

BOARD AGENDA REPORT
BEN BOLT-PALITO BLANCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: September 8, 2021 **Agenda Item No.** 8c. **Related Page(s)** _____

Subject: Approval of the Jim Wells County Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco Independent School District for the 2021-2022 School Year

Background Information/Reason for Board Consideration:

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to Texas Education Code 129.21 – Requirements for Student Attendance for State Funding Purposes; which allows public school students to be considered “in attendance” when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district.

Administrative Considerations/Facts and Analysis:

Jim Wells County requests the agents listed on the enclosed Adjunct Faculty Agreement be awarded adjunct staff member’s status for the period of time indicated on the agreement and approved by the School Board.

Legal Review:

None

Budgetary Considerations:

None

Recommended Board Action:

That the Board of Trustees approve the Jim Wells County Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco Independent School District for the 2021-2022 School Year.

SUBMITTED BY: Mike A. Barrera, Ed.D. _____

SUPERVISOR(S): _____

Approved for Presentation to the Board of Education:



Superintendent of Schools

August 19, 2021

Superintendent Dr. Mike A. Barrera
Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco I.S.D.
P.O. Box 547
Ben Bolt, TX 78342

Dear Dr. Barrera,

On behalf of the **Jim Wells** County Extension Staff, we hereby respectfully request approval of the attached Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco** Independent School District.

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to 19 TAC§129.21 (j). Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes allows public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. Section 3 of the Student Attendance Handbook states:

- (1) The student is participating in an activity that is approved by the local board of school trustees and is under the direction of a member of the professional or paraprofessional staff of the school district, or an adjunct staff member who:*
- (A) has a minimum of a bachelor's degree; and*
 - (B) is academically eligible for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.*

Jim Wells County requests the agents listed on the enclosed Adjunct Faculty Agreement be awarded adjunct staff member status for the period of time indicated on the agreement.

On behalf of the 4-H members of Jim Wells County, we hereby also respectfully request that the 4-H organization, by the attached resolution, be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. We request the enclosed RESOLUTION be presented for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco I.S.D.** We request that a signed copy of this RESOLUTION, along with a copy of the **minutes of the Board meeting**, be forwarded to us for our files.


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We hope **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco** Independent School District will accept these requests. Please let us know if you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss the amendment and requests or if you need further information.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,


Rogelio Mercado
CEA-AG
Jim Wells County


Barbie Wymore
CEA-4-H
Jim Wells County

Enclosed: Adjunct Faculty Request
Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4-H

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ADJUNCT FACULTY REQUEST

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Jim Wells

On this date, at a regularly scheduled and posted meeting, came the Board of Trustees of the **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco** Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as "District." A quorum having been established; the Board proceeded to consider the appointment of the herein named individual as an adjunct member of the **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco** Independent School District.

Upon consideration and vote of _____ in favor, **Rogelio Mercado and Barbie Wymore** is hereby named as adjunct faculty member(s) of **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco** Independent School District subject to the following considerations and provisions of such appointment to wit:

1. This appointment shall commence on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and remain in effect until the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

2. This appointment will include the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees listed below:

NAME	TITLE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	DATE
Rogelio Mercado	CEA-AG	BS & MS	Texas A&I & Texas A&M-Kingsville	5/92;5/03
Barbie Wymore	CEA-4-H	BS & MS	SWTSU & Texas A&M-Kingsville	5/95;12/00

3. Adjunct faculty member(s) will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from **Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco** Independent School District.

4. Adjunct faculty member(s) is and shall remain an employee, in good standing, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

5. Adjunct faculty member(s) is and shall remain under the direct supervision of either the District Extension Administrator of District 12 or Jim Wells County Extension Director.

6. Adjunct faculty member(s) shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any and all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees. District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct faculty member(s) shall direct the activities and participation of students of the school district in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by adjunct faculty

members for which notice shall be given to School District administrative personnel. Adjunct faculty members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator or County Extension Director. Adjunct faculty member(s) is not the employee of the School District, and School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct or control the activities and/or participation of such Jim Wells County Extension Agent(s) who have/has been herein designated as an adjunct faculty member.

This appointment is made by the Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said district for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (j)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for foundation school program purposes.

This appointment of the herein named Jim Wells County Extension Agents, Rogelio Mercado and Barbie Wymore are not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco Independent School District

By: _____

RESOLUTION

EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the

Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco I.S.D.

meeting in public with a quorum present and certified,
did adopt this resolution that recognizes the

Jim Wells County & Texas 4-H Organization

as approved for recognition and academically eligible
for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code,
Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject
to all rules and regulations set forth under the 19 Texas Administrative Code
as interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
will request academic eligibility for all 4-H competitive activities,
regardless if a school absence is or is not required, and
for non-competitive purposes when an absence is required.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Board of Trustee

Superintendent