BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
4339 FOURTH STREET
BANQUETE, TEXAS 78339

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 14, 2025

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Mrs. Adriana Tagle - Superintendent
Mrs. Elsa Hofstetter - High School Principal
Mr. Ramiro Pena - Junior High Principal
Ms. Angelica Escobar - Elementary Principal
Mr. Kevin Hermes - Asst. Principal/Interim AD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Omar Ramirez called order at 6:01 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 …

1. Raul Garza from Maintenance for his exceptional service to the district.
2. Coach Kevin Hermes - Jack of All Trades
3. Custodial staff has been working hard and doing an amazing job.

5. PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

A. President Omar Ramirez introduced TxEdCon (September 11-14) to the board members and asked who all would be interested in attending.
B. President Omar Ramirez also discussed the Board provided BBQ Luncheon that is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 11:30 AM at the High School Commons.

6. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

A. Superintendent Adriana Tagle gave a preliminary enrollment report projecting 732 students for the 2025-2026 school year, HS - 215, JH - 177 and Elem - 340. As well as announcing there will be a district wide Registration Night on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, to provide hands-on assistance to all families.

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B. Superintendent Adriana Tagle and Sergeant Benjamin Ramirez hosted a First Responders Breakfast at the Banquete Administration Office on Monday, July 14, 2025. In attendance were, Robstown Police Chief, Bluntzer Fire Department, Commissioner Pusley, Aqua Dulce Superintendent and Mayor. Emergency Operations Plan will be included in the follow up meeting - date pending.
C. Legislative Updates were discussed as follows
    a. SB2 - Education Savings Account relating to the establishment of an education savings account program.
    b. HB2: Article 1 - Relating to Public Education Finance: Educator Compensation and Retention Supports
    c. SB 843 Bond Database - Relating to a TEA database of district and charter school bonds, taxes, and bond-related projects.
    d. HB 1481 Cellphones - Relating to the use of personal wireless communication devices by students during instructional time.
    e. SB 1191 GPA Calculations - Relating to the development of a standard method of computing a student's high school GPA.
    f. SB 10 Ten Commandments - Relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.
    g. SB 401 UIL for Homeschoolers - Relating to the participation of homeschoolers in UIL activities.
    h. SB 11 School Prayer - relating to a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts in public schools.
D. STAAR Results
    a. JHS - The Grow area is 8th grade math on STAAR. We want to work on improving met and masters. The Gold area is 7th and 8th ELA. Their scores were amazing.
    b. HS - The Glow area is STAAR Accountability Campus Rating 88 B campus for the 24-25 school year, Increased master performance in Biology and English 1, Over 90% in Biology and US History and Relative Performance. Areas of Opportunities are Algebra 1 and student growth across all grade levels.
    c. Elem - The Grow area is 5th grade math app & meets, 5th grade reading overall, 5th grade science in app & meets. The Glow area is 5th grade math in Masters, 3rd grade RLA& Math app, meets & masters, 4th grade RLA overall and math.

7. <u>PRESENTATION INFORMATION</u>

A. BISD Donations
    a. RBFCU - donation for Convocation Food
    b. RBFCU - donation to the Elementary Book Vending Machine - August 9, 2025 - Book Lovers Day
B. Administrator Updates
    a. JHS - With Mrs Flores now at ccisd, we are going to make sure Mrs Cervantez assists the other 2 ELA teachers so these scores continue to shine. Finally, all teaching positions have been filled at the JH.
    b. HS - PE position open
    c. Elem - adaptive ed position open
    d. Athletics - interviews for Head Football Coach/Boys Coordinator have been scheduled for July 15 & 16. The boy's inventory needs updating. The girls program is solid. Volleyball starts August 1, Football and Cross Country start August 4. General parent meeting scheduled for July 30.
C. Bond Updates
    a. Elementary school roof - leaks are under warranty. Duralast will be coming to the district to flood the areas to identify the leaks.
    b. CLK - design & development phase for JHS
    c. HS- CTE early stages - programming scheduled for Aug 4
    d. District wide improvements are under budget $112,515.00 - budget $698,000.
    e. Mr. Humberto Perez requested the amount for field house improvements and asked if $112,515.00 will cover the work needed.
    f. Elementary playground

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g. Mr. Benjamin Ramirez asked to allocate funds for the baseball bleachers.

8. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

Mrs. Anaya Cantu requested 8A to be removed for separate discussion.

Mrs. Carla Ramirez motioned to approve Consent Agenda with item 8A removed, Mr. Benjamin Ramirez seconded.

Motion Carried 5-0

Discussion up on item 8A was discussed separately.

Mrs. Carla Ramirez motioned to approve item 8A with followups, Mr. Benjamin Ramirez seconded.

Motion Carried 5-0

9. <u>ACTION ITEMS</u>

9A. Discuss and Consider Approval of MOU Between BISD and Education to Employee Partners

Discussion: Mrs. Elsa Hofstetter introduced Ms. Ana Black from Education to Employee Partners. Ms. Black presented the MOU with great detail. The partnership does not come with any cost to BISD, meets one on one with parents of (seniors) to receive a plan before graduation, offers college tours, resume building, mock interviews, college readiness (boot camps).

Motion made by Humberto Perez and Seconded by Carla Ramirez to Approve The MOU between BISD and Education to Employee Partners in the amount of $5,000.00

Motion Carried 5-0

***Notation*:** Board members agreed to go into closed session

9B. Discuss and Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 Del Mar College Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding and P-TECH Agreement.

Motion made by Mrs. Carla Ramirez and Seconded by Mrs. Anaya Cantu to Approve the 2025-2026 Del Mar College Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding and P-TECH Agreement.

Motion Carried 5-0

9C. Discuss and Consider Approval of an Expenditure Exceeding $50,000 for Contracted Services with ESC Region 2 for Strong Foundations Planning & Implementation Support

Discussion: LASO III Grant - $200,000. $100,000 - for payroll and stipends, $100,000 - for ESC 2 Strong Foundation Planning & Implementation Support.

Motion made by Mr. Benjamin Ramirez and Seconded by Carla Ramirez to Approve the Expenditure Exceeding $50,000 for Contracted Services with ESC Region 2 for Strong Foundation Planning and Implementation Support.

Motion Carried 5-0

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9D. Discussion and Approval of the (LOCAL) Policies as Recommended in TASB Policy Update 125.

No Action - Postponed to August Meeting.

9E. Discuss and Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Collaboration Agreement with Collegiate Edu-Nation (CEN).

Motion made by Mr. Humberto Perez and Seconded by Mr. Benjamin Ramirez to terminate the collaboration agreement with Collegiate Edu-Nation (CEN).

Motion Carried 5-0

10. CLOSED SESSION: 8:13 PM

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

11. OPEN SESSION: 8:41 PM

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

No Action

10B. Discuss and Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Program Management Service Agreement with AGCM.

Motion made by Mr. Humberto Perez and Seconded by Mr.Benjamin Ramirez to permanently suspend the agreement with AGCM and authorize Administration to send written notice.

Motion Carried 5-0

12. DATE AND TIME FOR AUGUST REGULAR MEETING

August 27, 2025 Regular Meeting at 6:00pm and August 13, 2025 at 6:00pm was approved by **GENERAL CONSENT**.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Benjamin Ramirez and Seconded by Mrs. Carla Ramirez to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at **9:00pm.**

Motion Carried 5-0

_____ ATTEST: _____

Omar Ramirez, President Carla Ramirez, Secretary

APPROVED