

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting –
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

2. Call to Order at 6:10 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 (Absent)

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
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: None

Public Notice:

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4. Bond Updates

Chris with AGCM introduced Oscar Perez also with AGCM. AGCM updated progress on: E3 update in May on project scopes and schedules. New JH - Planning committee input / review meetings on CLK design targeting September 2025 to complete, estimated construction in September 2025.

5. Policy Manual Update 124 - Second Reading

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to approve Policy Manual Update 124

Motion carried 5 - 0

6. Public Hearing for the 2023 - 2024 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) - Information Only

Ms. Connie Herrera presented and stated that the TAPR Packet can be found at the Administration office.

7. Discussion and Approval of the 2025 - 2026 School Calendar

Discussion: Survey was sent out to the parents and 93% were in approval for the 2025 - 2026 School Calendar

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Carla Ramirez** to approve the 2025 - 2026 School Calendar.

Motion carried 5 - 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

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

Motion carried 5 – 0

9. Date and Time for April Regular Meeting

Discussion: April 9, 2025

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to Approve the Date and Time for the April Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 5 – 0

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

Closed Session: 7:02 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: 10:17 pm

11. Discussion and Approval of Administrator Contracts

Motion made by **Benjamin Ramirez** and Second by **Gerardo Pena** that the term contract of the Athletic Director be non-extended.

Motion carried 5 - 0

Motion made by **Humberto Perez** and Seconded by **Carla Ramirez** to renew Administrator Term Contracts and to Terminate the Administrator Probationary Contract.

Motion carried 5 - 0

12. Discussion and Approval - Requesting Nueces County to Donate the Banquete County Park (Baseball/Softball Fields) to Banquete ISD

Moved to another meeting at a later date.

13. Discussion and Approval of Vacant Board Member Seat

Motion made by **Carla Ramirez** and Second by **Benjamin Ramirez** to Approve **Anya Cantu** to fill the Vacant Board Member Seat.

Motion carried 5 - 0

14. Adjourn

March 19, 2025 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting was adjourned by **GENERAL CONSENT @ 10:18 pm**

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST: _____
Carla Ramirez, Secretary