Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 6:00 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office
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1. **GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER**

1.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM**

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

The Café foundation members led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

1.D. Roll Call

Trustees present: Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Borrego, Mrs. Maldonado, Mr. Martinez, Mrs. Ortega, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Zuniga
Student Advisors Present: Moises Aguirre, Mason Gosette

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

Trustee Maldonado led the Mission statement and Trustee Zuniga led the Vision statement.

2. **BOARD HONORS**

2.A. Recognition of the Founding Members of the Canutillo Alumni Foundation for Education (CAFE), Which Has Given Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars in Scholarships to CISD Seniors.

2.B. .Recognition of Canutillo High School Senior Evelyn Blair on Being Selected to Perform With the Texas Music Educators Association 5A Symphonic All-State Performance Band

2.C. Recognition of Canutillo High School Senior Aiden Aguirre on Earning a State Championship in DECA and Qualifying for World Competition this Spring

Mr. Gustavo Reveles led the Board Honor section, honoring students Evelyn Blair, Aiden Aguirre and members of the Café Scholarship foundation. Photo Ops fallowed.

Board President Martinez shared a brief anecdote about the foundation of the café and how each of their members is a long-time contributor in assisting CISD senior students.

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):
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.
Sara Pugh - DAEP Math Teacher – Mrs. Pugh expressed concerns about the restructuring and relocation of the DAEP program. She mentioned that DAEP teachers were notified about changes of assignments in a rushed manner, which created unease and uncertainty among teachers and students. She also added that there will be an in-depth letter which would be emailed to the board members and superintendent later that night.

Nidia Avila - Interim Principal at CHS and Principal at AMS. Ms. Avila mentioned that, as a former CISD math teacher and principal, she feels like Blue Bonnet can assist teachers with instruction quality. Mrs. Avila explained that Blue Bonnet aligns with the materials covered by STAAR testing and can guide teachers and teachers to ensure subject is covered.

Gabriela Hajir – Assistant Principal at Jose Damian, conveying a message on behalf of Principal Maria Castillo. Mrs. Hajir explained that the Blue Bonnet curriculum aligns with TEKS and that it provides the necessary support to teachers during instructional time. She also explained that the Stemscopes curriculum currently being used is not aligned with TEKS and only helps as a support material.

Janette Plaza – Ms. Plaza mentioned that by choosing Blue Bonnet teachers will have access to a wide range of tools and strategies needed. She also mentioned that by keeping Stemscopes as a supplemental resource, the district is emphasizing continuity and providing additional support for teachers and students.

Virginia Bernal – RES Principal. Mrs. Bernal thanked the board and superintendent for her appointment as RES principal. She also invited to visit the campus to see the collaboration happening between teachers and students in the classroom.

Alma Ramos - CES Principal. She thanked Dr. Borrego and the members of the board. She stated she is ready to serve the Canutillo Elementary community and how she is committed to serving as an instructional leader for the staff and families.

4. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

4.A. Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of the Stemscopes Math Instructional Materials Grades K-Algebra I

Dr. Jesica Arellano, Dr. Debra Kerney, and Ms. Lillian Frazier from Esc19 gave a

presentation to the board of trustees concerning agenda items 4.A and 4.B
Dr. Kerney explained that the presentation addresses both Bluebonnet and the STEMscopes curriculum.

Trustee Borrego expressed concerns over the "root of the problem" being that there is missing data or no data to support the use of Bluebonnet. She also mentioned that the district has only been using STEMscopes for 1 year and the district did not provide teachers with sufficient training or materials. Ms. Borrego also expressed concerns over the misconception of the district receiving additional money if Bluebonnet curriculum is adopted. She explained that even though state gives more money to districts. The school districts are responsible for printing and printing cost associated with the materials.
Trustee Maldonado mentioned that despite curriculum changes in the past years, the district is still outperforming others in some areas at the state level. Mrs. Maldonado also mentioned how changes in curriculum and staffing affected student performance.
Mrs. Barnes explained that C&I created kits for STEMscopes vs. purchasing them.
Dr. Borrego explained that this community wants outcome based results and for the student greatness to be reflected throughout the district.
Mrs. Frazier from Esc19 addressed board concerns and differentiated between curriculum options for the district.

Mr. Rodriguez motioned to approve the adoption of STEMscopes math. Second by Mrs. Maldonado.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego-Yes, Mrs. Maldonado-Yes, Mr. Martinez-Yes, Mrs. Ortega-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes, Mrs. Zuniga-Yes
All in favor, motion passes

4.B. Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of the Bluebonnet Learning Mathematics Curriculum for Grades K-Algebra I

Mrs. Barnes motioned to approve the adoption of the Bluebonnet Mathematics curriculum. Trustee Ortega seconded the motion.
Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego-No, Mrs. Maldonado-No, Mr. Martinez-No, Mrs. Ortega-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-No, Mrs. Zuniga-Yes
Motion Fails

Mrs. Ortega also stated during her vote that she voted yes and she believes that every child learns differently.

4.C. District Report: An Intruder Detection Audit was conducted in the district by Region 19 ESC / Texas Education Agency (TEA). Findings will be shared with the District School Safety and Security Committee, and the Board of Trustees. A plan of action is in place and will be shared with the Board of Trustees.
Chief Martinez mentioned that details about Intruder Detection Audit will be shared with the board during the executive session and that the Safety and Security Committee has already been briefed.
No action taken.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING**

Trustee Borrego stepped out at 8:03 PM
Trustee Ortega requested to pull item 5.A.1.d. Trustee Barnes requested to pull item 5.A.4.
Trustee Rodriguez motioned to approve consent agenda as presented with exception of items 5.A.1.d and 5.A.4
Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego-(stepped out of the room prior to voting), Mrs. Maldonado-Yes, Mr. Martinez-Yes, Mrs. Ortega-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes, Mrs. Zuniga-Yes
motion passes

5.A. *BUSINESS SERVICES*

5.A.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

5.A.1.a. Approval of the Nov 19, 2025, Special Board Meeting

5.A.1.b. Approval of the Nov 20, 2025, Special Board Meeting

5.A.1.c. Approval of the Dec 01, 2025, Special Board Meeting

5.A.1.d. Approval of the Dec 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Ortega noted that during the Regular Board Meeting on December 16, she abstained from voting on Agenda Item 4.A. She would like to meeting minutes amended to reflect her vote before they are posted.
Trustee Barnes motioned to approve minutes with amendment made.
Trustee Borrego seconded the motion
Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego- Yes,Mrs. Maldonado-Yes, Mr. Martinez-Yes, Mrs. Ortega-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes, Mrs. Zuniga-Yes
motion passes

5.A.2. Approval of the Monthly Donations

5.A.2.a. Board Acceptance of the March 2026 Donations Report

5.A.3. Approval of the Budget Amendments

5.A.3.a. Approval of the February 2026 Budget Amendments

5.A.4. Approval of 2025-2026 Elementary, Middle, and High School Library Materials

(To comply with requirements under Senate Bill 13)

Dr. Rico made an opening clarification to mention that legally, only book orders 1st, 2nd and 3rd can be brought up for board approval as book orders 4th and 5th have not reached the 30-day posting threshold stated by Senate Bill 13. Dr Rico also explained that these lists are composed of new titles that may be purchased by the district for materials. He also clarified that not all items will be purchased due to budget limitations. Dr. Rico also answered questions from board members regarding the limitations of SB 13 and how the district is addressing parental rights concerning library resources available to students.

Motion to approve library submission that Dr. Rico mentioned (1st,2nd and 3rd submissions) Second by trustee Barnes

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego- Yes, Mrs. Maldonado-Yes, Mr. Martinez-Yes, Mrs. Ortega-No, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes, Mrs. Zuniga-Yes

motion passes

5.B. *CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION*

5.B.1. Approval of Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials 2026-27

5.B.2. Approval for the use of Locally Developed Courses for Dual Credit and Courses Endorsed by an Institution of Higher Education pursuant to TEC 28.002 (g-3) and TEC 28.025(b-5) for SY 2026-27

5.B.3. Approval for the Use of All State Approved Innovative Courses as Needed for Elective Credit or as Part of a Students Endorsement or Campus Required Course for SY 2026-27

5.B.4. Approval of CHS Calendar Change Request

5.C. Approval of the Letter of Intent between Canutillo ISD and Schneider Electric

5.D. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Canutillo ISD and Moak Casey

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** **Closed at 8:23 PM**

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6.A. Receive and Discuss Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings for District Campus.

Meeting resumed at 8:37 PM

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **8:38 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **April 21, 2026**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.