills seconded the nomination. President Allen called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, President Allen called for a vote. Rene Barrientos was elected Board Vice-President. Valerie Bullock abstained.

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President Allen called for nominations for the office of Board Secretary. Rene Barrientos nominated Glenn Peterson for Board Secretary. Mr. Peterson declined the nomination and nominated Karen Halladay for Board Secretary. President Allen rescinded the motion by Mr. Barrientos. Valerie Bullock seconded the nomination of Karen Halladay for Secretary. President Allen called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, President Allen called for a vote. Karen Halladay was elected Board Secretary.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider Revisions to Policy FMH (LOCAL)

Superintendent Emanuel reviewed 3 options to policy FMH (LOCAL). Glenn Peterson moved for the Board to revise TASB Policy FMH (LOCAL) to read “Students who have satisfactorily completed all coursework requirements for graduation but have failed to meet applicable exit-level testing requirements shall be allowed to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies.” Sophia Williams seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of revising the existing policy. Mrs. Bullock commented that there was no public outcry or outpouring from the community last year. She continued by stating that real life is hard and there will be standards no matter what area students choose to go in after high school. Mr. Peterson stated that he would like to err on the side of compassion and allow the students to walk across the stage with their classmates. Mr. Barrientos stated that the Board would do everything they could to help these students, and reminded the students and their parents that the journey is not over once the students walk the stage. President Allen stated that no matter how the vote falls, the responsibility is back on the student and their parents. He added that if the revisions to the policy are approved, it will be a huge responsibility to prove to the Board that they have made the right decision. President Allen went on to say that he would like a report on these 33 students. President Allen called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Bullock asked the students to please come back and take the TAKS until they pass and get their diplomas. President Allen asked students and parents to please take the comments of this board very seriously and come back and take these tests. He stated that he would ask the Superintendent for a report on these students at the end of the summer.

President Allen called for a 5 minute break at 7:30 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

5. 2007-08 Budget Work Session

Sandra Callahan reviewed the proposed 2007-08 budget and stated that there were not many changes since the last meeting. She reminded the Board that the budget would be adopted at the June 19, 2007 meeting. Mrs. Callahan reported that the district is still waiting for information from the Bastrop Central Appraisal District; however they are having technical difficulties.

Mrs. Callahan reported that the \$800 pass through pay increase for teachers is still unknown. She added that the district is continuing to review the Durham Transportation contract. Mrs. Callahan reviewed the debt service, food service and technology allotment budgets.

Karen Halladay inquired about the assistant principal positions at the middle schools. Mr. Emanuel explained that administrators must attend many meetings such as ARD meetings, 504 meetings, and parent meetings, deal with discipline issues and cover evening activities. With only two administrators on middle school campuses, it makes it difficult for the principal to be the instructional leader and spend a majority of their time in classrooms and working with teachers on curriculum and instruction issues. Mr. Emanuel added that middle schools typically have three administrators; however a decision was made to cut it down to two when times were lean.

6. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees on May 21, 2007, beginning 7:55 p.m. convened into closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

A. Consultation with Attorney (551.071)

Trustees will adjourn into Closed Session, as permitted under Texas Government Code section 551.071, to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or threatened litigation concerning the District's relationship with Bob Taylor and Hill Country Associates, Inc. d/b/a Ranger-Cirrus Security Systems. Consultation with counsel may take place by telephone pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.129.

7. Action Resulting from Closed Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened from closed session at 8:19 p.m.

Karen Halladay moved and Glenn Peterson seconded to provide the district's attorney with the ability to move forward with the suggested course of action as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

