

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, June 17, 2013, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

Board members present were Joe Canales Jr, John Ellsworth, Bacilio Cantu, John Mendez, and Gil Gonzalez. Dewayne Janis and Raymond Martinez were absent.

Others present were Albert Rodriguez, Layne Elkins, Dawn Guerra, Delores Warnell, and Misty Brasfield.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Joe Canales, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. John Ellsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was taken.

2. Public Comments

Albert Rodriguez expressed his interest in purchasing property on the corner of Wood and Pearl streets in Placedo from the district. The Board informed him that they are aware of his interest and are researching the details on the property to see if it can even be sold. This was already an item on the agenda for discussion, so they told him that they or Ms. Warnell would be in contact with him to let him know if any decision has been made.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes for May 20, 2013 Regular Meeting

B. Approve Minutes of May 30, 2013 Special Meeting

C. Finance

1. Accounts Payable

2. Finance Report

3. Investment Report

4. TexStar Cash Report

5. After Bond Report

6. Substitute Report

7. Budget Amendment

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

Mr. Cantu stated that he had voted against the motion to approve the letter confirming cost overrun for the safe room.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Bacilio Cantu to accept the Consent Agenda with the noted correction.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Stadium Improvements and TSSI Gym - Presentation by Vanguard

Ms. Warnell updated the Board on the progress of getting the cost overrun approved. She is still waiting for the County to put it on their agenda. She stated that Robin Knipling resigned and she has started working with another contact at the County. She stated that the masonry has started and would be in progress for approximately the next 6 weeks.

She updated the Board on the progress of the track. She said the bleachers have been moved, the blueprint of the track has been laid out and they have started forming the pits for the field events.

5. Announcement of STAAR Results

Ms. Warnell gave the Board an overview of the districts STAAR Results along with the state's averages. She stated that we have a long way to go, but are doing everything possible figure out how to do better at preparing the students. She explained that the STAAR test is a completely different way of thinking than the TAKS test was. She stated that the district's administration is continuing to stress to the teachers to let them know of anything they need that will help.

6. House Bill 5 Assessment Requirements

Ms. Warnell informed the Board that under House Bill 5, high school students are now required to pass five State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) end-of-course exams to meet the new graduation requirements. HB5 also eliminated the 15 percent grading requirement where a student's score on the STAAR end-of-course exams would have counted 15 percent of the student's final grade in each tested subject area.

7. Discuss Results of Student Surveys Regarding CTE Program

Ms. Warnell presented the Board with the results from the student survey that was sent out to see the amount of interest in a Cosmetology program. Mr. Mendez asked how the surveys were given out and the Board came to the conclusion that the results may not be conclusive due to there being such a small number of surveys returned compared to the number of students it was given to. Ms. Warnell stated that the district would see if there was a way to gather the interest another way over the summer.

8. Discuss Results of Parent Surveys

Ms. Warnell presented the Board with the results from the parent surveys along with the negative comments that were received. She stated that some of the comments were things that will be addressed with the principals this summer.

9. Discuss Softball Stadium Lighting

Mr. Canales stated that many of the parents have wanted lighting at the softball field for several years. The timing wasn't right before since the bond was in full swing. He stated that now, the issue has resurfaced and he feels like it is something that they Board should look into. A few bids were presented to the Board. Mr. Mendez stated that there is a good possibility that the district could receive some donated money to help the district pay for it.

A motion was made by Gil Gonzalez and a second by Bacilio Cantu to move forward with pursuing donations for the lighting.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss and Consider Sale of District Property

Ms. Warnell stated that she has been in contact with Mr. Rodriguez, keeping him informed. Misty Brasfield stated that she has been researching this to find out if the property has a deed on it. She stated that she was informed that the district owns four different lots on the "corner of Wood and Pearl St." in Placedo. She stated that we would need to know the exact location of the property that he is wanting to purchase. The next step is to get an abstractor to come out. This will cost the district money to have done. She asked the Board what they would be thinking of selling the property for and they said that they would want to sell it for fair market value.

This item was carried to the next meeting's agenda.

11. Consider Approval of Stipend List for 2013-2014

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by John Ellsworth to approve the Stipend List for 2013-2014 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by John Mendez to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Canales stated that it had been brought up that the start time of 6:30PM was difficult for some of the Board members to make. He stated that this can be revisited later when all Board members were able to have input on the start time.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:05 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 9:22 PM.

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

A. Consider the Creation of Possible New Positions for 2013-2014

Mrs. Warnell made a recommendation to hire 1 ISS aide for secondary, 4 elementary teaching positions and one district-wide counselor for student support.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second was made by John Mendez to approve the recommendation as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Increase of Days to Teacher Contract

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by John Mendez to approve the increase of days to the Ag Teachers contract. His days will increase from 187 to 226.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.