

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, October 21, 2013, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Public Comments

Jesse Garcia spoke to the board about the condition of the bolts in the bleachers. He said they were rusted, but he and his building trades classes are in the process of replacing them all. He said he thought the board had paid a company several years ago to replace all the bolts.

County Commissioner Danny Garcia spoke to the board about the status of the Injection Well, as well as existing wells in Bloomington. He expressed concerns that an injection well could potentially affect the drinking water. He said the Railroad Commission has granted their request for a hearing to protest the injection wells. Mr. Ellsworth asked if the railroad commission had granted them permission to drill the well and Mr. Garcia responded that they had not, and permission could not be granted until the protest hearing occurred.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes for September 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

B. Approve Minutes of September 23, 2013 Special Meeting

C. Finance

1. Accounts Payable

2. Finance Report

3. Investment Report

4. TexStar Cash Report

5. Substitute Report

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

The consent agenda was approved as presented. A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by Dewayne Janis to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Recognize Student of the Month

Brittany Wallace was honored as the student of the month for October. Mr. Pieper, principal at BHS, presented Brittany with a plaque and a \$25 gift certificate.

5. Recognize Shining Star Student

Frank Diaz was recognized by Mr. Pieper, Ms. Warnell and the BISD Board of Trustees as the Shining Star Student for the month of October. He was honored for helping to organize a fundraiser to donate money to Child Life during Child Cancer Awareness Month. Frank and the BHS student body and staff raised \$512.46

6. Recognize BISD Band and Bob Coats

Mr. Bob Coats was recognized for the outstanding work he has done with the band students. Mr. Coats thanked the BISD Board for their support and expressed how happy he was to be in Bloomington. He said that his students make everything possible. Ms. Warnell summarized the email from the band director at Karnes City stating how impressed he is with the progress that Mr. Coats has made with the band in such a short time.

7. Stadium Improvements and TSSI Gym

Mr. Joel Benjegerdes gave an update of the FEMA dome gym. He presented pictures of the progress of the shock-crete being sprayed on the dome. He said ABCDomes would be applying the shock-crete until mid-November. At this point, they are approximately 40% complete.

Mr. Layne Elkins gave an update on the installation of the track. He stated that Hellas has repaired the asphalt that was uneven. They sanded the track and are working with Terry Fleeman and the grass company regarding the mowing and the watering of the field. Elkins stated that he recommended to Hellas postponing laying the track surface until after football season; unless they could begin in the next couple of days. When they finish the installation of the track surface, it would be ready after 24 to 48 hours. He stated that the 25 second clock had been wired but did not know if it was operable, and David Thamm is working with the sound technician to get the speakers working.

Elkins said we will play the last football game at the stadium. It will be homecoming as well as parent's night.

Ms. Warnell gave an update on the approval of the cost over-run. She said that the furlough has ended for the FEMA employees. She contacted Michael Ku with the State Hazard Mitigation office and he reported they are still working on the approval for the cost-over run request.

8. Discuss and Possible Action on High School Gym Dressing Rooms Repairs

Martin Bonuz from Edwards Plumbing updated the board on the status of the plumbing and pipes in the dressing rooms at the BHS gym. They are in the process of inspecting both gyms and have found some issues and repaired them. He presented the board with several options for consideration: using the existing pipes, installing new pipes, using existing fixtures and purchasing new fixtures. He reported that the existing pipes, based on the tests they have conducted, seem to be in good working order. They still have additional tests to perform. When the testing is completed, he will be able to determine the extent of the repairs that are needed. He reported that he will give the district an itemized report of options so they can make an informed decision. This item will be discussed in further detail at the November meeting.

9. Consider and Possible Approval of SHAC Committee Members

Ms. Warnell gave a brief background of the School Health Advisory Committee. She stated that the SHAC advisory council has been updated and that Amy Whaley is the co-chair of the advisory council. She reviewed the make-up of the 2013-2014 SHAC advisory council.

A motion was made by Bacilio Cantu and a second by John Mendez to approve the 2013-2014 SHAC advisory council.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Recognize LTASB Graduate

Ms. Warnell recognized John Ellsworth for completing the Leadership TASB course of study. John Ellsworth was presented with a certificate as a lifetime member in the Leadership TASB Alumni Association.

11. Consider Approval of Donations

Placedo Elementary received a check in the amount of \$1000 from Destiny Consulting.

A motion was made by Dewayne Janis and a second by John Mendez to approve the donation as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss School Colors

The Board of Trustees and Ms. Warnell discussed the issue of school colors. They reaffirmed that the school colors for BISD are Kelly green and white. They discussed the history of using other colors for the majority of the uniforms; but Ms. Warnell stated that the majority black uniforms are being phased out and the coaches and directors are replacing with uniforms that are Kelly green and white. They discussed the issue of accent colors and agreed that latitude could be exercised with the director of each activity to utilize an accent color minimally. Some examples discussed were socks, baseball pants and volleyball bottoms. The board and Ms. Warnell also discussed using Kelly green and white for the building facilities. Ms. Warnell asked that the Kelly green and white be limited to the uniforms for extracurricular and not extend to the wall color and furnishings in the district. Mr. Elkins stated that using Kelly green in some instances was more expensive and that all Kelly greens were not the same color. Mr. Coats said that when purchasing band uniforms, buying black pants was more cost effective because they are a stock item, and buying colored uniforms was an additional \$25 per pant. After the discussion, the board reaffirmed the school colors of Kelly Green and White, but said that an accent color could be used at the coach's discretion. In regards to building facilities and wall colors, the consensus was that all furniture, fixtures and walls did not have to be Kelly green and white.

13. Discuss Injection/Disposal Well

The board discussed the permit for the injection well by Petrodome Operating, LLC. Mr. Danny Garcia gave a detailed explanation in public comments. The railroad commission has not granted a permit to drill the injection/disposal well.

14. Consider Approval of Walsh Anderson Annual Retainer

Ms. Warnell summarized the benefits to the district of the Walsh Anderson Retainer Agreement. The benefits are reduced hourly rates, fee publications, email updates and reduced costs of purchasing Walsh Anderson Products. She stated that the district utilizes their services and have not had to incur any additional costs.

A motion was made by John Mendez and a second by John Ellsworth to approve the Walsh Anderson Retainer Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. Report on Community Involvement

Ms. Warnell stated that the administrative staff in BISD strives to make an impact on our students and research avenues to involve the community and area businesses to contribute their time and talents or make monetary contributions through the use of grants or donations. She presented a list of activities completed and also a list of organizations/businesses that the district has partnered with.

16. Report on Student Recognition Programs

Ms. Warnell gave the Board a report on the different student recognition programs at the district and campus levels. They are as follows:

District: Shining Star, Student of the Month, Beyond District Competition, Program Improvement and Successes.

Campus: A and A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, UIL Academics Recognition and Banquet, Awards Banquets, Awards Ceremonies/Scholarships, Student of the Month/Good Citizenship-PES, Rising Stars –BMS, Student Birthdays.

17. Discuss and Possible Action to Increase District Per Diem

Delores Warnell stated that the mileage rate recommended by the state comptroller's office is 56.5 cents per mile and the per diem recommended by the state comptroller's office is up to \$46. Ms. Warnell stated that currently, BISD uses the 56.5 cents per mile, but only \$30 for per diem rate- \$8 breakfast, \$10 lunch, and \$12 dinner. She recommended that the district increase the per diem rate to \$38- \$10 breakfast, \$12 lunch, and \$16 dinner to be more comparable to the state.

A motion was made by Bacilio Cantu and second by John Mendez to approve the increase of district per diem as presented from \$30 to \$38.

The motion passed with 6 votes for and 1 vote against (D. Janis).

18. Consider Approval of Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Campus / District Plan

Mr. Pieper presented the Campus and District Plan for the TAIS. He summarized district data, accountability results and meetings with our Professional Service Provider, James Rabe.

A motion was made by Dewayne Janis and a second by Bacilio Cantu to approve the Campus and District Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

There was no discussion or action taken on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.