

1. **GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER**

1.A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance and Texas Pledge were by everyone in the room simultaneously.

1.D. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Borrego, Mrs. Mendoza, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Simental, Mrs. Zuniga.

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

2. **BOARD HONORS**

2.A. District Recognition of Out-Going Trustees

Mrs. Christina Rodriguez – Public Information Office Presented out-going trustees Mendoza and Simental with recognition plaques and gave the attendees a summary/bio on the out-going trustees.

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.**

No Community members signed up to be heard.

4. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

4.A. Discussion and Possible Action to Obtain Statement of Officer and Conduct the Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees, and Issue Certificates of Election for Newly-Elected Trustees

Judge Humberto Enriquez said words of encouragement for Mrs. Mendoza and Mr. Simental. Mrs. Rodriguez introduced the New Trustees Mrs. Maldonado, Mrs. Ortega and Mr. Rodriguez.

Judge Enriquez administered the Oath of office and statement of office to each Trustee.

- 4.B. To Discuss Possible Vacancy on the Board of Trustees After Election Results are Approved, Including Acceptance of Declination of Office from Blanca Trout, if Such Action is Necessary and Appropriate.

Mr. Steve Blanco mentioned that Mrs. Trout had previously resigned from the board of Trustees, however, due to timing requirements for the elections her name was on the ballot and could not be removed.

Mrs. Barnes motioned to accept declination of office. Second by Mrs. Borrego. All in favor, motion passes.

- 4.C. To Discuss Options with Possible Action to Address and Fill Vacancy on the Board of Trustees, if Such Action is Necessary and Appropriate.

Board of Trustees

Mr. Blanco mentioned that as a result of Blanca Trout's declination of office, the board has the option/opportunity to hold a special election at cost to the district or appoint someone to the board as it has been done in the past.

Mrs. Barnes mentioned that she had requested information on what would be the cost of the special election. Mr. Blanco clarified that it could range from 60 to 90 thousand dollars.

Mrs. Lily Maldonado motioned to have Mr. Sergio Martinez (5<sup>th</sup> Place on the election results) to be appointed to the board. Second by Mr. Rodriguez.

Mrs. Borrego mentioned that holding interviews as it was done in the past for the sake of transparency. Mrs. Maldonado insisted that appointing whoever comes in 5<sup>th</sup> place is transparency for the community.

Maldonado amended motion to appoint next person in line (Sergio Martinez), Second by Mrs. Mr. Rodriguez.

Barnes-No, Borrego-No, Maldonado-Yes, Ortega-No, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Fails.

Mrs. Borrego motioned to have interviews with candidates on ballot only. Consistency is needed. Second by Mrs. Ortega.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-No, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-No, Zuniga-No.

Motion Fails.

Mrs. Borrego Motioned to have interviews open to the community. No second. Motion Fails.

Mrs. Barnes noted that the community will question why the board deviated from past procedures.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that previously the community complained about past procedures.

Mrs. Maldonado mentioned that the community has already spoken by casting their vote.

Mrs. Barnes Motioned to select next person in line (Sergio Martinez), second by Mrs. Maldonado.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-No, Maldonado-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Passes.

Mr. Blanco mentioned that appointed person Mr. Sergio Martinez needs to accept appointment. At the December board meeting.

4.D. Discussion and Possible Action to Address the Unexpected Closure of Bill Childress Elementary School to Include Payment of Wages to Employees Affected by the Closure That Were Directed to Not Report or Leave Campus Prior to the End of the Regular Workday on Friday, November 1, 2024.

Dr. Galaviz mentioned that item was previously brought to the board, however due to a miscommunication. The resolution was not included. Mrs. Carrasco addressed questions from Mrs. Borrego on how the resolution avoids gifting of public funds. Whether employees would be required to use personal time if resolution is not approved.

Motion to approve resolution made by Mrs. Maldonado and second by Mrs. Zuniga.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-No, Maldonado-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Passes.

4.E. Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Selection of Members for the EPCAD Board of Directors and Approve Resolution to Record and Cast Vote and Ballot for Canutillo ISD

Mr. Coronado spoke to the board regarding new process/procedure for appointment of EPCAD board members.

Mrs. Borrego motioned to allocate all of Canutillo Votes towards Sergio Coronado, Second by Mrs. Zuniga.

All in favor, motion passes.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5.A. Public Hearing on the Application of Vinton Steel, LLC (Comptroller Application No: J0004) for tax incentive agreement  
Kathy Mathias presented to the board with information about advantages of having Vinton Steel as part of the community  
Sergio Coronado spoke during public hearing to mention that Vinton Steel raises value of properties in the district. If CISD doesn't approve it, it will affect the Village of Vinton as the company might leave. County has already approved it. And 60% of taxes come from residential and not commercial.

Mr. Sergio Martinez mentioned that the Vinton steel facility releases power/pollution and cancer rates are high due to the facility.

Sergio Coronado- Facility will improve their infrastructure making it safer.

Dr. Oscar Rico – CISD was invited to tour the facility and were introduced to the new concept.

- 5.B. Consider Application of Vinton Steel, LLC (Comptroller Application No: J0004) for tax incentive agreement and Board Declaration of Conditional Intent Pursuant to Government Code § 403.611(b)  
Motion to approve by Mrs. Barnes. Second By Mrs. Zuniga.  
Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Ortega-Abstain, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.  
Motion Passes.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING

### 6.A. BUSINESS SERVICES

#### 6.A.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.a. Approval of the Feb 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.b. Approval of the March 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.c. Approval of April 16, 2024 Board Workshop Minutes

6.A.1.d. Approval of the May 7, 2024 Workshop Minutes

6.A.1.e. Approval of the May 14, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.f. Approval of the June 10, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.g. Approval of the August 12, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.h. Approval of the November 11 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

- 6.A.2. Approval of the Monthly Donations
  - 6.A.2.a. Board Acceptance of the October 2024 Donations Report
- 6.A.3. Approval of the Finance Assistant Director and Designated Finance Accountant as Additional Authorized Representatives with Lone Star Investment Pool for Investment Responsibilities on behalf of Canutillo ISD
- 6.A.4. Approval of the Purchase of Eight Electric Buses Using the EPA Grant to Cover a Portion of the EV Fleet Cost.

6.B. *CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION*

- 6.B.1. Approval of Waiver for Remote Conferencing-Regular Education Students During the 2024-2025 SY

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented except for 6.A.4. as it involves money/funding

Motion to approve made by Mrs. Borrego and second by Mrs. Barnes.

All in Favor, Motion Passes.

6.A.4 Dr. Rico and Mr. Ricotta answered board questions from the highland agreement/purchase.

Motion to approve made by Mrs. Borrego, Second By Mrs. Barnes.

Barnes-Yes, Borrego-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Ortega-No, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Passes.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Meeting was closed at 8:20 PM**

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

- 7.A. Discussion Regarding Status and Entering a Ground Lease With El Paso Community College for Premises at Its EPCC's Northwest Campus for Operation of the Canutillo Early College High School (Formerly Known as the Northwest Early College High School).

8. **NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER Meeting resumed at 8:47 PM**

- 8.A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Status and Entering a Ground Lease With El Paso Community College for Premises at Its EPCC's Northwest Campus for Operation of the Canutillo Early College High School (Formerly Known as the Northwest Early College High School).

No action taken

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:00 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office  
7965 Arcraft  
El Paso, TX 79932

The meeting was adjourned at **8:49 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **January 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.