



BANQUETE ISD

"A Proud History and an Unlimited Future"

Board Brief - Regular Meeting 10/8/2025

CELEBRATIONS

The Banquete ISD Board of Trustees celebrated Mrs. Hofstetter, Mr. Pena, and Ms. Escobar in recognition of National Principals Month. Their leadership, dedication, and commitment to students and staff make a lasting impact on our schools and community every day. We are grateful for all they do to inspire excellence and create a culture of success across the district.

The Board also celebrated the Banquete Junior High Cross Country team, newly reestablished this year after a seven-year absence. What began with a parent's request for opportunity and a coach's willingness to include a few extra runners quickly blossomed into a full team. The 7th Grade Girls Cross Country team demonstrated what can happen when opportunity meets determination—bringing home a District Championship in their first season back! The Board proudly celebrated their grit, teamwork, and remarkable success.

REPORTS

Board President Updates - Mr. Omar Ramirez shared that the district's support of St. Michael the Archangel's Fall Festival helped make the festival a success. Mr. Omar Ramirez also reminded the trustees to continue to meet the requirements of board training and log hours.

Enrollment & Attendance - Mrs. Kenna Moody shared that the district's enrollment is 725 and that enrollment and attendance can be tracked daily on the [BISD Enrollment & Attendance Dashboard](#). Attendance for the year is currently 94.79% with a goal of 96% or higher.

Special Programs Update (Emergent Bilingual) - Mrs. Kenna Moody shared that TEA requires that the district present the emergent bilingual program to the board annually. Additionally, any requests for waivers for ESL certification will also be presented to the board for approval. The current emergent bilingual population in the district is 27, 18 students at BES, 3 students at BJH, and 6 students at BHS.

Athletic Update - Mr. Kevin Hermes shared that the volleyball and junior high football seasons are winding down. The cross country season has also concluded with a 7th grade girls district championship. Coach Hermes shared that of the 120 student-athletes, only 2 students were ineligible for grades highlighting a true focus on being students first.

Special Education Update - Mr. Brent Coleman shared that the district is in the middle of the TEA Cyclical Audit. He shared that part of the information needed to submit is a stakeholder survey and discussed the importance of participating in the survey.



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BOND UPDATES

Javier Huerta from CLK provided a project update outlining progress on the new Junior High construction. Bidding documents will be completed in December, with bids opening in early January and construction beginning in February.

Planning for other projects, such as CTE and athletic fields, will follow once budgets are finalized. The district is also exploring cost-saving options, including renovating existing facilities instead of new construction.

During the discussion, board members asked about construction timelines, costs, and square footage. Mr. Huerta also previewed upcoming management services focused on cost efficiency and shared that visuals, renderings, and virtual reality presentations will be featured at the Junior Architect Day and Town Hall Meeting.

ACTION TAKEN

- The Board of Trustees approved the 2025-2026 District Goals and Performance Objectives. (6-0 vote).
- The Board of Trustees approved the 2025-2026 Staff Development Minutes Waiver (6-0 vote).
- The Board of Trustees approved the 2025-2026 Bilingual/ESL Waiver (6-0 vote).
- The Board of Trustees approved the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with CLK Architects & Associates (6-0 vote).
- The Board of Trustees took no action on the Approval of the Resolution Nominating a Candidate for the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2025
6:00pm
Banquete Elementary Library