

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 October 17, 2011. The official minutes will be taken to the Board for approval at the November 14, 2011 Board Meeting.)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bloomington Independent School District was held Monday, October 17, 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, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dewayne Janis and a moment of silence was taken.

Discuss Overview of School F.I.R.S.T. Rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Presentation

Misty Brasfield gave the presentation and stated that this is the district's yearly financial update that is required by the Texas Education Agency in the state of Texas to inform the public of the results of the Financial Integrity Rating System. Out of a maximum of 80 points, the district scored 70 points, which is still at "Above Standard Achievement". This year's rating is a 2 point drop from last year. We lost 3 total points on Indicator 22 for Investment Earnings, due to the return dropping from 1% to 0.75%. We also lost points because we need to look at the amount of money "Designated" in Fund Balance. GASB 54 provides districts more choices when designated funds.

Public Comments Concerning the F.I.R.S.T. Rating

There were not any members of the public at the meeting, so no comments.

Public Comments

There was no public to comment.

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes for September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting

Finance

Accounts Payable

Finance Report

Fund Balance Report

Investment Report

2009 Bond Report

Substitute Report

Budget Amendments

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented with noted corrections to the Minutes.

Bond Project

Update Report

Delores Warnell gave the Board an update on the water system and stated that they are anticipating completion in approximately five weeks.

She also presented the Board with the “after-bond list” that has been compiled. She gave the Board proposals for audio equipment for the Auditorium, which was on the after-bond list. She recommended that they approve Option 1 in the amount of \$15,900.

The Board approved Option 1 on the audio proposal for the Auditorium in the amount of \$15,900 from Bond proceeds.

She asked the Board to consider the paving of the front parking lot, which was also on the after-bond list. Ms. Warnell was given direction to acquire bids to re-do the front parking lot with concrete and to ensure that proper drainage will be guaranteed.

Consider Approval of Out of State Travel

Out of state travel for the grant counselors and social worker was approved so they may attend a conference in New Orleans. All funds to attend the conference will come from the grant. No district funds will be utilized.

Consider Approval of Resolution for ESC

Delores Warnell discussed the Resolution for Region 3 ESC. She explained that there has been discussions at the state level to combine Region 2 (Corpus Christi) and Region 3 (Victoria) ESC. The Board approved the resolution, which will be presented to TEA to show support for the benefit of keeping Region 3 open in Victoria for specialized services.

Consider Resolution to Join Unincorporated Association Concerning Texas School Finance System and Potential Litigation to Protect the Taxpayers and School Children of Texas.

Delores Warnell presented a resolution to join in the potential litigation spear-headed by the Equity center to protect the taxpayers and school children across the state of Texas in light of funding cuts and legislative mandates. The Board approved the Resolution as presented.

Consider Resignation of Board Member in Place 3

Mr. Cranfill stated that he received a letter of resignation from Kim Reyes and even though it was not necessary by policy to formally act on her resignation, he thought it prudent to officially accept it. The Board accepted the resignation of Board Member in Place 3.

Declaration of Vacancy in Office of BISD Board of Trustee, Place 3

The Board officially declared a vacancy in office of BISD Board of Trustee, Place 3.

Determination of Procedures to Fill Place 3 Vacancy

The board discussed procedures to fill Place 3 Vacancy. They decided to take letters of interest from community members. The district should notify the community by: running an ad in the Victoria Advocate, publishing it on their website, and communicating by word of mouth to inform as many people as possible. Potential candidates will submit letters of interest until November 14, 2011, the next Regular Board Meeting date and the Board will discuss the candidates at the meeting.

Consider Renewal of Membership in Walsh Anderson's Retainer Program

Mr. Cranfill discussed the benefits of renewing the membership in Walsh Anderson's Retainer Program. The Board approved the Renewal of Membership in Walsh Anderson's Retainer Program.

Consider Approval of Concussion Team and Plan

Delores Warnell discussed the UIL regulations requiring districts to approve a concussion oversight team. She discussed the Concussion Management Protocol as well.

The Board approved the Concussion Team and Plan as presented.

Consider Acceptance of Donation

Delores Warnell asked the board to accept a \$200 donation in the form of a check for the BISD Counseling Program.

The Board accepted the donation as presented.

Consider iPads

After reviewing the cost efficiency and discussing the technical requirements needed to move to the IPADS for the board meetings, the Board decided to make the switch from laptops to IPADS, utilizing a transition period to ensure that all the technical difficulties were worked out prior to utilization.

Consider 2011-2012 Student Handbook Revision

Delores Warnell stated at the September board meeting, she was instructed to look over the Student Code of Conduct to find consequences for public displays of affection, kissing etc. She informed the board that no guidelines were included in the Student Code of Conduct. She proposed adding the phrase "this includes public displays of affection: kissing, holding hands, etc" under miscellaneous offenses.

The Board approved the revision as presented.

Consider Approval of Revised Stipend List for 2011-2012

The Board delayed this item until after Executive Session. After the Executive Session, the revised stipend list was approved.

Energy Conservation Committee Report

Mr. Ellsworth passed out the minutes from the committee's last meeting. He stated that they looked at the lights at the Junior High and High School and checked on the ones that are on and off at the wrong times. He stated that Mr. Harry Pfeffer will look into those. They discussed the windows. Mr. Cranfill stated that he heard of them applying for a grant for the Cafeteria windows and suggested possibly covering them instead of replacing them. Mr. Ellsworth stated that he thought that the grant was specifically for replacing the windows. Mr. Cranfill stated that if the district did not receive the grant, the Board should take consideration at closing them in to conserve energy. He also stated that closing them in would most likely count as asbestos encapsulation as well.

Facility and Safety Committee Report

Mr. Canales discussed the Facility and Safety Committee report. He reported that our next walk-around would be at BMS and the Science building at 6:00 pm. He also reported that the committee would be recommending some big ticket items that are in need of repair or replacing. We discussed building trades and the fact that they are not working on a house this year. We can let them complete projects, keep them busy while saving the district money.

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

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

Attorney Communication

The Board discussed this in Executive Session. No action was taken.

Elementary Positions

The Board approved changing the temporary teaching position previously created from 5th grade to 3rd grade.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.