

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER

1.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 PM**

1.B. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Barnes, Borrego, Maldonado, Martinez, Ortega, Rodriguez (Via Zoom), Zuniga

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. Approval of the Texas Reads & Leads Grant Agreement Between Canutillo ISD and the Charles Butt Foundation

Dr. Arellano answered trustee Barnes questions regarding funding, usage and whether it would free up additional funding.

Motion to approve by trustee Borrego and Second by Mr. Rodriguez

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez (Via Zoom)-Yes, Zuniga-Yes

All in Favor Motion Passes

3.B. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Renovations and Upgrades to Bill Childress Elementary School.

Mr. Ernesto Ortiz presented to the board the guarantee maximum price for Bill Childress. Mr. Rodriguez raised concern over a possible conflict of interest that was presented by another board member. Mr. Blanco clarified that she (Trustee Ortega) would be unable to participate in discussion or vote. Mr. Blanco also specified that during closed sessions it might be necessary for board member to step out; however, during regular open sessions it is not required. Mr. Rodriguez stated for the record that he is not in agreement.

Mr. Rodriguez motioned to approve the administration's recommendation for the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Bill Childress Elementary. Trustee Borrego seconded the motion.

Trustee Barnes asked additional questions about pricing discrepancies. Trustee Martinez asked if there are any plans on how to administer the contingency money if there is any left over from the project.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Abstained, Rodriguez (Via Zoom)-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion Passes

3.C. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Renovations and Upgrades to Gonzalo and Sofia Garcia Elementary School.

Trustee Barnes asked for clarification on why was HVAC added to GES since it was not initially on the list. Mr. Ortiz clarified that the units are at end of life cycle and they are bringing proactive.

Trustee Maldonado asked about the Carbon Monoxide Detectors that were added. Mr. Ortiz explained that the County of El Paso will require them as they are replacing complete roof units.

Mr. Armando Rodriguez motioned to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Renovations to Garcia Elementary, Trustee Borrego seconded the motion.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Abstained, Rodriguez (Via Zoom)-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion Passes

3.D. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Renovations and Upgrades to Jose H Damian Elementary School.

Mrs. Maldonado expressed concerns over how many classrooms will be demolished to create the multi-purpose classroom.

Dr. Rico explained that JDE is at 63% capacity and has enough room for those modifications.

Mr. Martinez expressed his disagreement over the changes to create a multi-purpose classroom

Mrs. Maldonado asked how classrooms are being utilized and if they would be able to convert them back into classrooms.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that these are campus and committee recommendations

Mr. Armando Rodriguez motioned to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Renovations to Jose Damian Elementary. Trustee Zuniga seconded the motion.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Abstained,
Rodriguez (Via Zoom)-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion Passes

3.E. Discussion and Possible Action on Utilization of Bond Interest.

Mr. Ortiz presented to the board on bond money utilization. He also explained how bond money can be utilized according to the law.

Trustee Borrego suggested having a bond interest workshop to explore legal ways bond interest could be used.

Mr. Ortiz mentioned that the GMPs should be under budget; however, the board needs to have an action plan.

Trustee Barnes

The board of trustees explained that a bond interest workshop in August/September would be a good idea and that including the community and CBAC would help with transparency.

No Action Taken

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Meeting was closed at **6:06 PM**

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

(A certified agenda or recording of a closed meeting is confidential and is not available to the public except by court order. A person who knowingly and without lawful authority makes a certified agenda or recording public commits a Class B misdemeanor. Any exceptions will be communicated in accordance with applicable policies and regulations)

4.A. Discussion with administration regarding the potential sale of district owned property located at [RFO 2025-18 Possible Sale of Property 6300 Strahan Road]

4.B. Discussion regarding the terms of the agreement for the Interim Superintendent.

5. **NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER**

Board Reconvened in Open Session at **6:37 PM**

5.A. Discussion and possible action regarding the potential sale of district-owned property located at [RFO 2025-18 Possible Sale of Property 6300 Strahan Road]

Mr. Blanco explained that the item will be brought back on the July 21st special board meeting as they are still finalizing the terms of that contract.

No Action.

5.B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the terms of the agreement for the Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Blanco explained that the board reached a consensus, and he would like the board to entertain a motion to approve the rem's based on the request made by Dr. Arellano in closed session and approve the completion, and allow Mr. Rodriguez, the board president, to sign the contract for the superintendent.

Trustee Borrego motioned for approval, and trustee Maldonado seconded.
Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez
(Via Zoom)-Yes, Zuniga-Yes
Motion Passes

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **6:39 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **Sept 29, 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.