

Notes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bloomington Independent School District

(These are notes from the meeting and are not the approved minutes. The official minutes will be taken to the Board for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bloomington Independent School District was held Monday, November 12, 2012, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 2781 FM 616, Bloomington, Texas.

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

Others present were James Pieper, Elvis Whaley, Lisa Canales, Rosario Pedraza, Nelia Pedraza, Jacinta Rocha, Aimee Rocha, Joanne Martinez, Stanley King, Patrick Canales, Carin Drozd, Becky Reagan, Layne Elkins, Madeline Canales, Dawn Guerra, and Delores Warnell.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Canvass of Regular and Special Elections for Board of Trustees Places 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Victoria County Elections Administrator, George Matthews, canvassed the elections and gave the Board the results.

Oath of Office for New Board Members

Dawn Guerra administered the Oath of Office for the Board Members that won their place in the election. The new members took their place at the Board table.

Consider Re-organization of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Warnell stated that they were going to accept nominations for the Board Officers. John Ellsworth nominated Joe Canales to be Board President. John Mendez seconded the nomination and the Board voted unanimously. Raymond Martinez nominated John Mendez for Vice President. Dewayne Janis seconded the nomination and the Board voted unanimously. Bacilio Cantu nominated Gil Gonzalez to be Board Secretary, Raymond Martinez seconded the nomination and the Board voted unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Recognize Student of the Month

Mr. Pieper introduced Madeline Canales to the Board of Trustees and presented her with Student of the Month. Board President presented the award.

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes for October 22, 2012 Regular Meeting

Finance

Accounts Payable

Finance Report

Fund Balance Report

Investment Report

After Bond Report

Substitute Report

Budget Amendment

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

The Board went through the Consent Agenda. A couple questions were addressed on the Accounts Payable report.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Matching Funds Raised for Project Graduation

Carin Drozd and a few of the seniors presented the Board of Trustees with the progress that they have made in raising funds for Project Graduation. They stated that they have raised \$5,851.44 with various fund raisers, events and donations. They requested that the Board match funds up to the traditional \$5,000.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by John Mendez to approve the matching of funds for Project Graduation as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Stadium Improvements and TSSI Gym

Ms. Warnell presented the Board with two choices of lettering for the outside of the TSSI Gym. Both Options had "LadyCats" on the left and "Bobcats" on the right. Option one read "Bloomington I.S.D. Gym" in the center and Option two read "Bloomington Gym" in the center.

A motion was made by John Ellsworth and a second by John Mendez to approve Option two lettering, which read "Bloomington Gym".

The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Proposals and Consider Approval of Construction Contract for Installation of Track Project

Ms. Warnell presented the Board with proposals for the track project from Paragon Sports and Hellas Construction. She recommended going with Hellas Construction for the total amount of \$747,083. This amount would include the track, moving the football field, moving the bleachers, and fencing around it. Mr. Cantu stated that he was reluctant to support the TSSI gym and that he did not think he would. He also stated that he supports education and that the district is spending a lot of money that is not supporting education. He said that

he believed the so called FEMA shelter is to be in case of emergency only for Red Cross, Police, and Firefighters. Ms. Warnell stated that the shelter up to 1,000 people for up to 24 hours in the community and the county of Victoria, including emergency management personnel. Mr. Cantu asked if that was documented somewhere and Ms. Warnell stated that it is all included in the grant that was written. Mr. Cantu stated that, as he said, education is his main concern and he does not see how the FEMA shelter will be educating anyone. Ms. Warnell stated that Bloomington Elementary will be using the shelter for a gym for Physical Education and Health classes. Mr. Cantu stated that about a year and a half ago, all of their P.E. classes were sent to the Library and were given reading assignments. Ms. Warnell stated that the Physical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which involves some reading, but most of it required physical activity that cannot be done in a classroom; they need a gym. Mr. Cantu stated that they could come up with a gym without spending \$600,000 out of Fund Balance. Ms. Warnell stated that the action to take the money out of Fund Balance has already been taken, unless the Board wanted to put it on an agenda and rescind that action. Mr. Canales stated that Mr. Cantu was correct that education was their main concern and they had reasons for taking action on the FEMA gym, so they need to just move forward.

A motion was made by John Mendez and second by John Ellsworth to approve the recommendation as presented.

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

Discuss Date for Team of Eight Training

The Board discussed several date options for the Team of Eight Training. Ms. Warnell stated that she would contact Region III and let them know which date would work best.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:01 PM. They reconvened in Open Session at 8:53 PM. No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

No action was required.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.