

Minutes of Regular Meeting
EAST BERNARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, February 9, 2009
7:00 P.M.

H=Here A=Absent P=Partial

H – Mike Farrell	H – Roland Orsak	H – Brian Mica
H – James Kainer	H – James Vincek	H – Garland W. Calhoun, Supt.
H – Charles New	A – David Webster	

Vice President James Kainer called the meeting to order, stating that a quorum of board members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and that a notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Code Chapter 551. Roland Orsak said the prayer and led the pledges to the United States flag and to the Texas flag.

MINUTES: A motion by Mike Farrell was seconded by Charles New to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 12 and the special meeting on January 13, 2009.
Voting Yes: All.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent's Comments: Mr. Calhoun said that he did not have any comments at this time, but he is required to announce that a provision added to the Texas Education Code last year requires him to announce to the public that all trustees have met the required hours of training for the continuing education credit. He also reported that the total number of enrollment is 940 and that a lot of the kids have been out sick.

Maintenance/Operations—Spring Walk-through: Mr. Calhoun reported that the spring walk-through was not ready at this time and would like to table this agenda item until the next regular board meeting. He said they will be having a meeting with Vireo Performance Systems on February 10 and he would like to discuss the issues at the next regular board meeting.

Campus Reports: The campus reports were included in the agenda books.

Financial Report: Mr. Calhoun presented the list of bills and answered questions from the Board.

Board Member Continuing Education Hours: Mr. Calhoun explained that the State Board of Education requires that the president of the board to notify the community of continuing education hours received by members of the board and that this must be done at the meeting at which the board issues the call for the board election. A summary sheet was included in the agenda books. The following hours were reported: Mike Farrell – 11.5; James Kainer – 11.5; Charles New – 6.0; Roland Orsak – 13.0; James Vincek – 11.5; David Webster – 10.25; and Brian Mica – 11.5.

OPEN FORUM: COMPLAINTS/COMMENTS:

Mr. J.C. Cooper addressed the board with concerns about the DARE program. He wanted to know why EBISD is no longer participating in the program. After some discussion he urged the board to please consider bringing back the Dare Program and he thanked the board for there time.

Mr. Raphael Harrison addressed the board regarding seat belts and the safety of the students at EBISD. He asked if the buses will be equipped with seat belts by 2010 and stressed the importance of using them. The seat belts are not mandatory until the year 2011 and it's only for a new bus and we do not have to go back and equip the old buses with seat belts. He wanted to know what preparations the school has made to get prepared for the seat belts.

Mr. Arrowood gave the board a handout of the results of the Junior High and High School band awards. He also told the board due to the rapidly growing enrollment in the East Bernard Band program they are reaching a critical point in which they are in the need of an insufficient number of instruments for our students. Mr. Arrowood said that the band greatly appreciates everything the school board, administrators and the community has done in supporting the band program but he would appreciate any help that EBISD can offer at this time. He gave the board some bid quotes on the instruments and ranked them by order of importance and asked the board to consider looking at the quotes. He also told the board that the band is during a good job. They had 16 students to make it to the All-Region Band and one to All State. Mr. Arrowood also said out of all 1A, 2A and 3A bands in our entire region we only had two schools to advance. They were West Columbia and East Bernard. Miles Locke will be leaving on Wednesday, February 11 to San Antonio to participate in the all-state contest. Mile will also be eligible for a \$1000.00 scholarship from ATSSB. This summer the kids will be taking a trip to California in which they will be performing at the Disney recording studio and making a sound track for a movie. The kids with be given a copy of the CD and upon return Mr. Arrowood said he would bring the CD and share it with the board.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve Calendar for the 2009-10 School Year

A copy of the proposed calendar was included in the Board packet. The faculty took into account the requirements for staff development, instructional days, state testing, and local holidays and submitted calendars to their Campus Site Based Decision Committees (SBDM). Each campus selected one and submitted it to the Central Office. The entire district staff then voted on the three calendars and selected one and the winner was recommended to the school board for approval. Mr. Calhoun recommended that the board approve the calendar for 2009-10 as presented.

B. Approve Resolution to Close Polling Place

Due to the low number of voters at the Elm Grove polling precinct the last couple of years, Mr. Calhoun ask the board to authorize him to seek pre-clearance from the Department of Justice to close the polling place at Elm Grove for the May 9,

2009 school trustee election and all school elections thereafter. Mr. Calhoun answered questions from the board. Mr. Calhoun also suggested that EBISD would provide transportation if necessary on one of the early voting days to assist the voters. If there is not enough participation that service will be terminated after the following year and thereafter. Mail-out ballots are also available to those who qualify. Mr. Calhoun recommended that the board authorize him to seek pre-clearance from the Department of Justice to close the Elm Grove polling place.

C. Order Trustee Election for May 9, 2009 and Appoint Election Workers

Mr. Calhoun recommended approval of the following:

- 1) Order school trustee election for Saturday, May 9, 2009, for positions 3 (David Webster) and 4 (Charles New), with voting places to be at the East Bernard Branch of the Wharton County Library and the Community Hall in Elm Grove. East Bernard ISD and the city of East Bernard will hold a joint election at the East Bernard location. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Order East Bernard ISD to enter a joint contract with Wharton County Elections Department for Election services.
- 3) Order early voting by personal appearance to be held at the East Bernard Branch of the Wharton County Library as follows:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1, 2009 (5 days)
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 4 – Tuesday, May 5, 2009 (2 days)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, May 1, 2009.
- 4) Appoint as early voting clerk, Mrs. Judy Owens, and deputy voting clerk, Ms. Louisa Davis, mailing address: East Bernard ISD Administration Office, 723 College Street, East Bernard, TX 77435 and appoint the following workers for the early voting location: Mrs. Catherine Wondrash and Mrs. Jeanette Kaminsky.
- 5) Appoint Mrs. Catherine Wondrash as presiding judge for the early voting ballot board. Clerks serving at the East Bernard polling place would also serve as clerks for the early voting ballot board.

The iVotronic voting system will be used for early voting and at the May 9 election.

D. Approve 2008-09 Campus Improvement Plans and District Educational Improvement Plan

Mr. Calhoun said the D.E.I.C. (District Educational Improvement Committee) met on January 28th 2009 and discussed the District Educational Improvement Plan for 2008-09. The Board was also given a copy of the Campus Improvement Plans.

Mr. Calhoun recommended that the Board approve the Campus and District Educational Improvement Plans as presented.

A motion by Roland Orsak was seconded by James Vincek to approve consent agenda items A, B, C and D.

Voting Yes: All.

The Board went into executive session at 7:48 p.m. under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel and returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

A. Administrators' Contract Extensions

- A motion by Roland Orsak was seconded by Charles New to approve extending the contract of Tim Pope as elementary principal until the end of the 2010-11 school year.
Voting Yes: All.

- A motion by James Vincek was seconded by Mike Farrell to approve extending the contract of Buck Wenglar as high school principal until the end of the 2010-11 school year.
Voting Yes: All.

- A motion by Roland Orsak was seconded by Brian Mica to approve extending the contract of Bobby Jones as Director of Maintenance and Operations until the end of the 2010-11 school year.
Voting Yes: All.

- A motion by Charles New was seconded by James Kainer to approve extending the contract of Jerry Long as Athletic Director until the end of the 2010-11 school year.
Voting Yes: All.

B. Employment of a Teacher at the Elementary School

A motion by James Vincek was seconded by Roland Orsak to offer Bonnie Hlavinka a probationary contract until the end of the 2008-09 school year effective February 10, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Secretary President