

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, January 13, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

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

Others present were students, parents, and principals from each campus, representatives from Petrodome, Duncan Morrow from Southwest Securities, Constantino Martin, David Barrera and parents, John Mendez III and parents, Danny Garcia, Misty Brasfield, Dawn Guerra, and Delores Warnell.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Joe Canales, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Bacilio Cantu led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was taken.

2. Board Appreciation Activities

The homemaking department prepared a meal for the Board. Selected band members played for them while they ate. Placedo Elementary students recited a poem and presented the Board with a collage of photos. Bloomington Elementary students presented the Board with a calendar which contained photos and activities from the campus.

3. Public Comments

Constantino Martin expressed his concerns regarding Placedo Elementary parking lot and the district libraries being available to the community after hours.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes for December 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

B. Finance

1. Accounts Payable

2. Finance Report

3. Investment Report

4. Substitute Report

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

Bacilio Cantu expressed his concern regarding the Substitute Report showing teacher absences and stated that he wished there was a way the district could find a way to make them come to work.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Dewayne Janis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented including comments by Mr. Cantu.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Recognize Student of the Month

Mr. Pieper recognized John Mendez III for January and presented him with a plaque and a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart. John Mendez wished his mother a happy birthday.

6. Recognize Shining Star Student

Mr. Pieper recognized David Barrera as Shining Star Student for January. David Barrera talked about the positive aspects of the district. He was presented with a certificate and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.

7. Stadium Improvements and TSSI Gym

Ms. Warnell reported the stadium improvements for Layne Elkins. She stated that Mr. Pfeffer is in the process of getting the lights on the visitor side turned toward the track. The entrance to keep bicycles off the track will be installed by the end of the week. She discussed other items needed to outfit the track and gave an update on the status of the softball lights.

8. Update from Professional Service Provider- James Rabe

Mr Rabe updated the Board on previous and future activities required with the campuses. He stated that usually improvement is seen in three to five years. He discussed sanctions if the district receives "Improvement Required" rating for two consecutive years.

9. Discuss House Bill 5

Ms. Warnell gave an update on House Bill 5 and discussed the changes in graduation requirements with the foundation high school program.

The Board took a short recess at 9:05 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 9:11 PM.

10. Discuss and Possible Approval of Maintenance Tax Note

Duncan Morrow gave a report to the Board on the Maintenance Tax Note. He provided them with a debt service impact matrix and a financing timeline. He stated that the process would be for the Board to authorize Southwest Securities to sell the Maintenance Tax Notes and then lock in a fixed interest rate.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Gil Gonzalez to approve the Tax note not to exceed \$650,000 for a term of 10 years.

The motion passed with 5 votes for and 1 against (Cantu).

This action is not binding.

11. Discuss and Possible Action on Petrodome Oil and Gas Lease

Representatives of Petrodome discussed Heins #1 injection well and answered questions from the Board. Petrodome requested that we withdraw the letter of protest so they can avoid a hearing in Austin. No motion was made to withdraw the letter, so the district's letter of protest stands.

12. Discuss Graduation Location for June 2014

The Board discussed history of the graduation location. Mr. Canales stated that the Board previously took action for graduation to be held in the Auditorium. The Board decided to allow the students chose

and report to the Board each January the graduation location with a backup plan in case of bad weather.

13. Discuss District-wide Lighting Concerns

Mr. Canales stated the areas of concern regarding lighting. Ms. Warnell stated that she will have Mr. Pfeffer make these concerns a priority.

14. Discuss Scheduling Special Meeting Regarding FEMA Gym

The Board will have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5:30 PM to discuss FEMA Gym details.

15. Consider and Possible Approval of Campus / District Improvement Plans 2013-2015

Each campus principal presented an evaluation and update of their Campus Improvement Plan. The Campus plans with incorporate activities implemented with PSP, James Rabe, and will also be reflected in the District Plan.

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by Bacilio Cantu to approve the Campus Improvement Plans and District Improvement Plan for 2013-2015 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Consider Acceptance of Donations

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by John Ellsworth to accept the donation from Kohls for Placedo Elementary School as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consider Approval of School Health Abbreviation List

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Dewayne Janis to approve the school health abbreviation list as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

18. Consider Approval of 2012-2013 Financial Audit

Misty Brasfield presented the 2012-2013 Financial Audit to the Board. The district received a clean audit with no findings and no citations. The district's net position has increased from \$9,401,380 to \$10,852,172.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Bacilio Cantu to approve the 2012-2013 Financial Audit as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:45 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 11:09 PM.

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

A. Superintendent Evaluation

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Dewayne Janis to approve a one year extension to Ms. Warnell's contract making it expire on July of 2018.

The motion passed with 5 votes for and 1 vote against (Cantu).

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.