Meeting Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022 5:00 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office
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El Paso, TX 79932

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER

1.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:09 p.m.** by Board President Coronado.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

1.D. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Coronado, Mendoza, Payan, Rodriguez and Trout

Student Advisor – Aitiana Mondragon

Absent: Trustees Hernandez and Searls

Student Advisor – Leslie Reyes

2. OPEN FORUM-OTHER

Any person wishing to address the Board during the period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting must sign up to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL):

Each participant will be limited to THREE MINUTES to make comments to the Board.

The Board is NOT permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

For further information on those policies, contact the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Bernardo Barela addressed the Board regarding comments being made about a statement he previously made. He stated that he is being accused of not wanting to teach low-income children. He stated this is untrue and wants the best for community.

Mr. Sergio Martinez addressed the Board regarding equity. He stated that the District is not here to make money it is here to educate.

Mr. Bobby Simental addressed the Board and stated that he grew up in Canutillo and remembers how school was compared to now. He commended the District on all that has been accomplished.

Ms. Guadalupe Montanez , Principal of Deanna Davenport Elementary, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the Bond. She stated that she knew that it was hard for the Board to bring forward another bond and asked that they remember that the bond is not about the wants but rather, the needs of the district.

Ms. Jessica Melendez-Carrillo, Principal at Reyes Elementary, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the Bond. She thanked the Board for their endless support and for the 2 portables at the school.

Ms. Carol Cassady addressed the Board and applauded the district on the AAA rating. She expressed concerns regarding the Bond and incurred debt.

Mr. Chris Judge, Principal at Canutillo Middle School, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the Bond. He stated that it is important for the students to see their efforts at work and currently the facilities don't match what the district's AAA rating means.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

3.A. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Order Calling for Board of Trustees' General Election on November 8, 2022, and Other Matters Incident Thereto

Steve Blanco, Legal Counsel for Canutillo ISD addressed the Board. He read through the Order. Administration recommended the Order to be approved.

It was motioned by Trustee **NAME**, seconded by Trustee **NAME** and unanimously passed to Approve the Order Calling the Board of Trustees' General Election on November 8, 2022.

3.B. Consideration and Approval of an Order Calling a Bond Election to be Held by the Canutillo Independent School District, Making Provisions for the Conduct of a Joint Election, and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to Such Election

Mr. Gustavo Reveles, Communications Director, presented on this item.

Trustee Payan asked whether the projects included roof repair and Mr. Reveles confirmed that they did.

Ms. Mondragon, Student Advisor, spoke in regard to Northwest Early College High School (NWECHS). She stated that a new campus is needed. Currently all classes are held in portable and felt that student body should not feel neglected by the district. She expressed that now is the time to make the investment into the school.

Ms. Teresa Clapsaddle, Principal for Canutillo High School, addressed the Board to answer their questions. She stated that an additional building would be built for Fine Arts and Athletics which would free up space for Robotics to spread out and have the ability to build robots to compete. She added that currently the high school is over capacity by approximately 100 students.

Trustee Payan asked how many of the other early college high schools in El Paso use portables. Mr. Gustavo Reveles answered that the vast majority use portables. Trustee Payan asked if this has been discussed with El Paso Community College (EPCC). Mr. Reveles stated that Dr. Galaviz has been reaching out to Dr. Serrata, President of EPCC.

Trustee Trout asked about the cost to replace the portables with new ones compared to the cost of new building. Mr. Reveles stated that it would be $5,000,000.00 for the portables and $25,000,000.00 for the new building.

Trustee Mendoza expressed support for a new brick and mortar building for the early college and Trustee Payan agreed.

Ms. Mondragon, student advisor, expressed concerns regarding safety and security, as she stated that the walls on the portables are thin and not safe. She stated that if a new brick and mortar building was built, it would be safer for both students and staff.

It was motioned by Trustee **Payan**, seconded by Trustee **Mendoza** and passed with four affirmative votes to adopt option 3 as presented by administration for $264,100,000.00, which includes bond for new construction and tax notes and also includes Proposition A & B.

Trustee Trout voted no.

3.C. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Joint Election Services Contract with the County of El Paso for the General Election on November 8, 2022

Mr. Steve Blanco, Legal Counsel for Canutillo ISD, presented on this item. He stated that the agreement has been reviewed with El Paso County and recommended the Board approve administration to sign and approve the agreement.

It was motioned by Trustee **Payan**, seconded by Trustee **Mendoza** and passed unanimously to approve as presented by counsel.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **6:57 p.m.** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **September 27, 2022**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.