Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 6:00 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office
7965 Artcraft
El Paso, TX 79932

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER

1.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:01 p.m.** by Board President Mendoza.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

1.D. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Barnes, Borrego, Mendoza, Rodriguez, Simental, Trout and Zuniga

Student Advisors: Aitiana Mondragon and Leslie Reyes

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

The Vision and Mission Statement were read aloud by Trustee **Borrego** and Trustee **Barnes**, respectively.

2. BOARD HONORS

2.A. Recognition of the Canutillo High School Chamber Choir for Earning Sweepstakes at the Concert & Sight Reading Competition

2.B. Recognition of the Canutillo Middle School Honor Choir for Earning First Division Rating at the UIL Competition

2.C. Recognition of April as Autism Awareness Month by Canutillo ISD Special Education Department

2.D. Recognition of the Legacy of Retired Canutillo High School Teacher and Coach Ben Brooks

3. 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):

DRAFT

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.

Sandra Carranza addressed the Board of Trustees and provided them with information regarding school vouchers. Ms. Carranza requested that the Board consider the approval of vouchers under agenda item 5A.

Bernardo Barela addressed the Board of Trustees and expressed concerns regarding Canutillo ISD Administration, stated that the district needs a new legal counsel, and also expressed concerns with issues with the Communications Department for Canutillo ISD.

Noah Moran addressed the Board of Trustees in regard to agenda item 5A. Mr. Moran stated that he was speaking on behalf of his father-in-law, in favor of vouchers.

Brenda Matamoros, Transition Specialist for Canutillo ISD, addressed the Board of Trustees and spoke in favor of agenda item 6.B.3, Project Search.

Stephany Martinez, Transition Vocational Rehabilitation Nurse with the Texas Workforce Commission, addressed the Board of Trustees and spoke in favor of agenda item 6.B.3, Project Search.

Carla Puertas, Assistant Director for Empowering Hands, addressed the Board of Trustees and spoke in favor of agenda item 6.B.3, Project Search.

Janis Maldonado, Project Search Coordinator at Providence East Campus, addressed the Board of Trustees and spoke in favor of agenda item 6.B.3, Project Search.

Sara Jimenez addressed the Board of Trustees and stated she was a recent graduate from Project Search. Ms. Jimez spoke in favor of agenda item 6.B.3, Project Search.

Adam Tirres with the El Paso Community Foundation addressed the Board of Trustees and spoke in favor of agenda item 6.B.3, Project Search.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION-OTHER

4.A. High School Graduation Presentation

DRAFT

4.A.1. Canutillo High School

Ms. Candice Marrufo, Principal for Canutillo High School, along with additional staff from Canutillo High School presented this item. This was a presentation only and no action was necessary.

4.A.2. Northwest Early College High School

Mr. Frank Clark, Principal for Northwest Early College High School, presented this item. This was a presentation only and no action was necessary.

5. BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

5.A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of a Resolution Opposing Vouchers

It was motioned by Trustee **Rodriguez**, seconded by Trustee **Trout**, and passed with six affirmative votes to approve the floor amended Resolution Opposing Vouchers. Trustee Barnes voted no.

6. CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING

It was motioned by Trustee **Trout**, seconded by Trustee **Rodriguez** and unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.

6.A. BUSINESS SERVICES

6.A.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.a. Approval of the March 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

6.A.2. Approval of the Monthly Financials

6.A.3. Approval of the Monthly Donations

6.A.4. Approval of the Budget Amendments

6.A.5. Approval to Award RFP 2023-07 Pest Control Services to El Valle Pest Control in the Amount of $127,280.00 for an Initial Term of Three Years, with the Option to Renew for Two Additional Years

DRAFT

6.B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

6.B.1. Approval of Interlocal Between Canutillo ISD and the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk, The University of Texas at Austin

6.B.2. Board Review and Approval of TEKS Certification

6.B.3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Canutillo ISD, Project Search and The Hospitals of Providence (THOP)

6.C. HUMAN RESOURCES

6.C.1. Approval of Teacher Contracts

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION
To Consult with Attorney Under Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code:

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at **8:25 p.m.**

7.A. Discussion with Administration and Legal Counsel Regarding Termination of Probationary Contract for R. Perez, Teacher at Bill Childress Elementary; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074

7.B. Discussion with Legal Counsel and Administration Regarding the Proposed Non-Renewal of the Term Contract of D. Gonzalez Hired Under ESSER Program and Termination of the Contract Due to End of Program and End of Funding; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074

7.C. Discussion Regarding Pending or Threatened Litigation Involving B. Trout against Canutillo ISD; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

8. NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at **9:19 p.m.**

8.A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Termination of Probationary Contract for R. Perez, Teacher at Bill Childress Elementary

Mr. Steve Blanco, Legal Counsel for Canutillo ISD, addressed the board and stated that matters regarding the status of the probationary contract for Ms. Perez were

DRAFT

discussed. He noted that Ms. Perez is a teacher at Bill Childress Elementary School and continued by stating that pursuant to terms of that contract and the board, based on the discussion had in closed session, it was their recommendation to authorize administration to issue notice regarding the termination of the probationary contract with Ms. Perez for the reasons discussed in closed session, and in the best interest of the school district ,and issue appropriate notice to her.

It was motioned by Trustee **Barnes**, seconded by Trustee **Zuniga** and unanimously passed to approve with the proposed recommendation.

8.B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Proposed Non-Renewal of the Term Contract of D. Gonzalez Hired Under ESSER Program and Termination of the Contract Due to End of Program and End of Funding

Mr. Steve Blanco, Legal Counsel for Canutillo ISD, addressed the board and stated that the status of the contract for Ms. Gonzalez was discussed in closed session. He stated that the contract had a particular clause included that it would end on the end of ESSER funding program, which has happened. Mr. Blanco stated that additionally, in Policy DFBB, there are additional grounds that allow the district to non-renewal that contract for Ms. Gonazalez. He asked the Board to authorize administration to issue notice that was proposed on the contract for Ms. Gonzalez under Policy DFBB for the reasons discussed in closed session and under the terms of the contract itself.

It was motioned by Trustee **Borrego**, seconded by Trustee **Simental** and unanimously passed to approve the proposed recommendation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **9:22 p.m.** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **May 23, 2023**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.

DRAFT