

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. **Invocation** – Carla Ramirez
Pledge of Allegiance – Omar Ramirez

2. Call to Order at 6:03pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Omar Ramirez – President
Mr. Humberto Perez – Vice President
Ms. Carla Ramirez – Secretary
Mr. Gerardo “Dado” Pena – Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Ramirez – Trustee
Mr. Billie King – Trustee
Mrs. Anya “Nikki” Cantu - Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Adrian Pena – Interim Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Ms. Connie Herrera – Assistant Superintendent C & I
Ms. Elsa Hofstetter – High School Principal
Mr. Ramiro Pena – Junior High School Principal
Ms. Angelica Escobar – Elementary Principal
Mr. Lance Riddell - Athletic Director
Dr. Brenda Lozano - Diagnostician

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

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.

4. Student Recognition

Boys Track, Tennis, Golf, Band, Speech and Debate, Powerlifting, Associates Degrees and Welding Students were recognized

5. Teacher of the Year Recognition

Elementary (Ms. Belinda Aguilar), Junior High (Ms. Jordan Lerma), and High School (Mr. David Calk) were presented with plaques from BISD.

6. Bond Updates

Development phase - August 29, 2025, Construction design - January 2026

7. Discussion and Approval of the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program and Banquete Elementary MOU

Changes requested to be made to 4D and 5C to clarify maintenance responsibilities.

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to Approve the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program and Banquete Elementary.

Motion carried 7 – 0

8. Consent 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 separate discussion of these item(s) unless a member of the governing body or a citizen requests, in which event of these item(s) will be removed from the order of business and considered in normal sequence on the regular agenda.

8A. Payment of Itemized Bills

8B. Financial Statements and Balances

8C. Investments

8D. Tax Office Report

8E. Cafeteria Report

8F. Cash Flow Report

8G. Approval of all Standard Reports, Minutes, Bills and Informational Items

Remove item 8A for discussion

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 8A - Payment of Itemized Bills

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion made in Open Session by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billie King** to Approve Item 8A - Payment of Itemized Bills

Motion carried 7 – 0

9. Discussion and Approval of Date and Time for June Regular Board Meeting

Discussion: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Approved by General Consent

10. Closed Session:Tex Govt. Code Section 551.071

Closed Session: 6:41PM

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- A. Consideration of Employment
- B. Resignations
- C. Personnel
- D. Consideration of Superintendent interview selections
- E. Discussion and consider the need of AGCM services and consider termination of the AGCM Contract

Open Session: 7:36PM

11. Consider and take possible action regarding the selection of superintendent candidates for a second interview

No Action

12. **Adjourn**

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Gerardo Pena** to adjourn the May 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting at **7:36PM**.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST:

Carla Ramirez, Secretary