

BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
4339 FOURTH STREET
BANQUETE, TEXAS 78339

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 27, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Omar Ramirez, President
Mr. Humberto Perez – Vice President
Mrs. Carla Ramirez – Secretary
Mr. Gerardo “Dado” Pena – Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Ramirez – Trustee
Mrs. Billie King – Trustee
Ms. Anya “Nikki” Cantu - Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mrs. Adriana Tagle - Superintendent
Mr. Ramiro Pena - Junior High Principal
Ms. Angelica Escobar - Elementary Principal
Dr. Brenda Lozano - Diagnostician

1. CALL TO ORDER

Omar Ramirez called order at 6:00 PM

2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MISSION & VISION

Carla Ramirez and Omar Ramirez led the board members and audience in the invocation, pledge of allegiance, mission & vision statement

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with board policy BED LOCAL, the Banquete ISD Board of Trustees welcomes comments from citizens on any agenda items or non-agenda items at any regular scheduled board meeting. In the event of a special board meeting/board workshop, public comments will be limited to agenda items only. Those wishing to address the school board must provide their name for the record and observe a three-minute time limit. During this time, the Board of Trustees may not respond to the citizens' concerns as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.

None

4. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- A. Superintendent Adriana Tagle recognized Ms. Bertie Riviera from the Elementary campus for her exceptional job and for her commitment to all the Banquete ISD students. Also recognized, was Mrs. Jordan (Coach) Lerma from the Junior High campus for her dedication to Banquete ISD and her commitment to wearing several different hats at Banquete ISD.

5. PRESENTATION/INFORMATION ITEM(S)

- A. President Omar Ramirez reminded trustees how important it is for all trustees to stay current with all their required training and continuing education classes. President Omar Ramirez also confirmed to the trustees that all online training fees will be covered by the district.
- B. Superintendent Adriana Tagle announced that the district's enrollment has increased to 725 students. Although the district is facing several illnesses district wide that is causing students to be absent. All classrooms are being sanitized and custodians are fogging daily. A kindergarten teacher was reassigned to Pre-K, which has shown an increase in the enrollment.
- C. Mrs. Kenna Moody, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning gave an update on Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA). Mr. Humberto Perez questioned the 50/50 (TTES/Growth). Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Tagle stated there can be amendments to increase the growth number. Mrs. Moody also stated that the TIA committee had shown interest in the growth number increase as well.

- D. **Bond Updates** were given by Mr. Bill Sabarino from E3 in a presentation. Sewer line at the high school has been completed with the exception of the crosswalk striping. High school partial roof replacement, small setback due to the rain. Material is on site - 3 weeks expected completion. HVAC at the Ag has an 8-10 week lead time on equipment, 3-5 days installation once equipment arrives. CLK had a family emergency and was not able to make the board meeting update and will be sending via email.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Carla Ramirez and Seconded by Billie King to approve the Consent Agenda minus August 14, 2025 minutes and minus August 20, 2025 minutes.

Motion Carried 7-0

Discussion: August 14, 2025 Consent Agenda G & H were separate motions for the Liability Insurance and the Property and Windstorm Insurance. August 20, 2025, Budget Workshop removed from agenda. August 20, 2025 the board of trustees broke at 7:57 PM, break started at 7:57 PM and ended at 8:03 PM.

Motion made by Billie King and seconded by Benjamin Ramirez to approve the consent agenda minutes as amended.

Motion Carried 7-0

7. ACTION ITEMS

7A. Discuss and Consider Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for Emergency Facilities Use between Nueces County and the Banquete Independent School District

Motion made by Benjamin Ramirez and seconded by Carla Ramirez to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Emergency Facilities Use between Nueces County and the Banquete Independent School District

Motion Carried 7-0

7B. Discuss and Consider Approval of the Resolution Nominating a Candidate for the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Postponed to the September Regular meeting

7C. Discuss and Consider Approval of Policy FNCE (LOCAL) - Personnel Communication Devices

Discussion: Students cannot use cell phones on campus but can bring phones on campus just leave them out of sight. Cell phones are not allowed during lunch.

Motion made by Carla Ramirez and seconded by Humberto Perez to approve Policy FNCE (LOCAL) - Personnel Communication Devices

Motion Carried 7-0

7D. Discuss and Consider Approval of Policy EFB (L)-ALT - Library Material

Discussion: Goal is to be in compliance by December

Motion made by Carla Ramirez and seconded Billie King to approve Policy EFB(L)-ALT - Library Material

Motion Carried 7-0

7E. Date and Time for September Regular Meeting

September Regular Meeting was approved by **GENERAL CONSENT** for September 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Notation: Board of Trustees agreed to recess at **7:37 PM** and returned to business at **7:48 PM**

8. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Discussion: Function 53 - 6200 Contracted Services stayed the same from last year to this year - board questioned where is increase? Contracted Services last year were paid out of the Safety and Security budget. Corrections needed to Proposed Budget with increase

9. CLOSED SESSION: No Closed Session

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 provision of the Texas Government Code. In the event the District elects to go into a closed meeting reading 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.

- A. §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney
- B. §551.129 - Remote Consultation with Attorney
- C. §551.072 - Real Property
- D. §551.074 - Personnel Matters

10. OPEN SESSION:

10A. Discussion and Approval of Appointments, Employments, Evaluations, Resignations, Reassignments, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Employees.

No Action

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Carla Ramirez and Seconded by Gerardo Pena to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at **9:04pm.**

Motion Carried 7-0

Omar Ramirez, President

ATTEST: _____
Carla Ramirez, Secretary