

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –
Wednesday, April 23, 2025
BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

2. Call to Order at 6:02 pm

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

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: Julie Ramirez - reduction and cuts, tuition pay - reconsider

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. Bond Updates

Chris with AGCM gave a bond update which included that the site survey was completed, discussed district wide needed improvements for the future, selecting delivery methods, and going for bids on playgrounds and shade structures.

5. Consider and take appropriate action to select the project delivery method that provides the best value to the district for the following upcoming capital improvement projects, in accordance with Texas Government Code 2269

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to approve Competitive Sealed Proposals for the upcoming capital improvement projects for the Junior High Campus.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve Competitive Sealed Proposals for the upcoming capital improvement projects for the CTE High School Campus.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Billie King** to approve Competitive Sealed Proposals for the upcoming capital improvement projects for the Athletic - Concessions, Bleachers and Restrooms.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve Job Order Contracts for the upcoming capital improvement projects for Facility Wide Improvements - Plumbing/HVAC.

Motion carried 7 - 0

6. 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.

6A. Payment of Itemized Bills

6B. Financial Statements and Balances

6C. Investments

6D. Tax Office Report

6E. Cafeteria Report

6F. Cash Flow Report

6G. Approval of all Standard Reports, Minutes, Bills and Informational Items

Discussion: Carla Ramirez requested Item 6G from March 19th Board Meeting minutes to be removed to be discussed in Closed Session.

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Billie King** to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 6G from March 19th Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion made in Open Session by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billie King** to Approve Item 6G from March 19th Board Meeting minutes that were discussed in Closed Session.

Motion carried 7 – 0

7. Board Discussion and Approval - CLK Schematic of Banquete Junior High

Discussion: Approval of the concept for Junior High

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Billy King** to Approve CLK Schematic of Banquete Junior High

Motion carried 7 – 0

8. Discussion and Approval of the Upbring Head Start MOU

Discussion: Angelica Escobar presented Sandy Salinas Deleon with Upbring Head Start. Upbring will cover expenses for ½ of Certified Teacher Salary, supplies and one aide.

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billy King** to approve the Upbring Head Start MOU.

Motion carried 7 - 0

9. Approval of Provisions of Certification - TEKS

Discussion: Scores for 2023

District - 79, Elementary - 70, Junior High - 84, High School - 80

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to approve the Provisions of Certification - TEKS.

Motion carried 7 - 0

10. Discussion and Approval of Date and Time for May Regular Meeting

Discussion: Special Board Meeting - April 30, 2025 & Regular May 21, 2025

Approved by General Consent

11. Closed Session:Tex Govt. Code Section 551.071 and 551.0821

Closed Session: 8:07 PM

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- A. Consideration of Employment
- B. Resignations
- C. Personnel Matters
- D. Long Range Plans and Purchases
- E. Teacher Contracts
- F. Administrator Contracts
- G. Vacant Board Member Seat
- H. Consultation with school district attorney and receive confidential legal advice concerning pending matters - Tex. Govt. Code 551.071
- I. Discuss Superintendent Search Process
- J. Discuss pending litigation

Open Session: 11:09 pm

12. Discussion and Approval of Teacher Contracts for 2025 - 2026 School Year

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Humberto Perez** to approve the Teacher Contracts for 2025 - 2026 School Year as presented.

Motion carried 7 - 0

13. Discussion and Approval of Student Transfer Criteria

Discussion: Grade average to change from **80%** or higher **to 75%** or higher. Transfer students who demonstrate conduct which is not in compliance with Banquete ISD School Student Code of Conduct, UIL Rules and Regulations, and BISD Campus and Athletic standards during the approved school year **will** be revoked **to** Transfer students who demonstrate conduct which is not in compliance with Banquete ISD School Student Code of Conduct, UIL Rules and Regulations, and BISD Campus and Athletic standards or failing to maintain the Districts Transfer required standard during the approved school year **may** be revoked.

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billy King** to Approve the Student Transfer Criteria as revised.

Motion carried 7 - 0

14. Consider and take possible action on program change and reduction in force resolution

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to Approve and take action on program change and reduction in force resolution.

Motion carried 7 - 0

15. Consider and take possible action on proposed employee non-renewal contracts

Discussion: Humberto Perez recommended to table

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to table Employee Non-Renewal Contracts.

Motion carried 7 - 0

16. Adjourn

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Gerardo Pena** to adjourn the April 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting at **11:13 PM**.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST:

Carla Ramirez, Secretary