

## **1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER**

### **1.A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order **at 5:00 PM**

### **1.B. Roll Call**

Trustees Present: Barnes, Maldonado, Martinez, Ortega, Zuniga

Trustees Absent: Borrego

Late: Mr. Rodriguez at 5:01 PM

## **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.**

No Participants for Open forum

## **3. BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

### **3.A. Quarterly Update From PROCEDEO**

Mr. Ernesto Ortiz presented to the board and superintendent. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that this is the largest bond per capita in El Paso County and that this will be transformative for the Canutillo Community. Mr. Ortiz introduced a timeline with changes from March 2025 to June 2025. Trustees also received a program schedule with forecasted completion dates. Mr. Ortiz mentioned a big part of the upgrades are safety and security geared, and they are already being implemented. Mr. Sergio Martinez expressed concerns over how much money is being invested on the current DDE site.

It was clarified that no bond money is going towards current DDE. However, Regular Maintenance and Operations budget still needs to cover costs as it will be occupied for another 2 or 3 years until the new school is completed.

Mrs. Barnes asked if there is enough space at JDE to create a multi-purpose classroom for that school.

Mrs. Ortega expressed appreciation for the information given and for PROCEDEO remaining accountable.

Mrs. Maldonado asked if all the HVAC was being upgraded at all existing campuses.

Mr. Ortiz clarified that all units will be upgraded as many of them are at the end-of-life cycle.

Mrs. Maldonado also asked if the alternate ceiling tile repairs for the schools were needed and if the maintenance department doesn't take care of those items.

Dr. Rico explained that ceiling tiles at multiple locations are needed due to leaks. He also explained that as roof repairs are part of the bond repairs. Tiles must be changed after repairs are completed.

Mrs. Maldonado asked if CE is getting carpet removal in the classrooms. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that it is an alternate and he is anticipating getting it completed as CE has a healthier bond budget.

Mr. Martinez mentioned that he believes blacktops are a priority as their rough conditions lead to potential injuries. Mr. Martinez also suggested ensuring that projects have at least 3 bids or more to make sure that the district is getting the best possible deals.

### 3.B. Design Development presentations - AMS and CMS

Aj Sustaita and Chris Esper presented the board with Design Development for Alderete Middle School and Canutillo Middle School. Mr. Esper and Sustaita provided examples of how the schools are being design to "foster community and interaction celebrate culture and innovation and prioritize health and well-being to create a learning environment where everyone feels connected and inspired"

Mrs. Ortega expressed concerns over development challenges. She mentioned that she wants to make sure they are built on solid ground to prevent problems in the future.

Mr. Martinez expressed concerns about having good pricing to ensure we do not go over budget. He also asked if they are considering acoustics on the Atrium area being designed.

Mrs. Barnes asked if site drainage is being considered due to site location.

Mr. Rodriguez expressed that he wishes for the firms to not do any "Value Engineering"

## 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Closed at 6:07 PM**

**To Consult with Attorney Under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code:**

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4.A. To conduct interviews of candidates for interim/acting Superintendent, evaluate applications and consider terms, compensation and duties of employment for the position.

**5. NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER Back into session at 10:20 PM**

5.A. Discussion and possible action to select an interim/acting Superintendent including terms, compensation and duties of employment for the position.  
Board came out at 10:20 PM and went back into executive session at 10:21 PM  
Board came back out from executive session at 10:25 PM

Motion by trustee Maldonado to appoint as Acting Interim Superintendent Dr. Jesica Arellano with the understanding that Mr. Blanco (Legal) and Mr. Rodriguez (Board President) will discuss the terms, compensation and the duties of employment.

Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga  
Motion Passes.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **10:27 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **August 19, 2025**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.