

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –February 8, 2021

### BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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1. Invocation – Tracy Wright  
Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright
2. Call to Order at 6:31pm

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Tracy Wright – President  
Mr. Omar Ramirez – Vice President  
Lilly Nash – Secretary (Absent)  
Mr. Joshua Garcia – Trustee  
Mrs. Lillian Neely – Trustee  
Mr. Mike Wessels – Trustee (Absent)  
Mr. Chris Wildman– 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 (Arrived at 7:30 pm)

#### **VISITORS PRESENT**

Robert Tijerina – Via Zoom  
Butch Felkner  
Joe Abrams – ACS (Alliance for Community Solutions)

#### 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:** Presented campus bulletin. Excited about 1 student received Terry Foundation Scholarship and 1 a semifinalist for the Mini Stevens Piper Foundation Scholarship.

**Mr. Ramiro Pena:** Campus newsletter presented. Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team finished season undefeated. Attached JH Track schedule.

**Mrs. Adriana Tagle:** Campus newsletter presented. Enrollment 377. Congratulations to Dylan West top AR students. AR program still going strong throughout the campus. Intervention groups doing a great job in the past two weeks.

**Mr. Kevin Hermes:** BHS hosted powerlifting meet at BHS. Went off well – parents and community were able to see meet via YouTube. Jr. High softball and HS softball in progress as well as baseball. Everyone busy moving kids around to their athletic events, spring in full season. Omar Ramirez requested to recognize Cedric Alvarez at next board meeting.

**Mr. Adrian Pena:** Nothing

**Mrs. Kerry Thompson:** Curriculum department busy getting students spring testing material ready and ordered.

**Dr. Max Thompson:** Calendar attached to Boardbook.

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 Joshua Garcia and seconded by Omar Ramirez to approve all other Consent of Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

7. **STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Dylan West – Banquete Elementary – TOP AR Reader  
Ronnie Wymore – Banquete Jr High – ATPE Local Unit of the Year  
Ramiro Pena – Banquete Jr High – ATPE Administrator of the Year Nominee

8. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT'S CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS, AND THE OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Robert Tijerina presented via Zoom. Process for the cash defeasance estimated amount of \$1,060,00.00 processed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and funds wired to BISD on March 4<sup>th</sup> to make payments.

Motion made by Chris Wildman and second by Lillian Neely to approve A Resolution Authorizing The Defeasance of Certain Portions of the District's Currently Outstanding Obligations, and the Other Matters Related Thereto.

Motion carried 5-0

9. **ACS SAFETY AND SECURITY WORK UPDATE**

Joe Abrams from ACS presented PowerPoint on Safety and Security work performed. Projects to start at Elementary Campus, High School, then Jr. High Campus. Project start date – driven by bond. Project updates will be presented at next board meeting.

Information Only

10. **TASB REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SERVICES**

TASB representative Butch Flekner, presented Search Service booklet to preview. Outlined process for superintendent search, timeline, and things to look for as well as consider as time progresses.

All board members will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Motion made by Chris Wildman and seconded by Joshua Garcia to approve hiring TASB Executive Search Services as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

11. **EVALUATION WAIVER FOR BISD TEACHERS WITH THE DISTRICT 3 YEARS OR LONGER**

Dr. Thompson requesting Evaluation Waiver For BISD Teachers With The District 3 Years or More. In order to relieve some added work to campus administrators. Campus administrators will monitor and document teacher progress via Google classroom log in's and out's by teachers. Teachers will receive feedback from campus administrator in regards to progress shown. Mr. Wildman expressed concerns in regards to those teachers who will not get evaluated. Principals will be conducting conversations with all teachers in reference to their classroom and teaching.

Motion made by Joshua Garcia and second by Omar Ramirez to approve Evaluation Waiver For BISD Teachers with the District 3 years or longer as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

12. **2021-2022 CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION UPDATES**

2021-2022 Cheerleader Constitution updates reviewed. Due to COVID some items have been changed as noted on the Cheer Constitution submitted.

Motion made by Lillian Neely and second by Chris Wildman to approve 2021-2022 Cheerleader Constitution as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

13. **ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT BALANCE FINANCING THROUGH GOVERNMENT CAPITAL**

Financing documents presented. Once board approves documents will be sent to attorneys who will verify information prior to moving forward.

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and second by Joshua Garcia to approve Energy Conservation Project Balance Financing through Government Capital as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

14. **PERSONNEL**  
**a. ADMINISTRATORS CONTRACTS**

Dr. Max Thompson recommends all BISD administrators be issued an added year contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion made by Joshua Garcia and seconded by Omar Ramirez to accept Dr. Max Thompson Superintendent of BISD recommendation to issue an added year contract for 2021-2022 to all district administrators.

Motion carried: 5-0

15. **BOARD/DISTRICT GOALL SETTING**

District Goal Setting training for board members presented by Dr. Esperanza Zendejas from ESC2

No Motion Needed

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

Regular March board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

General Consent

18. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

General Consent

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Tracy Wright, President

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