

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –
Wednesday, February 19, 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 Pena – Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Ramirez – Trustee
Mr. Billie King – Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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. Superintendent/Bond Updates

Kick-Off meeting was discussed, facility questions on Athletic Fields and Financials

5. 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 sperate 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.

5A. Payment of Itemized Bills

5B. Financial Statements and Balances

5C. Investments

5D. Tax Office Report

5E. Cafeteria Report

5F. Cash Flow Report

5G. Approval of all Standard Reports, Minutes, Bills and Informational Items

Discussion: Adrian offered Board training to Board Members for understanding to the Consent Agenda Reports

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 6 – 0

6. Discussion: District Finance Audit

Discussion: Raul Hernandez (CPA) introduced himself and went over Government and General funds.

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve the District Finance Audit.

Motion carried 6 - 0

7. Discussion and Approval of E3 Contract

Discussion: Deliberate and take action to approve the Professional Service Agreement for E3 Entegral Solutions for the design and development of the district-wide improvements, which includes the replacement and repair of the HVAC equipment, sanitary sewer plumbing, and roofing systems at the high school and elementary facilities.

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billy King** to approve the Professional Service Agreement for E3 Entegral Solutions for the design and development of the district-wide improvements, which includes the replacement and repair of the HVAC equipment, sanitary sewer plumbing, and roofing systems at the high school and elementary facilities.

Motion carried 6 – 0

8. Discussion and Approval of Geotechnical Services RFQ

Discussion: Deliberate and take action to approve the rankings and authorize the Superintendent or their designee to negotiate and procure the most qualified firm in response to the Request for Qualifications 2025-001 for Banquete ISD Bond Projects for Geotechnical Engineering Services. Intertech PSI, Turner, and

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Billy King** to approve the rankings and authorize the Superintendent or their designee to negotiate and procure the most qualified firm in response to the Request for Qualifications 2025-001 for Banquete ISD Bond Projects for Geotechnical Engineering Services.

Motion carried 6 – 0

9. Discussion and approval for the 2025 – 2026 Coastal Bend College Dual Credit Program - MOU

Discussion: Adrian Pena presented. BISD will cover the cost of instruction and materials. Tuition will be waived by CBC beginning of Spring 2025.

Motion made by **Billy King** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to approve the 20205 – 2026 Coastal Bend College Dual Credit Program – MOU.

Motion carried 6 – 0

10. **Policy Manual Update 124 – FIRST READING**

No Action

11. **Consider and approval of the District Technology Specialist contract for the remaining of the 24-25 SY.**

Discussion: 3 interviewed from the 11 applicants by the BISD Cabinet. New hire will begin March 1, 2025.

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve the District Technology Specialist contract.

Motion carried 6 – 0

12. **Budget Amendment**

Discussion: Moving funds from 11 to 13 - \$500.00 – District Wide Testing

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve the Budget Amendment.

Motion carried 6 – 0

13. **Date and Time for March Regular Meeting**

March 19, 2025 at 6:00pm was approved by **General Consent**

14. **Closed Session: Consultation with attorney concerning pending matters and matters protected by attorney-client privilege. Tex Govt. Code section 551.071.**

Closed Session: 6:48pm

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- A. Consideration of Employment
- B. Resignations
- C. Personnel
- D. Long Range Plans and Purchases

Open Session: 8:55pm

15. **Consider and take possible action concerning employment of Interim Superintendent**

Motion made by **Billy King** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to approve Employment of Interim Superintendent

Motion carried 3 – 1, 2 - Abstain

16. **Adjourn**

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to Approve adjourning the February Board Meeting at **8:58pm**.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST: _____
Carla Ramirez, Secretary