

Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 21, 2013
The Board of Trustees
Boerne Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Boerne Independent School District was held Monday, October 21, 2013, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Administration Building, 123 West Johns Road, Boerne, TX 78006-2023.

I. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Alan Rich called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

A quorum was established with the following board members present:

Alan Rich, President

Richard Elkins, Vice President

Susan Allen, Secretary

Members: Dale Adams, Maritza Gonzalez-Cooper, Ernie Pyles

Bob Ogle was not able to attend this meeting.

II. CLOSED SESSION

Alan Rich announced, at approximately 5:01 pm, in addition to any items listed above that may be appropriately discussed in a Closed Session, the board will convene in closed session to discuss the following items. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meeting Act for the following purpose:

A. PERSONNEL (551.074, .075, .082)

1. RESIGNATIONS (including consideration of any settlement proposals with regard to current personnel)
2. APPOINTMENTS (All Professional staff hiring decisions including but not limited to teachers, counselors, administrators, coaches)
3. DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE - Superintendent's report to Board on any outstanding or newly developed individual personnel issues (including but not limited to individual evaluations of personnel performance) and opportunity for Board to query Superintendent on such issues
4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ANY STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

B. DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, LEASE AND VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY - INCLUDING But Not Limited To Negotiations on Purchasing Decisions With Regard To Land For New Campuses And Negotiated Contracts With Various Firms (551.072)

C. CONSULTATION WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEY ON MATTERS PERTAINING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY PENDING LITIGATION

III. OPEN SESSION - 6:30 p.m.

Alan Rich called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A quorum was established with the following board members present:

Alan Rich, President

Richard Elkins, Vice President

Susan Allen, Secretary

Members: Dale Adams, Maritza Gonzalez-Cooper,

Ernie Pyles departed the meeting after Closed Session and Bob Ogle was not able to attend this meeting.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School Early Act Officers lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags and then a moment of silence was observed. Mr. Rich noted that our moment of silence would include thoughts and prayers for the community of Sparks, Nevada which experienced a school shooting today. Students inquired about an update of changes to the STARRS testing and how they would be affected as well as an update to the security upgrades occurring at their campuses.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with the following changes:
Move Item D. Superintendent 1. Teacher Innovations to follow
And Item VIII. Unfinished / New Business to follow D. 1.
Motion was seconded and carried by all those members present.

C. COMMENDATION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Principal Appreciation – Commendations presented to each Principal for their Commitment to Excellence and by Governor's Proclamation for Month of October
Safe Schools Week in Texas - Governor's Proclamation for October 20-26, 2013 Signed by Board President

IV. CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

(as Listed Under Closed Session in this Notice)

Presenter: Board President

Motion was made that the BOERNE ISD Board of Trustees accept the resignation(s) of the employees according to the terms stated in such resignation(s);
Motion was seconded and carried with all those members present voting for.

David Bernal CHS

Motion was made that the BOERNE ISD Board of Trustees offer a one year probationary contract to the following new hires for the 2013/2014 school year:
Motion was seconded and carried with all those members present voting for.

Lauren Mims FES
Kerri Sparkman BISD (Secondary)

V. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No public comments offered

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS / HEARINGS

The following items are reports and are generally not action items – although some exceptions occur. Board members may choose to take action with regard to the specific items listed.

A. OPTIONAL: Comments From Professional Organizations
No comments offered

B. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS DISTRICT'S PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF DESIGNATED PARK LAND FOR USE AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE (IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 26 OF THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE) WITH CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED USE OF PUBLIC PARK LAND

Board President opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

A brief presentation on the legal requirements and process of public hearings for use of public park land for use as an elementary school site (in compliance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code) was made by Gary Inmon and George Grimes, both attorneys for Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green & Trevino, PC., attorneys for the BISD Board.

Don Tillis provided a presentation to the board and public on the process and search for school site property. This public hearing had in its purpose identifying and defining the use of public park land by BISD as a school site.

Mr. Inmon then offered any members of the public opportunity to speak before the board on the topic. Mr. Jerry Lamping (member of the community) then provided comments on a program (SPARK) whereby the public in a mutual agreement with the school district is allowed to use the playground areas when not in use by the school district. Mr. Lamping noted the program is very popular in the Houston area and encouraged the BISD to look into its application in this case.

Mr. Grimes, after seeking any additional comments from the audience, then declared the required Public Hearing portion closed. Mr. Rich asked for any other comments, hearing none a motion to approve the transaction was requested.

Motion for the BISD Board "To adopt the Resolution included in the board packet regarding the District's proposed use of public park land";

Motion was seconded; Motion was passed with all those members present voting for.

[Items following - Moved in changes to Approval of the Agenda]

A. CONSIDER FACILITIES ISSUES INCLUDING COMING PLANNED ACTIVITIES, APPROVAL OF BIDS AND BID PACKETS for DISTRICT-WIDE BUILDING PROGRAM AND OTHER DECISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUILDING PROGRAM: Including but not limited to any actions concerning facilities upgrades, re-building and design/construction decisions resulting from present and past building programs initiated by the district.

Presenter: Don Tillis

1. Consider approval of the "Guaranteed Maximum Price," or GMP, for the track resurfacing at Champion High School

MOTION:

For Boerne ISD to approve the GMP price for the track resurfacing as submitted by Bartlett-Cocke, General Contractor;

Motion was seconded; Motion was passed with all those members present voting for.

2. Consider approval of the schematic design for Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School office reconfiguration to improve operations for the District-Wide Security upgrade

MOTION:

For Boerne ISD to approve of the schematic design for Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School office reconfiguration;

Motion was seconded; Motion was passed with all those members present voting for.

3. Consider approval of the "Guaranteed Maximum Price," or GMP, for the construction of a metal cover for the batting cages at both high schools

Item was deferred but will be presented with a recommendation at a later meeting.

4. Consider adoption of a BISD "prevailing wage rate" for the 2013 Bond construction program.

MOTION:

For Boerne ISD to approve adoption of the U.S. Labor Wage Rates for Kendall County to be used for the Bond construction projects;

Motion was seconded; Motion was passed with all those members present voting for.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Teacher Innovations: Rhonda Voulgaris, teacher at BMSS, presented demonstrations with the teacher use of Smart Board and notebook technology in Math Tiered Activities. The "Tiered" Math Activities included the full range of ability of students in the classroom. Board members were taken through some steps in logging in and being able to produce their work on smart boards and have the teacher view the work. The teacher was able to structure the different ability level lessons and be able to view progress and completion of student work.

C. RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BISD BUSINESS OFFICE AND BOARD ACTION ON FINANCIAL MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THOSE REPORTS (INCLUDING TAX COLLECTION REPORT, DONATIONS and BUDGET AMENDMENTS) PROPOSED MOTION:

Bruce Revell presented the financial reports as contained in the board packet noting that it is still too early to report significant activity in tax collection with tax bills having been sent out October 1st. Mr. Revell and Mr. Rich commented on the positive flow of donations into the district from a wide variety of parent and community sources. Mr. Revell then focused on attendance and enrollment analysis. His focus combined with the superintendent consistently encouraging campuses to work toward increasing attendance rates for each campus on a daily basis can offset any decreased revenues the district experiences from a lower than anticipated enrollment at any given time of the year. Further review of when attendance fell below desirable levels highlighted that at the elementary level – early release for parent - teacher conferences significantly affected multiple dates of absences when those early release dates were on Thursdays or Fridays as opposed to the middle of the week. The IGC committee agreed to work with administration and campuses to restructure the new calendar early release dates to help resolve that downward trend.

Motion to approve the Budget Amendments and to accept the reported Donations as presented;
Motion was seconded and carried with all those board members present voting for.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS: Oral-The superintendent may update the Board on recent developments linked directly or indirectly to Board/Superintendent Calendar Year Goals in the following categories:

Presenter: David Stelmazewski

- The superintendent began his report by referencing the October 14, 2013 Staff Development offerings and how much they related to the Strategic Planning, objectives and goals. Staff Development sessions were well attended by BISD staff, noting special thanks to Mrs. Radtke and the curriculum staff for such comprehensive opportunities for staff development in one day.
- Additionally, the superintendent had asked that principals survey their student body to determine participation in Extra-Curricular activities. The task produced enviable results with 88% participation by high school students; 76% by our middle-school students and 30% by our elementary students. Also noted was as our student body progresses into higher grades, the opportunity for extra-curricular activities also increases. Although this doesn't reflect how many students are involved in multiple activities and we know this does occur. Coaches, sponsors and teachers demonstrate good partnership in sharing and coordinating students among the different activities they choose to be involved in.
- In response to a board inquiry the superintendent reported that 31 teachers in the district are currently teaching 7 of 8, which is a lesser number than in years past. 8 of those 31 are athletics teachers and are by choice. Similar to our classroom waivers which have also reduced in total over the last 2 – 3 years the district overall is demonstrating recovery from our last 2 legislative sessions.
- Mr. Stelmazewski provided an update of the "Self-Evaluation" process currently being developed in advance of the August 8th deadline and that TASB will be producing an aid for ISD's to work with.

- The superintendent additionally mentioned a new group of teachers attended the Academy for transformation, returning with much excitement from what they learned;

He attended a Dual Language Family Night event, expressing thanks to Marcy Voss for her part in helping to make that a successful event and the district participated in a Crisis Drill hosted by and at KES on a Sunday. Boerne Police, City and BISD staff together learn strengths and weaknesses from these enactments. Craig Radtke did a tremendous job of coordination toward greater preparedness by the district and the community at large.

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Teacher Innovations: Rhonda Voulgaris, BMSS, Technology in Math Tiered Activities
(Presented earlier in agenda)

2. C & I Strategic Planning Update

In closing his report, Mr. Stelmazewski mentioned that strategic planning is moving forward with action plans, ultimately rolling them into the superintendent goals etc

E. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - Including But Not Limited To Any Activities In Connection With The Board Appointed Sub-Committees For Salary/Benefits/Budget, Transportation/Safety, Superintendent Evaluation, Audit Oversight, Communications, Facilities Planning, Workforce Readiness, Hispanic Advisory, etc., Board Training and the Development of Board Operating Procedures

Board Members will have updates on their recent participation at their Annual TASA/TASB Conference and any developments within their subcommittees.

Board members provided upcoming dates for committee meetings:

Richard Elkins - **Special Education Committee** will meet on Oct. 24th and on Nov. 7th at Boerne HS, there will be "Movie Night" featuring Dyslexia for interested parents and community.

Maritza Gonzalez-Cooper – **Hispanic Advisory Committee** will meet in early November;

Both Alan Rich, **Budget Committee** and Ernie Pyles, **Superintendent Evaluation Committee** will be holding meeting prior to our break in December.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda provides the opportunity for the board to act quickly and collectively on routine matters so that valuable meeting time is preserved for other issues.

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented;

Motion was seconded and carried with all those board members present voting for.

- A. APPROVE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO 2013 TAX ROLL
- B. APPROVE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO TAX ROLLS FOR OTHER YEARS
- C. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR TAX REFUND AND WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST
- D. APPROVE METHOD OF PURCHASE, VENDOR SELECTION, PROPOSALS, AND/OR PRICES BASED ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2013-14 CODE OF CONDUCT WITH LEGISLATIVE REVISIONS
- F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2013 SHAC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
- G. APPROVE DISTRICT 2013-14 IMA ADOPTION TEAMS
- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING of SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 MEETING;

VIII. UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS (*presented earlier in the agenda*)

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IX. FUTURE BUSINESS ITEMS

NOVEMBER 18, 2013 Special Meeting

Approval of District AUDIT

NOVEMBER 18, 2013 Board Candidate Workshop Meeting

Open to Public - Board Service

DECEMBER 2, 2013 Board Workshop Meeting

DECEMBER 2, 2013 Regular Meeting

Presentation of Bond 2013 Appreciation
Report on Board Training Hours
Possible 1st Reading Local Update 98 (if received)
Cast Ballots for Appraisal District Board

JANUARY 13, 2014 Special Meeting

Superintendent Evaluation

JANUARY 20, 2014 Regular Meeting

State of the District
School Board Appreciation Month
Enrollment Update
Annual AEIS Report
Call School Board Election
Presenter: Board President

X. CLOSED SESSION - FURTHER DELIBERATION OR ACTION, IF ANY REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

No further items

XI. OPEN SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn at approximately 8:15 pm.
Motion was seconded and carried with all those present voting for.

APPROVED: -----February 24, 2014-----

PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____