

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting–THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Invocation – Omar Ramirez
Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright
2. Call to Order at 7:45 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 (Absent)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

None

3. Open Forum:

Audience participation at a Board Meeting is no longer limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designed for that purpose. No presentation shall be longer than 3 minutes. I need to inform you that 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 the individual has given notice 24 hours prior of the specific agenda item they have interest in commenting on. This has been enacted so that the presiding officer can allow appropriate flow of matters. Persons wishing to participate on specific agenda matters must sign up no less than 24 hours before the meeting and indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. Please see Board Operating Procedures for more details or visit with the superintendent or his secretary.

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 provision 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 publically 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:

Ms. Blanchard absent due to illness.

Mr. Ramiro Pena: Campus Bulletin presented. Campus hit hard by Flu bug. Mrs. Escobar received the CCATCU Campus Champion of the month award- she was nominated by a parent. NJHS visited Robstown Retama Manor and La Vida Nursing Home in Alice. Students were well received and enjoyed playing bingo with nursing home residence. Alice Echo wrote a great article on the students.

Mrs. Adriana Tagle: Campus Board Report presented. Campus also hit by Flu and Strep illness. Quilt donated by Mrs. Lee will be raffled off to student who had perfect attendance the last attendance reporting period. Had a Pansgiving breakfast with staff and will be having breakfast with student who reached their AR goal tomorrow. UIL students attended competition at Santa Gertrudis one day and Falfurrias the next day kids did great.

Mr. Kevin Hermes: Mid way through basketball season. Getting Spring sports organized. Athletics received the Wyatt Foundation Grant for \$40,000.00, plan on spending the funds on equipment, have spent \$28,000.00 so far. Omar Ramirez asked, can money be spent on athletic facility repairs? No expense report will be required.

Mr. Adrian Pena: Nothing

Mrs. Kerry Thompson: Finished STAAR Testing last week, BISD had 100% in attendance for testing. State released district's report card. Everyone did a great job!

Dr. Max Thompson: Presented calendar. Student increase in DAEP. Will be out of town until Jan. 2, 2020.

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 Jose "Angel" Arce to approve Consent of Agenda as presented

Motion Carried 4-0

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

7. **STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION**

None

8. **E3 ENERGY UPDATE**

Klip Weaver and Ben Mund presented power point updates on E3 Energy.

No Action

9. **GIGNAC ELEMENTARY UPDATE**

Mr. Gignac and Mr. Tagle presented power point updates on Elementary campus needs.

No Action

10. **FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS (F.I.R.S.T.)**

Adrian Pena reported. Report was posted in the Alice Echo/Robstown Star newspaper.

No Action

11. **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN BISD AND SOUTH TEXAS COLONIAS**

Agreement not prepared as of yet by attorney.

No Action

12. **EVALUATION FORM APPROVAL**

Proposing forms for Business Manager and Athletic Director. Will present forms at next months meeting.

No Action

13. **TASB POLICY UPDATE 114**

Presented for second reading.

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to approved TASB Policy Update 114 as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

14. **FUTURE DISTRICT FACILITY NEEDS**

Wanting to clear all items by 2025, so that interest stay flat.

No Action

15. **DATE AND TIME FOR JANUARY REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting set for Wednesday, January 22, 2020

General consent

16. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

General Consent

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government code Chapter 551, Chapters D and E.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on December 16, 2019 at the Administration Office located at 4339 4th Street, Banquete, Texas 78339 by 6 pm.

_____	ATTEST: _____
Tracy Wright, President	Secretary