

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –Wednesday, February 12, 2020 BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Invocation – Jose “Angel” Arce
Pledge of Allegiance – Omar Ramirez
2. Call to Order at 7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tracy Wright – President (Absent)
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

Texas A&M Kingsville Social Program announced the program is fully accredited and presented updates of their activities. Thanked district for allowing the program to use the facilities. Had a successful turkey and toy drive. Working on an Easter project.

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: Campus Bulletin presented. Current enrollment 262 – attendance 90.98%

Mr. Ramiro Pena: Campus Bulletin presented. Current enrollment 219 – attendance 95.30%

Mrs. Adriana Tagle: Presented Campus Bulletin. Current enrollment 383 – attendance 96.17%.

Adriana Tagle updated information on the 2-week medical clinic being set up in the district. Medical staff will be set up in the elementary campus and military personnel will be housed men at the JH gym and ladies at the Elem. Gym. Looking forward to a successful program.

Mr. Kevin Hermes: Realignment has come out BISD added Skidmore for football and picked up Laredo Harmony for Volleyball and basketball. Girls basketball missed playoff by 2 pts. Boys have a crucial game must win against Falfurrias. Spring sports rolling along.

Mr. Adrian Pena: Nothing

Mrs. Kerry Thompson: STAAR, EOC, TELPAS, ALT. TEST training going on.

Dr. Max Thompson: Presented calendar. Full calendar lots of upcoming activities.

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 4-0

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

7. **STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Virginia Esquivel presented Banquete Elementary – Coastal Bend Science Fair student participants

8. **CHEER CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

Soluna Riddell presented summary of updates on Cheer Constitution for the upcoming school year.

Motion made by Jose “Angel” Arce and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve Cheer Constitution updates as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Denise Blanchard presented a cheer program “The Sparklers” will be an inclusive cheer program for students with special needs. Students with special needs wishing to participate in

the program will need to pick up the Code of Conduct/Rules from Ms. Blanchard who will be the sponsor for "The Sparklers" cheer squad. Students who wish to be peer helpers will also need to pick up Code of Conduct/Rules from Ms. Blanchard.

Motion made by Lilly Nash and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to approve "The Sparklers" cheer squad for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

9. **SENATE BILL 1566 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH ESC2**

Dr. Thompson presented for information only, dates and locations of upcoming training. Would like for board members to attend training as Team of Eight on April 20, 2020 at Alice High School.

No Motion Needed

10. **FUTURE DISTRICT FACILITY NEEDS**

a. **SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADE**

Information packet presented. System will include integration which will notify local and Nueces County first responders. ACS is currently working with Nueces County Emergency Management Systems.

b. **ENERGY CHANGES**

Map and updated information presented. Price has gone down to \$2.6 million

No Motion Needed – Information Only

11. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION IN THE DISTRICT AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO**

Presentation made by Robert Tijerina – Financial Consultant in regards to finances. Presentation made by Juan Aguilera with Escamilla & Poneck, LLP presented the documents for a Bond Election.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to Approve An Order Calling A Bond Election In The District and Other Matters Incident and Related Thereto.

Motion carried 4-0

12. **HEALTH CARE PROVISION AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT OF INNOVATION**

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13. **PERSONNEL**

a. **ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS**

Closed Session: 8:50 pm

Open Session: 9:10 pm

Dr. Max Thompson made recommendation to extend all district administrators contracts.

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Lilly Nast to extend all district administrators contracts as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

14. **DATE AND TIME FOR MARCH REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting set for March 18, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

General consent

20. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

General Consent

Tracy Wright, President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary