

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –Wednesday, May 13, 2020

BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Invocation – Omar Ramirez
Pledge of Allegiance – Tracy Wright
2. Call to Order at 7:35 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

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

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: Banquete High School working online with staff and students. Making arrangements for 2020 Graduation ceremonies. Will be doing a non-traditional graduation ceremony, students will be picking up instruction packets on Monday.

Mr. Ramiro Pena: BJH continuing to work online with students as we continue to finish off the school year.

Mrs. Adriana Tagle: Started a round up for Pre-K and Kinder have had 43 Pre-Kinder packets pick up and about 15 first time kinder students plus the students moving on to kinder from Pre-K. Distance learning is continuing, Mrs. Tagle and Mr. Gonzalez making home visits to work directly with students. Teacher very appreciative of the teacher appreciation good they received. Planning student awards, will have curb side drive through to pick up student supplies left in classroom and student awards. Planning something special for 5th graders moving on to Jr. High.

Mr. Kevin Hermes: UIL updates – Currently no-timeline for athletes. Students returning to BISD who have participated in athletics will not have to re-do physicals for the 2020-2021 school year. Students who answer yes to the questions on the forms being sent home will however need a physical from a doctor. Trying to see if Dr. Main can make a district visit to do physicals on the upcoming 7th graders.

Mr. Adrian Pena: Nothing

Mrs. Kerry Thompson: Presented Curriculum Updates

Dr. Max Thompson: Presented calendar and briefly reported on conversation with Governor Abbott's office representative in regards to bond election responses.

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)

Request by Omar Ramirez to remove April 15, 2020 minutes.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Abbi Pena to remove item -April 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes from Consent of Agenda and to approve all other Consent of Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0

April 15, 2020 Board Meeting minutes were re-read and wording will be corrected. Corrected wording will read as:

Kevin Hermes presented surveys conducted in regards to coaches' stipends and days added. BISD is behind in keeping up with coaches' stipends and would request that Board of Trustees consider increasing stipends and the hiring of 2 new [teacher/coaches](#).

Motion made by Lilly Nash and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to increase the districts coaches' stipend budget line item by \$30,000 and allow coach Kevin Hermes to hire 2 new [teacher/coaches](#).

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and seconded by Abbi Pena to approve corrected verbiage on April 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes Consent of Agenda Item G.

Motion carried 6-0

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

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

Conference call was hosted between BISD Board Members, Robert Tijerina, and Juan Aguilera. Robert Tijerina submitted a power point outlining the Cash Defeasance Plan of Finance for the district. Juan Aguilera gave an update on proposed BISD Bond Election.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to Approve Robert Tijerina's and Juan Aguilera's recommendations for Authorization for Dr. Max Thompson and Adrian Pena and to Approve the Resolution Authorizing The Defeasance of Certain Portions of the District's Currently Outstanding Obligations and other Matters Related Thereto.

Motion carried 6-0

8. **ELEMENTARY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – GIGNAC PRESENTATION**

Presentation made by representative from Gignac Architectural. Display phases to work on projects and plans are to have work completed by first day of school.

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Ofelia Pena to approve as presented by Gignac Architectural.

Motion carried 6-0

9. **2020-2021 DISTRICT CALENDAR**

BISD district calendar for 2020-2021 school year presented.

Motion made by Abbi Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve BISD district calendar for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

10. **WAIVER REGARDING MISSED SCHOOL DAY/INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY/ATTESTATION WHILE CLOSED**

Wavier presented by Dr. Max Thompson.

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Omar Ramirez to approve Waiver Regarding Missed School Days/Instructional Continuity/Attestation While Closed.

Motion carried 6-0

11. **WAIVER REGARDING CPR REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIORS OF 2020 DUE TO COVID-19.**

Waiver presented by Dr. Max Thompson

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Abbi Pena to approve Waiver Regarding CPR Requirements for Seniors of 2020 Due to Covid-19.

Motion carried 6-0

12. **PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Mr. Edward Wernecke contacted Dr. Thompson and made an offer on the property by the BISD softball field. Offering property for \$25,000.00 (approximately 1 acre of land). Dr. Thompson request to amend the budget for the cost and closing cost in order to purchase property.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to amend the budget in order to purchase property for \$25,000.00 plus closing cost.

Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Thompson requesting authorization to purchase property by softball field from Mr. Edward Wernecke for \$25,000 plus closing cost.

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Lilly to authorize Dr. Max Thompson to purchase property by softball field for \$25,000 plus closing cost.

Motion carried 6-0

13. **PERSONNEL**
a. CONTRACTS

New hires for the 2020-2021 school year presented: Jose Garcia, Bryan Grams, Allyssa Perez. Dr. Thompson request permission to ratify the new hires.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve Dr. Thompson permission to ratify the new hires presented.

Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Thompson requested permission to offer contracts to future new hires.

Motion made by Lilly Nash and seconded by Abbi Pena to approve permission to Dr. Thompson to offer contracts to future new hires.

Motion carried 6-0

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

Meeting set for June 10, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

General consent

20. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm

General Consent

Tracy Wright, President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary