

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –Wednesday, March 18, 2020

BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Invocation – Omar Ramirez
Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright
2. Call to Order at 7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tracy Wright – President
Mr. Omar Ramirez – Vice President
Mrs. Ofelia Pena – Secretary
Ms. Abbi Lynn Pena – Trustee
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

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: Ms. Blanchard was absent and represented by Asst. Principal Russell Miller. Mr. Miller presented bulletins sent out via SMORE to student/parents/and staff.

Mr. Ramiro Pena: Lots of administrative meeting this week. BJH staff coming in on Friday, March 20th to begin putting together student assignments. Shout out to the districts maintenance, food service dept., and custodians for doing an outstanding job.

Mrs. Adriana Tagle: Campus doing lots of planning-taking into account the needs of every student. Great to work with a district that pulls together.

Mr. Kevin Hermes: UIL has canceled all practices and games until end of March. District coaches have been informed of UIL information.

Mr. Adrian Pena: Nothing

Mrs. Kerry Thompson: STAAR/EOC spring testing guidelines. Students who have not taken and EOC and pass the class will not be required to make up EOC test. Student who have previously taken EOC and have not passed it will be required to take test as well as those students who do not get credit for a testing class.

Dr. Max Thompson: Presented calendar. COVID-19 keeping district busy. Congratulations to One Act Play students for placing 1st in district. First time since 1990. BISD received the PTECH grant for \$50,000.

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 Omar Ramirez and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to approve Consent of Agenda as presented

Motion Carried 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

7. **DIASTER RESOLUTIONS**

A. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD REGARDING WAGE PAYMENTS DURING EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Dr. Thompson requesting permission to continue to pay employees at regular pay for time worked. Expecting TEA to continue with money flowing due to CORVID-19.

Motion made by Abbi L Pena and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to approve Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments During Emergency School Closing.

Motion carried 5-0

B. BISD SUPERINTENDENT RESOLUTION REGARDING EMERGENCY PURCHASES

Dr. Thompson requesting authorization to make emergency purchases over the \$25,000 limit for the next 57 days incurred due to COVID-19

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Jose “Angel” Arce to authorized BISD Superintendent’s Resolution Regarding Emergency Purchases.

Motion carried 5-0

8. **COVID -19 MATTERS**

Dr. Thompson presented timeline in COVID-19 Matters. Working to start student online studies by March 25, 2020. Will notify parents and community school closure extended till April 14, 2020

No Motion Needed

9. **SCHOOL HOUSING DISCUSSION**

Adrian presented plans to put empty school houses along with other items out for auction and do some demolition. Board members asking Adrian to proceed with bids on house to be removed or demolished.

Motion made by Jose “Angel” Arce and seconded by Abbi L Pena to give Adrian permission to proceed with bid on houses to be removed/auctioned/or demolished along with other items. List will be provided at a later date.

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Motion carried 5-0

10. **TRACK/FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND/RESTROOM BUILDING**

Dr. Thompson will do a walk-through with Mr. David Walker and check off punch-list. Restrooms had some issue, will be checking on those issues.

No Action Needed

11. **BOND MATTERS**

Governor asking to move May 2nd elections to November. Dr. Thompson requesting to continue with plans on holding BISD Bond Election on May 2, 2020. Contact has been made with Hart Intercivic for election equipment needed.

No Motion Needed

12. **DATE AND TIME FOR APRIL REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting set for April 15, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

General consent

20. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm

General Consent

Tracy Wright, President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary