

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –January 21, 2021

BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Invocation – Tracy Wright
Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright
2. Call to Order at 6:07pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tracy Wright – President
Mr. Omar Ramirez – Vice President (Arrived @ 6:30 pm)
Lilly Nash – Secretary
Mr. Joshua Garcia – Trustee (Arrived @ 6:10)
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 (Absent)
Adriana Tagle – BES Principal
Kevin Hermes-BISD Athletic Director

VISITORS PRESENT

Raul Hinojosa – Audit Presenter
Robert Tijerina – Bond Finance Presentation

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. Enrollment at 275. Making lots of phone calls to communicate with students and parents. Activities listed on campus bulleting.

Mr. Ramiro Pena: (Absent)

Mrs. Adriana Tagle: Thanks the BISD Board of Trustee for the continued support and appreciation. BES is working on the 3R's (Refresh, Reflect, and Right by Kids) Everyone on the BES campus is currently a teacher working together. Preparing an end of semester award for student "Room Service" New AR Scholar program in place will present at next month's meeting.

Mr. Kevin Hermes: Working full swing. Boys basketball made a couple of schedule changes. Met with district Superintendent's on Tuesday wo update schedules. Softball practice began this week baseball begins next week. BHS will host 2 team powerlifting tournament. Spring sports on their way.

Mr. Adrian Pena: Baseball and softball field fencing in progress. Should be completed in the next 2-3 days.

Mrs. Kerry Thompson: Presented Curriculum updates. Details of December EOC STAAR Testing was summarized. BISD students and staff doing a wonderful job.

Dr. Max Thompson: Calendar attached to Boardbook. Ramiro Pena out due to COVID and Kevin is running a little late due to softball.

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 Lillian Neely and seconded by Joshua Garcia 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**

None

8. **A FINANCING PLAN TO AUTHORIZE THE FUTURE ISSUANCE OF NEW MONEY BONDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS AT AN ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020.**

Robert Tijerina presented the BISD Plan of Finance. Requesting BISD Board of Trustees to consider approving the Financing Plan To Authorize The Future Issuance Of New Money Bonds For Various Projects Approved By District Voters At An Election Held November 3, 2020.

Motion made by Chris Wildman and second by Lillian Neely to approve the Financing Plan To Authorize The Future Issuance Of New Money Bonds For Various Projects Approved By District Voters At An Election Held November 3, 2020.

Motion carried 6-0

9. **AUDIT REPORT FROM AUDITOR**

Raul Hernandez presented the BISD Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2020.

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and seconded by Joshua Garcia to approve the BISD Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2020.

Motion carried 6-0

10. **ADOPTION OF ELEMENTARY 3RD GRADE READING & MATH AND HIGH SCHOOL CCMR GOALS.**

Dr. Thompson reviewed the previously presented goals presented by Adriana Tagle (BES Principal) and Denise Blanchard (BHS Principal).

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve Adoption of Elementary 3rd Grade Reading & Math and High School CCMR goals as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

11. **TASB POLICY UPDATE 116**

Policy 116 has 4 local updates. Dr. Thompson request to approve as presented.

Motion made by Lilly Nash and second by Omar Ramirez to TASB Policy Update 116 as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

12. **RATIFICATION OF ENERGY CONTRACT WITH TASB**

Energy contract expires in March. Dr. T has solicited quotes to see what's out there. Recommending to ratify contract with TASB Energy Cooperative/Direct Energy.

Motion made by Lillian Neely and second by Joshua Garcia to approve Ratification of Energy Contract with TASB.

Motion carried 6-0

13. **PERSONNEL**
a. SUPERINTENDENTS EVALUATION
b. SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS

Motion made by Lillian Neely and seconded by Joshua Garcia to accept Dr. Max Thompson Superintendent of BISD Letter of Retirement.

Motion carried: 6-0

14. **(ADDENDUM 1) CONSIDERATION AND/OR DISCUSSION REGARDING RESOLUTION TO EXTEND COVID FFCRA EPS LEAVE DAYS FOR EMPLOYEE QUARANTINE NOT PREVIOUSLY USED.**

Resolution presented requesting to extend COVID-19 (10) days to employees who have not previously used the days. This extension expires at the end of the regular scheduled school year assigned to employee. This resolution does not extend any expanded FMLA provision of the FFCRA.

Motion made by Chris Wildman and seconded by Joshua Garcia to approve Resolution requesting to extend COVID-19 (10) days to employees who have not previously used the days. This extension expires at the end of the regular scheduled school year assigned to employee. This resolution does not extend any expanded FMLA provision of the FFCRA.

Motion carried 6-0

15. **(ADDENDUM 2) TAPR REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE CURRICULUM DIRECTOR**

Mrs. Kerry Thompson presented the TAPR 2019-2020 Annual Report at the BISD schedule board meeting open to the public on January 21, 2021.

Motion made by Joshua Garcia and seconded by Lillian Neely to approve the TAPR Report as presented by the Curriculum Director (Mrs. Kerry Thompson)

Motion carried 6-0

16. **BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES UPCOMING**

Board Training Opportunities to new and returning board members. Summer Leadership Institute and Texas Rural Education Association conferences were mentioned.

No Action Needed.

17. **DATE AND TIME FOR FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING**

Regular February board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Break: 7:30 pm

Closed Session: 8:00 pm

Open Session: 8:26: pm

18. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

General Consent

Tracy Wright, President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary