

Blanket ISD
Regular Board Meeting
September 11th, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Beth Bowyer, Autumn Hood, Robert Rodgers,
Scott Russell, James Richardson,

Members Absent: Steve Schulze, Edwin Davis

Administration: Mr. Whisenhunt, Mr. Branham, Mr. Greenfield

Guest: Trish Amos, Brenda Edwards, Gayla McLaughlin

- I. Beth Bowyer called the Meeting to Order and established a quorum at 6:30 p.m.**
A. Invocation B. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Public Participation:**
Gayla McLaughlin - incivility & bullying

III. Administrative Report(s)

Principals Report

- a. **Update on student population and activities.** Enrollment = 137
- b. **Instructional arrangements and required instruction for HB4545**
Enrichment period between 6th & 7th periods. Elementary students are doing great, secondary students are a little behind.
- c. **Benchmark testing update** Renaissance STAAR Reading data results show 56% (50 students) are reading below grade level.

Superintendent's Report

- a. **Update on school finance** Finances are good at this time; we need to stay within budget because funds could be lower over the next couple of years.
- b. **Update on projects (Greenhouse, Plasma cutter, E-Sports, Bleacher Handrails, Parking Lot)**
Base material was put down last week on the football field parking lot, still need to do electric hook ups on the greenhouse, bleacher handrails are completed, Mr Rhine went to training for the plasma cutter.

IV. Consideration/approval of consent items

A. Approval of minutes of prior meetings.

Motion made by Scott Russell to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, second by James Richardson.

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstain: 2 - Autumn Hood & Robert Rodgers

B. Acceptance of Bills paid.

A motion made by Scott Russell to accept the bills paid as presented, second by Robert Rodgers Check # 003931 - # 003974.

For: 5

Against: 0

V. Presentation / Discussion Regarding Action Items

a. Review and approve the amendments to budget function codes for 2022-23 budget as of August 31, 2023 that Mr Whisenhunt or designee was authorized to do and report back to the board. (See attached amendments)

A motion was made by Scott Russell to approve the budget amendments, second by Robert Rodgers.

For: 5

Against: 0

b. Consider/Action to add Administrative Assistant, Brenda Edwards, as signature and contact information privileges to the Blanket ISD Texas Bank Accounts.

Autumn Hood made a motion to approve adding Brenda Edwards as signature and contact person for the Texas Bank accounts, motion seconded by Robert Rodgers.

For: 5

Against: 0

c. Consider/Action to review the use of ESSA, ESSER II and ESSER III grants.

Reviewed the use of the ESSA, ESSER II and ESSER III grants.

ESSA is our Title 1 funds, these are used to pay the counselor salary. Title 1 funds will stay. ESSER II funds have all been spent, mostly for stipends. ESSER III funds we will receive for one more year. We also have 429 funds, which are for school safety and security.

d. Discuss the TASB/TASA conference in Dallas.

Convention is September 29 - October 1. Steve Schulze and Edwin Davis will not be attending.

VI. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – October 9th at 6:30 pm

VII. Concerns for Future Board Meeting

- a. Safety and security plan.
- b. ESSA and ESSER III grant.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Russell, second by James Richardson at 7:40 pm.

For: 5

Against: 0

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date