

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –Wednesday, April 15, 2020

### BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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1. Invocation – Omar Ramirez  
Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright
2. Call to Order at 7:38 pm

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Tracy Wright – President  
Mr. Omar Ramirez – Vice President  
Mrs. Ofelia Pena – Secretary  
Ms. Abbi Lynn Pena – Trustee (Absent)  
Mr. Jose “Angel” Arce – Trustee  
Mr. Mike Wessels – Trustee (Absent)  
Mrs. Lilly Nash – Trustee

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Max Thompson – Superintendent  
Adrian Pena- Superintendent of Business  
Kerry Thompson – Curriculum Director  
Ms. Denise Blanchard-HS Principal  
Mr. Ramiro Pena- JH Principal  
Adriana Tagle – BES Principal  
Kevin Hermes-BISD Athletic Director

#### **VISITORS PRESENT**

3. **Open Forum:**  
Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. No presentation shall be longer than 3 minutes. The board will not be able to respond to any topic discussed during the open forum if it is not listed on the agenda. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on the matter being considered by the board, unless requested by the presiding officer. Persons wishing to participate must sign up before the meeting and indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. Please see Board Operating Procedures for more details.

Sign In: None

4. **Public Notice:**  
Public Notice is given that the District may go into a closed meeting (executive session) at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Government Code. In the event the District elects to go into a closed meeting regarding any agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the closed meeting will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. The subjects listed below will be the items upon which formal action may be taken. The subjects do not have to be taken in the order listed here but may be brought up in any order at the discretion of the board.

The board will go into closed meeting according to Texas Code Section §551.74 during the discussions on personnel matters. Decisions and actions on all matters will be made in open session as required by Texas Government Code Section §551.102

- A. Consideration of Employment
- B. Resignations
- C. Personnel
- D. Long Range Plans and Purchases

5. **Report of Superintendent and Administrators:**

**Ms. Denise Blanchard:** Banquete High School working online with staff and students. UIL academics practicing via ZOOM in hope that competitions continue. Delivered Chrome Books to students who were not able to pick them up and waiting on Hot Spots.

**Mr. Ramiro Pena:** Excited he earned his ZOOM badge, thanks to Mrs. Tagle..Praising all his JH staff for working hard and keeping student abreast of assignments and updates. JH staff did a "We Miss You" rally drive around town. Mrs. Escobar received a \$1500 donation from Navy Army Credit Union which will be used to purchase 30 -\$50 gift cards and disbursed to families in our community who may be in need. Mrs. Medrano received a \$7500 Technology grant for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Mrs. Adriana Tagle:** Conducting grade level ZOOM meeting with staff and getting notifications of students not turning in assignments. Mrs. Tagle makes calls to those students/parents to make sure if they know teachers are there is they need assistance. Excited about the collage Mrs. Barrera made of staff with signs. Collage was posted on Facebook and has received over 3000 hits.

**Mr. Kevin Hermes:** Had an interview with KRIS 6 about the stadium lights being turned on. "It's like Friday Night Lights of HOPE, it brings the community together". Staying in touch with athletes through an App which informs students of healthy eating, workouts, and COVID information. Waiting on decision from Governor Abbott to see if athletes and academics will be able to complete their season.

**Mr. Adrian Pena:** Nothing

**Mrs. Kerry Thompson:** Getting ready for 2020-2021 fall return. Districts were informed that they will keep ratings from the 2019-2020 school year for the 2020-2021 school year. AP testing plans are to be taken at home -45 time limit and in writing.

**Dr. Max Thompson:** Read Covid-19 timeline/updates. Having numerous ZOOM meetings and phone calls with Judge Canales, Commissioner of Ed, and ESC2 Superintendents. Agua Dulce ISD helping out with getting Grab and Go meals for our district's students. Continuing to work with Bond Counsel in regards to BISD Bond Election.

6. **CONSENT OF AGENDA**-All item(s) on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted with one motion and a majority vote of the governing body. There will not be a separate discussion of these item(s) unless a member of the governing body or a citizen requests, in which event these item(s) will be removed from the order of business and considered in normal sequence on the regular agenda.

- a. Payment of itemized bills
- b. Financial Statements and Balances
- c. Investments
- d. Tax Office Reports
- e. Cafeteria Report
- f. Cash Flow Report
- g. Approval of all standard reports, minutes, bills and informational item(s)

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve Consent of Agenda as presented

Motion Carried 5-0

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

The Board will consider, discuss and take appropriate action regarding the following items:

7. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING AN ORDER POSTPOINING THE MAY 2, 2020 BOND ELECTION, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

After numerous call with Nueces County – Kara Sands, District Legal advisors and Bond Counsel. Propose Motion to Postpone Bond Election presented by Dr. Max Thompson.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash that, in accordance with the disaster proclamation by the Governor of Texas on March 18, 2020, which authorizes local political subdivisions to postpone their elections scheduled on May 2, 2020 to November 3, 2020, the Board hereby postpones the bond election called by the Board of Trustees on February 13, 2020, to now take place on November 3, 2020, in the Banquete Independent School District; and that the Superintendent is hereby authorized, to explore other options, if any to conduct the election earlier.

Motion carried 5-0

8. **COACH STIPENDS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Kevin Hermes presented surveys conducted in regards to coaches' stipends and days added. BISD is behind in keeping up with coaches' stipends and would request that Board of Trustees consider increasing stipends and the hiring of 2 new coaches.

Motion made by Lilly Nash and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to increase the districts coaches' stipend budget line item by \$30,000 and allow coach Kevin Hermes to hire 2 new coaches.

Motion carried 5-0

9. **GPA/CLASS RANK CONSIDERATIONS AMID COVID-19 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED**

A. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Dr. Max Thompson presented a Resolution to the BISD Board of Trustees requesting authorization as described in the Resolution.

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Banquete Independent School District Regarding Delegation of Authority During the Covid-19 Emergency.

Motion carried 5-0

B. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK CALCULATIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Dr. Max Thompson presented a Resolution to the BISD Board of Trustees declaring that senior class ranking and honor graduate ranking for the 2019-2020 school year will be determined by using grades available at the time of calculation through the first semester grading period of the senior year.

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve the Resolution of the Board Regarding High School Grade Point Average and Class Rank Calculations for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Motion carried 5-0

10. **FOOD SERVICE**

BISD started to feed out students with Grab and Go lunches, Judge Canales informed BISD, feeding students is essential and therefore district was delivering food to student via our buses. Fear set in when our zip code was notified of a confirmed Covid-19 case and had some concerns

from families and employees. Agua Dulce ISD stepped in and offered to have our students pick up their Grab and Go lunches at the Agua Dulce cafeteria. Have approximately 200 student picking up lunches from Agua Dulce ISD. Notifying BISSD Board of Trustees will consider contacting Aramark or another food service company to assist with lunches if food service employees choose not to return to work as needed. Leah Civis is doing a great job and has one other employee who is will to return as needed.

No Action Needed

11. **PERSONNEL**

**A. PERSONNEL CONTRACTS**

Campus list of contracts requested to be approved presented.

Motion made by Jose “Angel” Arce and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve personnel contracts as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

12. **DATE AND TIME FOR MAY REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting set for May 13, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

General consent

20. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

General Consent

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Tracy Wright, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary