

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –Wednesday, September 9, 2020

### BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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 (Absent)  
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**

CCPD Representatives

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:

South Texas Colonias – Juanita Lopez and Lionel Lopez

Notice of district store for students who may need clothes, school supplies, and food. Everything in the STC community store is free. Also, presented information on a possible Fire Truck and program.

Texas A&M Kingsville – Dr. Robert Villa; Ana Garcia; and Faustino Garcia

Working on Census 2020 for Banquete ISD. Hoping to get Banquete ISD fund from Census for those students who are enrolled in Banquete with Robstown addresses.

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:** Explained BHS Hybrid plan for return to school. Have taken all precautionary measure to ensure safety. Students with last name A-L will attend classes on Monday & Wednesday; last name M-Z will attend classes on Tuesday & Thursday. Students groups will alternate Friday's.

**Mr. Ramiro Pena:** BJH will work with a Hybrid plan similar to High School's. Enrollment 214. Mr. Pena presented PowerPoint posted on BISD facebook page. Breakdown was explained. Plans to open doors to all students returning face to face by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Have made several adjustments to campus breaks and lunch schedule in preparation for student and staff safety.

**Mrs. Adriana Tagle:** Shared PowerPoint posted on BISD facebook page. Current enrollment at 379. Kudos to Mr. Jesse Gonzalez, Asst. Principal for all the help in preparing the campus for student face to face. BES will open campus in three phases: PK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 3<sup>rd</sup> - September 21<sup>st</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup>. Second survey being sent out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks to get numbers of students planning to return face to face at that time. Big thanks to Mrs. Civis and food department staff for working with campus in preparation for return. Student meals will be served in classroom. Lots of safety precaution have been set from student arrival to student dismissal.

**Mr. Kevin Hermes:** Students have been working since August excited kids are working hard. Planning to start full out football, volleyball, and cross country practice on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Football has 42 boys out, volleyball has 28 girls, and cross country has 20 students working out. Currently working with Dr. T on Eticketing for athletic games. Have had 3 students positive Covid, we are taking every precaution and have been able to catch kids at screening before they get in groups with other students. BJH athletes will begin practice on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with morning practice only.

**Mr. Adrian Pena:** Nothing

**Mrs. Kerry Thompson:** Presented list of district required Compliance trainings. Will be reviewing COVID plan with campus administrators, goal to submit plan by Friday.

**Dr. Max Thompson:** Survey responses taken in July indicate that approximately 65% of parents planned on sending student back to school and need transportation. Posted a link on Banquete ISD facebook on Tuesday so transportation department can get accurate numbers. Read email sent to Mrs. Tagle, Ms. Neiswonger, Ms. Hiracheta, and Dr. Thompson giving a compliment to elementary teachers. Working on Eticketing system for athletic activities. BISD will not have a visitors concession stand and will set up Skid-O-Cans on visitor's side to eliminate traffic to home side.

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 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**

Ellison Paddock- BHS student. Presented for his heroic actions to help with the stabbing victim at Walmart. EJ was presented with a Certificate of Valor from Rep Abel Herrero along with a US Flag that was flown at the Capital of Texas.

8. **ELEMENTARY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS UPDATES**

Dr. Thompson shared updates, did a walk through on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and project should be completed by September 30, 2020.

No Action Needed

9. **BOND PROPOSAL UPDATE/ACTION**

Bond proposal on election ballot. Dr. Thompson will work with Mr. Jesse Gonzalez and plan Board training after November elections.

No Motion Needed

10. **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

- A. Revenue – Working on recovering at least 75% of COVID-19 expenses from March through May 2020. Purchases of Chromebooks and Hot Spots cost the district and estimated \$250,000.00. In August approximately \$89,000.00 we used to purchase TEA Bulk Purchase Program. Nueces County has conveyed they will be reimbursing the district 50% of that expense. TEA has said if district gets percentage of cost covered TEA has more funds and would match amount. Revenue total is at \$276,500.00

Motion made by Jose “Angel” Arce and seconded by Lilly Nash to amend the budget for this additional revenue from A above as presented by the Superintendent for payroll matters..

Motion carried 5-0

- B. Roads and Fencing/Gates- Request to amend the budget to take from fund balance amount to complete at least Bulldog Lane and hopefully road by the post office.

This Item Tabled

- C. HVAC- Time Warrant of approximately \$110,000.00 was intended for a bus purchase.

Motion made by Lilly Nash and seconded by Ofelia Pena to reallocate the Time Warrant money and \$90,000.00 from fund balance for revenue purposes.

Motion carried 5-0

- D. Expense- Preference to purchase UVC machines. UVC is the best method of elimination to the 99.8% or greater and ivp has created a mobile unit that can clean 30,000 square feet.

Motion to reallocated Time Warrant money and requested fund balance money for maximum investment of \$200,000.00 project.

Motion carried 5-0

11. **LETTER OF CONCERN TO TEA**

Superintendent meet via zoom on Wednesday's. Calallen ISD has created a letter read by Dr. Thompson. Dr. Thompson requested that letter created from Banquete ISD be signed by all district board members.

BISD board members agreed to sign and sent letter to Commissioner of Education Mr. Mike Morath.

No Motion Needed

12. **LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND**

Adrian working on application for relief funds. Requesting a resolution to have Legal Authority To Apply For Coronavirus Relief Funds and to have request noted on board meeting minutes

Motion made by Jose "Angel" Arce and seconded by Ofelia Pena to note in the Wednesday, September 9, 2020 board meeting the resolution and request to have Legal Authority To Apply For Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion carried 5-0

13. **BISD RE-ENTRY PLAN TRANSITION WAIVER**

BISD Re-Entry Plan Transition Waiver was presented at regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Waiver will require BISD board president.

Motion made by Ofelia Pena and seconded by Lilly Nash to approve BISD Re-Entry Plan Transition Waiver as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

14. **TASB POLICY UPDATE 115**

TASB Policy Update 115 was presented for a second reading.

Motion made by Omar Ramirez and seconded by Jose "Angel" Arce to approve TASB Policy Update 115 as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

15. **DATE AND TIME FOR OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting set for October 14, 2020 @ 7:30 pm

General consent

20. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

General Consent

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Tracy Wright, President

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