

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bloomington Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bloomington Independent School District was held Monday, September 16, 2013, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

Board Members present were: Joe Canales, John Mendez, Gil Gonzales, Dewayne Janis, John Ellsworth and Bacilio Cantu. Raymond Martinez was absent.

Others present were: Delores Warnell, Misty Brasfield, James Pieper, Harry Pfeffer, Joel Benjegerdes, Melinda Perez, Maribel Gonzales, Layne Elkins and Jesse Garcia

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Joe Canales, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Bacilio Cantu led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was taken.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes for August 19, 2013 Regular Meeting

B. Approve Minutes of August 26, 2013 Special Meeting

C. Approve Minutes of August 26, 2013 Public Meeting

D. Finance

1. Accounts Payable

2. Investment Report

3. TexStar Cash Report

E. Departmental and Campus Report of Previous Month and Upcoming Activities -Athletics, Business Manager, Cafeteria, Maintenance, School Health, Technology, Campus Principals and Superintendent.

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented with the following correction to the August 19, 2013 minutes. "Joe Canales explained that Mr. Rodriguez wished to purchase 3 or 4 lots on the west side of the Quanzat hut.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by John Mendez to approve

the consent agenda with the noted correction.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Recognize Student of the Month

Jason Villareal was recognized as Student of the Month from BHS for the Month of September.

5. Stadium Improvements and TSSI Gym

Joel Benjegerdes presented information about the FEMA Safe Room. He described the process for spraying the under coating on the dome roof and installing the rebar. He stated that for the next 2 months, they would be working on the dome roof, so most of the action would be inside the building. He left pictures of the dome exterior.

Layne Elkins presented an update on the track information. He discussed the temporary fencing and plans for installing the fence along with the time line. The board had questions about wiring the 25 second clock and mosquito control was discussed. Mr. Pfeffer stated that we would call the county to spray before the football game. Layne discussed the ambulance services' late arrival at the previous home game.

6. Consider Nomination of Election of Appraisal District Directors

The board reviewed the letter from the Victoria Central Appraisal District and voted to nominate the following candidates for the Appraisal District Board of Directors: Lou Svetlik, Kevin Janak, Ross Mansaker, Bill Russell and Danny Garcia.

A motion was made by Dewayne Janis and a second by John Mendez to approve the nominations for the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider Approval of Out of State Travel

The board read and reviewed the letter submitted by Cheryl McChesney-Hertz to attend the international dyslexia conference in New Orleans. In addition to paying her mileage and hotel expenses, the board approved paying her air fare to attend the conference. Her attendance at the conference will benefit the students and the district so the decision was made to support her 100% to attend the conference.

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second was made by Bacilio Cantu to approve and pay for Cheryl Hertz' to attend the Dyslexia Conference.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider Approval of Additional Paraprofessional Position for Special Education

The board reviewed the letter explaining the rationale for creating a paraprofessional position at BMS. The position will be for Special Education and will be funded from the 2013-2014 budget. Misty Brasfield stated that since the position is special education, we will receive reimbursement from the state to fund the position.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Bacilio Cantu to create a paraprofessional position at BMS for special education.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider Approval of Leasing School District Property in Placedo

The board discussed leasing school district property in Placedo. They discussed the current use of the property and the potential future use with Harry Pfeffer. Mr. Pfeffer stated that the property is used when auctions are scheduled to pallet surplus property, and may be used for additional parking or district expansion in the future. Mr. Pfeffer suggested that the district hold on to the property and Ms. Warnell agreed that it was not in the best interest of the district to lease the property.

A motion was made by Bacilio Cantu and a second by Joe Canales to lease the school district property in Placedo.

The motion failed 2-4 (Mendez, Gonzales, Ellsworth Janis against)

10. Discuss Early Release Days in Oct. and Nov.

The board reviewed the memo explaining the rationale for the early release days on out of town games to Dilley and Cotulla on October 11 and November 1 respectively. Because of bussing and acquiring substitute teachers to replace personnel involved in the game, Mr. Elkins and Ms. Warnell explained that it best for all involved to be released early.

A motion was made by Dewayne Janis and a second by John Mendez to approve early release days on October 11 and November 1.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss High School Gym Dressing Rooms

Ms. Warnell and Mr. Pfeffer discussed the state of the BHS dressing rooms with the board. Mr. Pfeffer discussed the water that leaks into the dressing rooms and described pumping out an amount over 200,000 gallons. The board asked about the

action that was taken in 2011 to use the boys dressing rooms the P.E. students to dress and utilizing the north side for storage. Mr. Pfeffer explained that those plans were not followed through with. The stated that utilizing the south side was feasible, but the north side was questionable. This item was moved to executive session.

12. Discuss Implementation of Sick Pool

Ms. Warnell and Misty Brasfield discussed the sick pool. It was abolished in 2009-2010. Mr. Canales stated that the sick pool was abolished because of the increase in substitute teacher costs. Mr. Mendez requested a review and possible update of the policy. Mr. Canales suggested that the policy committee review the policy and make a recommendation to the board of trustees.

13. Consider Approval of Donations

The board approved the donations as presented.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Dewayne Janis to approve the list of donations as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Schedule Policy Committee Meeting

Ms. Warnell stated that we have three policy updates that we need to review. Mr. Cantu stated that he can meet anytime and requested Ms. Warnell to schedule the meeting and let him know.

15. Facility and Safety Walk-Through Results

John Mendez reviewed the results of the facility and safety walk-through. A walk-through of the BHS dressing rooms was scheduled for Monday, September 23 at 4:30 PM.

The board entered executive session at 8:55 PM and reconvened in open session at 9:25 PM.

16. Personnel Employment, Resignations, Assignments, Evaluations, Reassignments, Duties or Discipline (Texas Government Code §551.074)

No action was taken in closed session.

Joe Canales, Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:26.