

**Minutes of Special Board Meeting –
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Omar Ramirez – President
Mr. Humberto Perez – Vice President
Mrs. Carla Ramirez – Secretary
Mr. Gerardo Pena – Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Ramirez – Trustee (Absent)
Mrs. Billie King – Trustee
Ms. Anya Cantu - Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Adrian Pena – Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Mrs. Connie Herrera – Assistant Superintendent of C&I
Mrs. Elsa Hofstetter – High School Principal

1. **Invocation – Carla Ramirez**
Pledge of Allegiance – Omar Ramirez
2. **Call to Order - 6:02 PM**
3. **Administer the Oath of Office to the New Board Member**

Ms. Anya “Nikki” Cantu was sworn in as the New Selected Board Member of the Banquete Board of Trustees

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.

5. **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

6. **Closed Session: 6:05 PM**

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- A. CONSULT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING PENDING MATTERS - TEX. GOVT. CODE 551.071
 - B. DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS
 - C. DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION
 - D. DELIBERATE REGARDING PERSONNEL NEEDS AND POSSIBLE PROGRAM CHANGE AND REDUCTION
- RECONVENE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Open Session: 9:19 PM

7. Consideration and Take Possible Action on Program Change and Reduction of Force Resolution

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Seconded by **Billy King** to Approve the Reduction of Force Resolution and Recognizing The Need for the Program Change.

Motion carried 6 - 0

8. Consideration and Take Possible Action for the Removal of the Superintendent as an authorized signer from all Banquete ISD accounts held with PlainsCapital Bank

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Seconded by **Carla Ramirez** to remove the Superintendent as an authorized signer from all Banquete ISD accounts held with PlainCapital Bank.

Motion carried 6 - 0

9. Adjourn

Motion made by **Billie King** and Seconded by **Gerardo Pena** to Adjourn the April 2, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting at 9:21 pm.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST:

Carla Ramirez, Secretary