

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

2. **Call to Order at 6:03 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Omar Ramirez – President
Mr. Humberto Perez – Vice President
Ms. Carla Ramirez – Secretary
Ms. Lilly Nash – Trustee (Absent)
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
Ms. Elsa Hofstetter – High School Principal
Mr. Ramiro Pena – Junior High School 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:

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4. **Superintendent/Bond Updates**

Adrian Pena: Chris and Kendra (AGCM) gave update on soft cost, and contract negotiations.

5. **Discussion and Approval of CLK Contract**

Tabled to February Special Meeting

6. **Consider and take possible action on the Superintendent's Voluntary Retirement Agreement**

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billie King** to approve the Superintendent's Voluntary Retirement Agreement as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 1

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

Closed Session: 6:10pm

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

Open Session: 9:24pm

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

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Humberto Perez** to Approve the Consent Agenda without 8A.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Discussion: 8A was discussed and reviewed.

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to Approve Consent Agenda – 8A.

Motion carried 6 – 0

9. Discussion and consider action to authorize the Superintendent or Superintendent Designee to procure geotechnical services including solicitation, negotiation, and execution of an agreement for RFQ 2025-001 Bond 2024 Geotechnical Engineering Services

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to authorize the Superintendent or Superintendent Designee to procure geotechnical services including solicitation, negotiation, and execution of an agreement for RFQ 2025-001 Bond 2024 Geotechnical Engineering Services

Motion carried 6 – 0

10. **Discussion and consider action to authorize the Superintendent or Superintendent Designee to procure geotechnical services including solicitation, negotiation, and execution of an agreement for RFQ 2025-002 Bond 2024 Civil and Utilities Surveying Services**

Discussion: Not to approve and to include in Architect Agreement

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** not to authorize the Superintendent or Superintendent Designee to procure geotechnical services including solicitation, negotiation, and execution of an agreement for RFQ 2025-002 Bond 2024 Civil and Utilities Surveying Services

Motion carried 6 – 0

11. **Discussion and approval of Multi-District Transportation MOU**

Discussion: Adrian presented – as long as Banquete Bus is available.

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve Multi-District Transportation MOU.

Motion carried 6 - 0

12. **Discussion and approval of District Technology Specialist**

Discussion: Adrian presented

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Billie King** to approve a Position for base on requirements presented for a District Technology Specialist.

Motion carried 6 – 0

13. **Discussion: District Finance Audit**

Tabled to February Meeting

14. **Date and Time for February Regular Meeting**

February 5, 2025 at 6:00pm - Special Called Meeting and February 19, 2025 at 6:00pm was approved by **General Consent**

15. **Adjourn**

Motion made by **Benji Ramirez** and Second by **Gerardo Pena** to Approve adjourning the January Board Meeting at **10:15pm**.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST: _____
Carla Ramirez, Secretary