

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 Tuesday, November 19, 2019, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Cedar Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ashley Mutschink, President
Dr. Matthew Mix, Vice-President
Billy Moore, Secretary
Kellye Seekatz
Molly McClure
Chris M. Dillon
James Allen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer Brown
Quincie Brown
Darren Rainwater
Cary Champagne
Judy Martin
Clay Ingram
Laurie Ingram
Shelby Morgan
Averi Allen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Edwards, Superintendent
Dr. Adelaida Olivarez, Associate Superintendent of Academics
Sandra Callahan, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Kristi Lee, Executive Director of Communications/Community Relations
Penne' Liefer, Executive Director of Administrative Services & Human Resources
Scot Bunch, Chief of Police
Dr. Marisol Rocha, Director of Federal Programs
Jackie Waneck, Director of Special Education Services
Chico Portillo, Director of Fine Arts
Heather Christie, Director of Accountability & Curriculum
Andy Sexton, Athletic Director
Patricia Flores, Director of Bilingual / ESL
Laura Baker, Director of Student Services
Kelly Hubley, Red Rock Elementary Principal
Dr. Dolores Godinez, Cedar Creek Elementary Principal
Anahi Perez, Cedar Creek Elementary Assistant Principal
Bridgette Cornelius, Cedar Creek High School Principal
Savannah Box, Child Nutrition Director (SFE)
Nancy Barrientos, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Tracy Lovelace
Taylor Goertz
Kimberly Penson

1. Opening, Pledges, Prayer, Recognitions & Open Forum

A. Meeting Called to Order

President Mutschink called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Kimberly Penson with River Valley Christian Fellowship Church offered the opening prayer.

E. Student Speaker on Character Education Trait for November - Compassion

Jade Rainwater, a 4th grader at Cedar Creek Elementary, spoke about Compassion. Jade loves singing, drawing, writing songs and helping others. She is an avid dancer and is in ballet and jazz. Jade also loves gymnastics, soccer, cheer and swimming. When she grows up, Jade would like to be a doctor, a ballet instructor and a first grade math teacher. Jade's parents are Melody and Darren Rainwater.

F. Introduction of Representatives from BHS and CCHS Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Superintendent Edwards introduced representatives from the BHS/CRCA and CCHS Superintendent's Student Advisory Council – Shelby Morgan and Taylor Goertz, seniors at Cedar Creek High School, and Averi Allen, a senior at Bastrop High School. The students talked about their plans after graduating from high school.

G. District Spotlight

Penne' Liefer, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented the District Spotlight on the BISD Human Resources Department. Ms. Liefer talked about recruiting, job fairs, student teachers, substitutes, district mentoring program for new teachers, and campus visits to meet with new teachers. In addition, Ms. Liefer talked about salary increases and life and health insurance benefits. She reported that Bastrop ISD will host a Job Fair on April 25th.

H. Special Recognitions**1. Cedar Creek High School Hero Students: Riley Love, Daniel Valles, Hanna Dudley and Danyelle Adamez**

Cedar Creek High School Principal Bridgette Cornelius introduced Cedar Creek High School heroes Riley Love, Daniel Valles, Hanna Dudley and Danyelle Adamez. She reported that the students were the first on the scene of a serious car accident and called 911, administered first aid to the driver and stayed with him until emergency personnel arrived. Mrs. Cornelius stated that she was extremely proud of the students.

2. Bastrop High School Marching Band

Chico Portillo, Director of Fine Arts introduced Kenneth Gilbreath and the Bastrop High School Marching Band and congratulated them on a great year.

3. Cedar Creek High School Marching Band

Chico Portillo introduced Dalton Davis and the Cedar Creek High School Marching Band and congratulated them on a great year.

4. Bastrop High School Yearbook

Dr. Kristi Lee introduced the Bastrop High School Yearbook team and congratulated them for winning 2nd place for National Yearbook Week.

5. Cedar Creek High Schools Girls Cross Country Team

BISD Athletic Director Andy Sexton introduced Coach Kramer and the Cedar Creek High School Girls Cross Country coach and team and congratulated them on a great season.

6. Bastrop High School Volleyball

Andy Sexton introduced the Bastrop High School Volleyball coach Morgan Rollins and her team and congratulated them on a great season. Coach Rollins reported that every player on the team made the Academic All-District Team.

7. Bastrop High School Tennis Team

Andy Sexton introduced Coach Artis and the Bastrop High School Tennis team and congratulated them on a great season.

I. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum this evening.

2. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating

Chief Financial Officer Sandra Callahan opened the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 School Financial Integrity Rating System at 5:56 p.m. Mrs. Callahan reported that BISD earned a Superior School FIRST Rating for the 2017-18 fiscal year. She reported that this is the 17th year of FIRST reporting and she reviewed the 15 indicators used for scoring. Mrs. Callahan reported that BISD earned a score of 90. She added that beginning with the 2020-21 FIRST Rating based on the 2019-20 fiscal year AFR there will be 20 indicators.

Mrs. Callahan asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

3. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on Partnership with Early Learning Centers

Director of Bilingual and ESL Services Patricia Flores opened the Public Hearing on the Partnership with Early Learning Centers at 6:05 p.m. Ms. Flores reported that the public hearing is a public call to any interested partners in the community to reach out to her about the possible collaboration for prekindergarten education. She added that once the proposal period has expired, potential candidates will be presented to the board for approval.

Ms. Flores reported that HB 3 requires LEA's to provide a full-day prekindergarten program to eligible four-year olds and requires LEA's to comply with former high-quality prekindergarten grant components for all four-year old prekindergarten programs. Ms. Flores stated that the commissioner shall exempt a district if the implementation of a full-day program would require the district to construct classroom facilities or result in fewer eligible children enrolled in

prekindergarten, but only if the district has considered a community-based prekindergarten partnership first. Ms. Flores reported that only programs that meet the prekindergarten high-quality components must be considered. Ms. Flores reviewed exemptions and reviewed the information that would be included on the waiver for the LEA to provide to TEA.

Ms. Flores reviewed the district's Plan of Action: released a public notice in the Bastrop Advertiser on November 9, 2019; and have a partnership with Cen-Tex Family Services at the following campuses for 2019-2020 – Mina Elementary, Bluebonnet Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, and Emile Elementary.

Ms. Flores asked for comments or questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

4. Superintendent's Report and Board Discussion

A. Curriculum Report

There was no Curriculum Report this month.

B. Financial Report

1. Report from Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP 2018-2019 Audit

President Mutschink introduced Mr. Belt with Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLLP.

Mr. Belt presented results from the 2018-2019 audit and reported an unmodified opinion with no findings.

2. Annual Investment Policy Review and Approval of Resolution

Mrs. Callahan reviewed the district's investment policy and recommended no changes to the policy.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Billy Moore seconded that no changes be made to the current investment policy and approve the Resolution Regarding Annual Investment Policy Review as presented. President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Consider Approval of Annual Audit Report for Bastrop ISD

Chris Dillon moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the 2018-2019 audit as presented. President Mutschink asked for comments or questions.

There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Personnel Report

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

D. Operations Report

There was no Operations Report this month.

E. Police Department Report

There was no Police Department Report this month.

F. Communications / Community Relations Report

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

5. Consent Agenda

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of October 15 and November 1, 2019

B. Consider Approval of Bids

1. Technology Supplies & Services #2018-04 Renewal

2. Apparel and Equipment for Extra-Curricular Activities #2019-05

C. Consider Approval of District Investment Report

D. Consider Approval of IMA Expense Report

E. Consider Approval of T-TESS Appraisers

President Mutschink asked if any board member wanted to pull any consent agenda items for discussion. There being no requests, President Mutschink called for a motion. Molly McClure moved and Matthew Mix seconded to approve the minutes of October 15 and November 1, 2019; all submitted proposals for Technology Supplies and Services #2018-04; all firms submitting proposals for Apparel and Equipment for Extra-Curricular Activities 2019-05; the District Investment Report for October 2019; the IMA Expense Report for October 2019; and the T-TESS Appraisers as presented.

6. Action Items

A. Consider Resolution Voting on Candidates for the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Mrs. Callahan explained that Bastrop ISD has 2,122 votes out of a total of 5,000 to cast for the candidate(s) of its choice. She added that there are five candidates and five seats to fill.

Billy Moore moved and James Allen seconded to approve the Resolution Voting on Candidates for the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors and divide the district's votes as follows: Roderick Emanuel – 425 votes; David Glass – 424 votes; Bill Hector – 424 votes; David Redd – 425 votes; and Dennis Snyder – 424 votes. President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Bastrop ISD and The Common Thread

Dr. Lee asked the board to consider approving a MOU between BISD and Common Thread. She explained that Common Thread provides case management services to victims of human trafficking. She added that the MOU would allow district staff to share information with Common Thread and they will be in Bastrop within 90 minutes to provide emergency services.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Kellye Seekatz seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Bastrop ISD and Common Thread as presented. President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Consider Authorizing TASB Policy Service Consultant Tammy Jordan to begin Work on the New TASB Policy Manual following the Policy Review Session

Ms. Liefer reported that TASB Policy Service Consultant Tammy Jordan was in the district on October 1st and 2nd and conducted a Policy Review Session. She added that Board approval is needed for Ms. Jordan to begin work on the new TASB Policy Manual.

Ashley Mutschink moved and Billy Moore seconded to authorize TASB Policy Service Consultant Tammy Jordan to begin work on the new TASB Policy Manual following the Policy Review Session. President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Consider Employee's Resignation without Good Cause and Proposed Complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification for Abandonment of Contract

Ms. Liefer reported that Lindsey Collins, a teacher at Bastrop Intermediate School abandoned her contract, and asked the board to authorize the Superintendent to file a complaint with the State Board for Educator Certification to seek sanctions.

Kellye Seekatz moved and Molly McClure seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and that:

1. The Board makes a finding that good cause did not exist under Texas Education Code section 21.210 for Lindsey Collin's resignation of her term contract for the 2019-2020 school year;
2. The Administration and Board did not consent to her resignation;
3. Lindsey Collins has failed to perform her contract; and

4. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to file a complaint with the State Board for Educator Certification to seek sanctions for her abandonment of her contract

President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Coop

Mrs. Callahan asked the Board to consider approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Tarrant County Cooperative. She reported that Tarrant County Purchasing provides interlocal agreements that allow other government jurisdictions and districts to obtain goods at competitive prices. Mrs. Callahan added that there is no membership fee for members of the Tarrant County Cooperative.

Matthew Mix moved and Chris Dillon seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Cooperative as presented. President Mutschink asked for comments or questions. There being none, President Mutschink called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Information Items

A. Board of Trustees Calendar

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

B. Enrollment

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

C. Bastrop Central Appraisal District 2020 Proposed Amended Budget

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

D. TASB Policy Update 114

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

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President