

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Bloomington Independent School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bloomington Independent School District was held Monday, December 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 Gonzalez, Dewayne Janis, John Ellsworth, Bacilio Cantu. Raymond Martinez was absent.

Others present: James Pieper, Layne Elkins, Mr. Elkins, Delores Warnell, Misty Brasfield, Dawn Guerra, Rick from Vanguard, Joel Benjegerdes, Delores and Warren White and family, Tristan Carpenter and family, Project Graduation students and parents.

### 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 November 18, 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.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Recognize Student of the Month

Tristan Carpenter was recognized for December. Mr. Pieper presented him with a plaque and a \$25 gift card from Walmart.

### 5. Recognize Shining Star Student

This item was carried to the January meeting.

## 6. Presentation of Diploma

Mr. Pieper presented Warren White his High School diploma from 1961 because of military deployment.

## 7. Stadium Improvements and TSSI Gym

Layne Elkins presented updates on the stadium. He reported the track is open for public use. He will be working on lighting with Mr. Harry Pfeffer. Mr. Benjegerdes updated the Board on the FEMA gym. He presented pictures and stated that he is waiting on final estimates after re-bidding. He anticipates completion between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. Discuss and Possible Action to Contribute Matching Funds for Project Graduation

John Mendez, Jr., Brittany Wallace, Ariana Ortiz, Cynthia Resendez requested for matching funds for Project Graduation. They reported that they have raised more than \$3,800.

A motion was made by Bacilio Cantu and a second was made by John Ellsworth to approve the matching of funds up to \$5,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Accept Donations for Placedo Elementary School

Destiny Consulting donated \$250 to Placedo Elementary School.

A motion was made by Joe Canales and a second by John Ellsworth to accept the donation as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 10. Announce Board of Trustees Credit Hours

Mr. Joe Canales announced that Joe Canales, John Mendez, Gil Gonzalez, Bacilio Cantu, and John Ellsworth met or exceeded the required credit hours. Dewaynd Janis and Raymond Martinez were deficient.

## 11. Discuss and Possible Action to Change Interim Business Manager Title

This item was discussed during Executive Session.

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by Bacilio Cantu to approve the recommendation to change the title to Business Manager/Chief Financial Officer and an increased salary to \$79,900.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 12. Discuss Maintenance Tax Note

The Board discussed the process for the maintenance tax note. Victor Quiroga with Southwest Securities will be attending the January meeting to discuss and consider Board approval for the maintenance tax note. A list of items to be included was discussed.

## 13. Discuss Results of Sick Pool Survey and Possible Action to Implement Sick Pool

The Board and district staff discussed the Sick Pool and survey. Ms. Warnell stated that since interest was evident, she thought that implementing a sick pool would be beneficial to the district. She recommended allowing the policy committee to revise the policy and guidelines and report back to the

board.

A motion was made by Bacilio Cantu and a second by John Mendez appoint the Policy Committee to revise the policy and guidelines as presented.

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

14. Discuss TASB Conference Training Dates

The Board discussed the TASB Conference Training Dates and some decided which training to attend. Ms. Warnell requested those that were unsure to please let her or Dawn Guerra know as soon as possible so that hotel arrangement could be made.

15. Discuss TASA Superintendent Mentoring Program

Ms. Warnell reported to the Board that she was nominated and selected to be a mentor Superintendent in TASA's Learning for Leadership.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:27 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 7:57 PM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.