

Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Bastrop Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bastrop Independent School District will be held Thursday, September 10, 2020, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Cedar Street, Bastrop, TX 78602.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Consider Approval of Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the Four-Week Limit

Presenter: Superintendent Edwards

4. Adjournment

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.184(f).. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on _____, at _____.

For the Board of Trustees



Bastrop ISD
Board Agenda
September 10, 2020

Item # 2

SUBJECT: Request to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Transition Beyond the Four-Week Limit

PRESENTOR: Barry Edwards, Superintendent

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: 5 minutes

The Texas Education Agency has a waiver available if a school system believes it is best for the health and safety of students and staff to continue to restrict access to on-campus instruction beyond the first four weeks of their 2020-21 instructional calendar. The waiver must be approved by the Board of Trustees by specific vote, and cannot otherwise delegate the waiver application to the superintendent. During this transition period, LEAs are still required to allow all students to access on-campus instruction who come from households without internet access or appropriate remote learning devices. During the extended period being requested with this waiver, at least some on-campus instruction must be provided each day. The waiver may be rescinded if the requirements are not met.

According to the Bastrop County Health Authority, Bastrop County moved to Stage 3 this week. At Stage 3, the health authority recommends school reopening up to 50% for on-campus learning.

By approving the waiver, this will allow us to have the flexibility to continue our phased-in reopening based on the health conditions in BISD. We will monitor COVID transmission rates in conjunction with the health authority and will increase capacity if able to do so and will remain at the current level for a minimum of 2 weeks. BISD administration would only exercise the waiver should the local risk warrant it.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend the Board approve the request to extend the start of the 2020-2021 school year transition beyond the four-week limit as presented.