# Blanket ISD Board of Trustees - Regular meeting February 16, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

**Members Attending:** 

Beth Bowyer, Steve Schulze, Autumn Hood

Scott Russell, Edwin Davis, Jimmy Richardson

Members Absent:

Robert Rodgers

**Administrators:** 

Mr. Whisenhunt, Mr. Branham

**Guest Attending:** 

Trish Amos, Adrian Greenfield

I. Beth Bowyer called the meeting to order and established Quorum at 6:30 pm.

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Participation:

None

### III. Administrative Report (s)

- a. Campus update Mr. Branham reported on enrollment, PK-12 = 144 students.
- b. Instructional update and progress on score improvement. See attached report

### c. Superintendent's Report

- a. Update on School Finance Mr. Whisenhunt gave financial update and all budgets are in balance. Working on safety alert system grant, can pay for signs and other safety cost. At some point may need to add more fencing.
- b. Update on campus projects, (Auditorium, Greenhouse, gym handrails, etc. Greenhouse still needs electrical completed, students working and doing well with the new plasma cutter and welding, working on Arts program for next year. Gator has been delivered and ready for use during track season.

## IV. Consideration /Approval of consent items

### a. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Motion made by Steve Schulze to approve the minutes of prior meeting, second by Scott Russell.

For: 5 Against: 0

Abstain: 1 (A Hood)

#### b. Acceptance of bills paid.

Motion made by Steve Schulze to approve the bills as presented, second by James Richardson. GF # 003590 - 003656

For: 6 Against: 0

#### Presentation/Discussion Regarding Action Item

a. Consider/Action to approve the Walsh/Gallegos Attorney Retainer Fee.

Scott Russell moved to approve the Annual Attorney Retainer with Walsh, Gallegos, second by Edwin Davis.

For: 6 Against: 0

b. Consider and take possible action regarding the dissolution of the Heartland Special Education Cooperative as recommended by the Co-op Management Board, and to delegate authority to the Superintendent to take further action to effectuate dissolution.

Autumn Hood moved to adopt the recommendation of the Management Board of the Heartland Special Education Cooperative to dissolve the Heartland Special Education Cooperative, and delegate authority to the Superintendent to take further action to effectuate dissolution, second by Edwin Davis.

For: 6 Against: 0

c. Consider/Action change board meeting date in March.

No Action – will keep 3/13/23

d. Consider/Action to attend the Board Training at Bangs on March 2 at 6:00 pm.

No Action – most will attend the training

Executive Session 551.074 called at 7:19 pm Reconvene back into Regular session at 7:50 pm

e. Consider/Action on Contract and appraisal for Principal Joe Branham.

A motion made by Autumn Hood to offer a 2 (Two) year contract with 5% increase in salary for the 2023/2024 school year, second by Steve Schulze.

For: 6 Against: 0

#### VI. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting - March 13th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

#### VII. **Concerns for Future Board Meetings**

- a. Use of ESSER II and III Funds
- b. Work around campus

Scott Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53, second by Edwin Davis.