

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, May 19, 2014, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

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

Others present were Abbie Barnett, James Pieper, Jesse Garcia, Debbie Ramirez, Katie Williams, Kaley Williams, Priscilla Canales and family, Joel Benjegerdes, Delores Warnell and Dawn Guerra.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Joe Canales called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Gil Gonzalez 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 March 17, 2014 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.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Raymond Martinez to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Recognize Student of the Month

James Pieper recognized Kayley Williams as April's Student of the Month and Katie Williams as May's Student of the Month. They were presented a plaque and a gift card.

5. Recognize Shining Star

Abbie Barnett recognized Allison Canales as Shining Star Student for May.

6. Update on FEMA Safe Room/Gym

Joel Benjergdes gave an update on the FEMA Safe Room Gym. He provided progress pictures and 30 day forecast to the Board. He also ensured that the restrooms would be ready for graduation.

7. Discuss Algebra at the 8th Grade Level

James Pieper and Abbie Barnett discussed the benefits of not teaching Algebra I at the Jr High level. They discussed the effects on STAAR testing, accountability and EOC exams. Ms. Warnell recommended that Algebra I not be taught in 8th Grade.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by John Mendez to approve teaching Algebra I at the High School level.

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

8. Discuss Removal of Lockers at Middle School

Mr. Barnett discussed removal of lockers due to safety and cleanliness.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and John Mendez to remove lockers as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration and Possible Approval of Bids for Drainage and Covered Sidewalk at BMS

This item was tabled to the June meeting awaiting another bid.

10. Consider Acceptance of Donations

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Bacilio Cantu to accept a monetary donation to Middle School and Life Skills and a donation of books to Placedo Elementary.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider Adoption of Resolution for the Partial Funding of the Project Graduation Party to be Held on June 6, 2014 after Graduation

Ms Warnell recommended the Board approve a resolution to provide guidance and greater latitude for the use of district funds for Project Graduation.

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by Raymond Martinez to approve the Resolution as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consideration and Possible Approval of 2014-2015 Employee Benefits Package

This item was tabled to the June meeting.

13. Approval of Scholarship Committee

The recommended list of committee members were Delores Warnell, James pieper, Layne Elkins, Whitney Russell, and the appointed Board member was Bacilio Cantu.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Bacilio Cantu to approve the Committee as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Update on CTE Courses

Ms. Warnell updated the Board on CTE offerings which are Building Trades and Drafting, Welding with Certifications, EMT Basic Certification, and in the process of searching for an Agriculture Science Teacher.

15. Update on Graduation

Ms. Warnell informed the Board that the stage is built, the bathrooms work, so graduation will be at the stadium. Board will meet in BES Cafeteria for refreshments prior to graduation.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:36 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 8:20 PM.

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

Ms. Warnell update the Board on resignations from Michelle Covington, Arlene Delossantos, Calista Gunyon, Winnie Bullock, Richard Covington, and Melinda Salinas.

Ms. Warnell recommended the non renewal of Amanda Sheehan.

A motion was made by Gil Gonzalez and a second by John Ellsworth.

The motion passed unanimously.

A. Announcement of Hourly Staff

Ms. Warnell announced the hourly staff by campus and department that will be returning. (List attached.)

B. Personnel Contracts

Ms. Warnell recommended the employment of Mickey Vair for Welding, Chelsea Martinez for Sports Medicine/Science/EMT, Royce Gregory for Building Trades/Drafting, Alysha Escalante for MS History. She also recommended to renewal of Debra Westphal Probationary Contract.

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by Bacilio Cantu.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.