**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

**BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Trustees**

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1. Invocation – Omar Ramirez

Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Tracy Wright – President

Mr. Omar Ramirez – Vice President

Mrs. Lilly Nash – Secretary

Mr. Chris Wildman– Trustee

Mr. Joshua Garcia – Trustee

Mr. Mike Wessels – Trustee (Absent)

Mrs. Lillian Neely – Trustee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Stacy Johnson – Superintendent

Adrian Pena- Superintendent of Business and Operations

Adriana Tagle– Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Denise Blanchard-HS Principal (Absent)

Mr. Ramiro Pena- JH Principal

Angelica Escobar – BES Principal

Kevin Hermes-BISD Athletic Director

**VISITORS PRESENT**

1. **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

1. **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 make in open session as required by Texas Government Code Section §551.102

1. Consideration of Employment
2. Resignations
3. Personnel
4. Long Range Plans and Purchases
5. **Report of Superintendent and Administrators:**

**Ms. Denise Blanchard:** Absent

**Mr. Ramiro Pena:** Hired two experienced teachers to replace Mrs. Malik and Mrs. Escobar. Campus is ready to go and planning on student registration.

**Ms. Angelica Escobar**: Working with good mentor. Plan to meet with staff and have a “Popsicle with the Principal” drive by. Entry plan in progress which includes communication, leadership, and parent involvement, BES staff ready to manage anything being put in place. Will be meeting with office staff next week.

**Mr. Kevin Hermes**: Newsletter presented. One week left before 2 a days practice. Athletics dept. has had a productive summer and have lots of camps going on. Looking for great things coming up. Physicals for all athletes will be taking place on July 21 between 4 and 7 pm.

**Mr. Adrian Pena:** Nothing

**Mrs. Adrian Tagle:** June EOC testing completed it was a good experience. Preliminary results favorable. Should be receiving remaing results in July. Excited to welcome new leadership and staff. Working on new teacher mentoring, new teacher orientation will be August 5th. Working on new principal academy to get new administrators prepared for school year.

**Dr. Stacy Johnson:** Met with cabinet of administrators. Set up gatherings “Coffee and Conversation” and “Supper with the Super”. For July 29th. BISD plans on celebrating 150 years of Banquete ISD. A committee being formed, Mr. Jesse Gonzalez will be heading things up.

1. **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.
   1. Payment of itemized bills
   2. Financial Statements and Balances
   3. Investments
   4. Tax Office Reports
   5. Cafeteria Report
   6. Cash Flow Report
   7. Approval of all standard reports, minutes, bills and informational item(s)

Motion made by Chris Wilmand and seconded by Joshua Garcia to approve all other Consent of Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

1. **STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION**

None

1. **ACS REPORT**

Joe Abrams presented power point with updates.

No Motion Needed

1. **EXECUTIVE COACHING**

Dr. Johnson, working with consultant twice a month. Consultant brining professional development to district, working on planning goals and sharing resources for the district, will also be working with the board of trustees.

No Motion Needed

1. **BISD EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATES**

Employee handbook will be reviewed once again at the August board meeting.

No Motion Needed

1. **CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES**

Campus Parent/Student Handbook updates presented. Dr. Johnson would like to see a district wide Parent/Student Handbook for next school year as well as a district wide dress code.

Motion made by Chris Wildman and seconded by Lillian Neely to approve Parent/Student Handbooks as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

1. **BISD STUDENT DRESS CODE DISCUSSION**

Concerns in regards to labeling dress code specific. No law currently in place in regards to dress code specific labeling. Attorney suggest not to take action at this time. District will work with community and board to work on updating and set a district wide dress code. Recommending to leave dress code as is and work on updating in the future.

No Motion Needed

1. **TASB POLICY 117 UPDATE**

First Reading. Move to August board meeting for a second reading.

General Consent

1. **PERSONNEL**
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   2. **BANQUETE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION**

Closed Session: 7:28 pm

Open Session: 8:42 pm

Recommendation to approve Ratification of Hires for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

Motion made by Lilly Nash and seconded by Chris Wildman to approve Ratification of Hires for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation made by Dr. Stacy Johnson to approve Elsa Rodriguez-Hofstetter as Banquete High School principal.

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and second by Lilly Nash to approve Elsa Rodriguez-Hofstetter as Banquete High School principal.

Motion carried 6-0

1. **DATE AND TIME FOR AUGUST REGULAR MEETING**

Regular Board Meeting and Budget Workshop scheduled for:

August 9, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Special Called Board Meeting: Budget and Tax Adoption, Strategic Planning scheduled for:

August 23, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

General consent

20. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

General Consent

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Tracy Wright, President Secretary