

Notes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bloomington Independent School District

(These are notes from the meeting and are not the approved minutes from November 14, 2011. The official minutes will be taken to the Board for approval at the December 12, 2011 Board Meeting.)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bloomington Independent School District was held Monday, November 14, 2011, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

Board Members Present: John Cranfill, Joe Canales Jr, David Hoffman (arrived at 6:33pm), John Ellsworth, Dewayne Janis, and John Mendez

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes for October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting

Finance

Accounts Payable

Finance Report

Fund Balance Report

Investment Report

2009 Bond Report

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

Bond Project

Update Report

Ms. Warnell gave the Board an update on the HVAC issues and other issues stemming from the bond projects that have been fixed and are being worked on.

Front Parking Lot - Concrete

Ms. Warnell presented bids from contractors on repaving the front parking lot. Mr. Cranfill reminded the Board about other obligations within the Bond. They discussed this and a motion to repave the front parking lot using the bid from Collier/Fromberg in the amount of \$104,500 from Bond funds failed with 3 votes for and 3 votes against.

Security Cameras

Ms. Warnell stated that the Board asked her to take a look at the security around the district and see if there were any locations that still needed some additional security cameras. Mr. Herrera and Mr. Thamm worked together on this and found three locations that needed cameras.

The Board approved the purchase and installation of the presented cameras according to the bid presented in the amount of \$6,690.39 from VCS Security to come from Bond funds.

Water Improvement System

Ms. Warnell gave the Board an update on tasks that have been completed and what is in progress. She stated that the system should be operational by December 2, 2011. The Board asked that Ms. Warnell check on whether the demolition of the old system was included in the contract.

Fire Alarms

Ms. Warnell stated that in order to tie all the fire alarms into one system, it would cost \$2,801.23, which she recommended come out of Bond funds. A monthly fee of \$25 per month per alarm (4) would also be charged and this fee could come out of General Operating funds.

The Board approved the fire alarms and charges as recommended.

Campus Improvement Plans for 2011-2012

Israel Salinas, Elvis Whaley, Marsha Moore, and James Pieper each presented an evaluation of the Campus Improvement Plan for their campus. They informed the Board of what was done last year that did not work and what did work. They also gave some goals that they have for this year for their campus.

The Board discussed their concern regarding the Middle School being close to being Academically Unacceptable (AU) last year and wanted to make clear that AU is unacceptable. They stated that if there is anything that is needed in order to keep the campus from being AU, to let them know. They also stated that they would like to be informed if there is any concern and not be surprised.

The Board approved the Campus Improvement Plans for all campuses as presented.

Gold Performance Acknowledgements

Ms. Warnell announced to the Board that the district was awarded three Gold Performance Acknowledgements and was very close to receiving more.

The Board asked that it be relayed to the staff that they appreciate all the hard work.

NCEA Higher Performing School

Ms. Warnell stated that Placedo Elementary was declared as a NCEA Higher Performing School for their performance in 5th Grade Science. She commended and recognized Ms. Thomas for always making learning fun and engaging the students.

Consider Price Increase for Adult Breakfast

Ms. Warnell stated that the district was informed that adult prices for breakfast were not in accordance with the Texas Department of Agriculture price guidelines, so she recommended raising the price from \$1.25 to \$1.80.

The Board approved the price increase as recommended.

Election for Victoria Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

The Board discussed who they would like to place their votes for in the election for Victoria Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. They approved all 107 votes to go to Lou Svetlik.

Consider Resolution for "Goods-in-Transit" Exemption

Ms. Warnell informed the Board of a change from the Legislative Session. In order for the district to continue what the district has been doing in regards to "Goods-in-Transit", she recommended that they approve this resolution.

The Board approved the Resolution for "Goods-in-Transit" as recommended.

Discuss and Review Letters of Intent to Fill Place 3 Vacancy

The Board deferred this item until Executive Session.

After Executive Session, the Board postponed this item until the December meeting.

Fill Board Secretary Position

Mr. Cranfill stated that the Board could fill this position with a vote and asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the position of Board Secretary. John Mendez, Jr. volunteered.

The Board voted and approved Mr. Mendez as the Board Secretary.

Mr. Cranfill stated that the Board Secretary is usually the Committee Chair for the Policy Committee and asked Mr. Mendez if this was ok with him. He accepted.

Energy Conservation Committee Report

Mr. Ellsworth passed out the minutes from the previous committee meeting. He discussed the windows and the possibility of closing some of them up due to losing energy through them. He also asked if the Maintenance Department could check the heaters before it starts to get cold so we are sure they are ready.

Facility and Safety Committee Report

Mr. Canales discussed the findings that were found at Placedo Elementary during the previous walkthrough. He also went over the status of some of the outstanding finding from prior meetings. They asked that the district come up with a count on desks and chairs that need to be purchased by the next meeting. They discussed fencing and asked that we move forward in getting bids for six foot fencing on the back side of the Cafeteria. The Board discussed the need for a restroom solution at the gym and discussed a few options.

Mr. Canales announced that the next Facility and Safety Committee meeting would be the first Monday of December at 6pm and they would be walking through Bloomington Elementary.

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

The Board reviewed the departmental and campus reports.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:16 pm to discuss and review the letters of interest to fill place 3 Board Member vacancy. They reconvened in Open Session at 8:50 pm.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board took a break at 8:51 pm. They entered Executive Session at 9:22 pm and reconvened in Open Session at 10:07 pm.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

Consider Superintendent Employment

The Board named Delores Warnell as the lone finalist as Superintendent. The Board President will negotiate the contract and will come back to the Board for final action.

Superintendent Contract

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.