

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Big Spring Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District was held April 14, 2025, beginning at 5:15 PM in the High School Board Room, 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Members Present: Fabian Serrano, Tom Olague, Jesse Salazar, Julie Harris, Trent Trinidad, Alton McGruder

Members Absent: Tonya Becker

Administration Present: Jay McWilliams, Jeff Perez, Dana Scott, Susan Bryan, Melissa Tarbet

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Childress

Others: Treena Foster, Jessica Enriquez, Barbra Roberson, Kristin Tubb, Carman Wommack, Brad Froman, Becky Otto, Bert Otto, Kim Young, Casandra DeLaCruz, Pamela Taylor, Mike Ritchey, Elissa Bancroft, Jim Wommack, Sawyer Roberts, Hailey Roberts, Reba Strebeck, Trinity Laplante, Garrett Rainey, Karla Martiarena, Nidhi Patel, Syeed Leos, John Doll, Zhayne Robles, Autumn Hill, Quasett Woodruff

### 1. Opening of Meeting – Fabian Serrano opened the meeting at 5:15 pm and declared it in open session.

- A. Prayer
- B. Pledge

### 2. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Tex. Gov't Code §551.007(b):

“A governmental body shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item.”

Thus, a governmental body might adopt a rule consistent with “subsection 551.007(b)’s requirements by having a single public comment period at the beginning of an open meeting to address all items on the agenda.”

### 3. Special Recognition

Jay McWilliams recognized the High School Culinary Team as well as State Powerlifter, Quasett Woodruff.

### 4. Report Items

- A. Safety & Security: Intruder Detection Audit Findings  
Jim Wommack presented the Intruder Audit Report.

- B. 2024-2025 Board Member Continuing Education Credit Report

Fabian Serrano announced that Trustees have accumulated 75.75 hours of training since April 1, 2024.

Fabian Serrano, Pres. – Deficient

Trent Trinidad, VP – Deficient

Tom Olague, Sec. – Deficient

Julie Harris – Deficient

Tonya Becker – Deficient

Alton McGruder – Deficient

Jesse Salazar – Deficient

Board Members have the opportunity to acquire most training hours at Summer Leadership Institute in June.

### 5. Consent Agenda

#### A. Approve Minutes

- 1. March 17, 2025 Board Minutes - Regular Meeting
- 2. March 18, 2025 Board Minutes - Special Meeting

#### B. Financial Reports

Motion was made by Julie Harris to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Tom Olague seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion #6098

Approve Consent Agenda

### 6. Action Items

#### A. Consider Approval of Local Budget Amendments

Susan Bryan presented 2 local budget amendments:

- 1. The Howard County Appraisal District revised the levy for the appraisal services for the 2024-2025 tax year resulting in a slight increase in the overall billing. The revision was due to changes in protests which were completed after the budget was established. I would like to offset the increase by using budgeted funds we had set aside for a possible bond election. These funds are now available since a bond will not be called in the 24-25 school year. Please consider amending the budget as follows:

- 199-41 Decrease by \$6,000

- 199-99 Increase by \$6,000

There is no effect to local fund balance.

- 2. A second budget amendment needs to be considered between two functions. Big Spring DAEP would like to take two teachers to a conference. The principal needs to move money from function 23 to function 13 to pay for teacher related travel. Please consider amending the budget as follows:

- 199-13 Increase by \$1,100

- 199-23 Decrease by \$1,100

There is no effect to local fund balance.

Motion was made by Trent Trinidad to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Tom Olague seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion #6099

Approve Budget Amendments

Motion #6100  
Approve Donations

Motion #6101  
Approve Food Service Contract

Motion #6102  
Approve New Hires

Motion #6103  
Approve Professional Contracts

No Action Taken

#### B. Consider Approval of Various Donations

Melissa Tarbet presented 1 donation:

1. Cheryl Poitevint made a generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the Big Spring High School Thespians for their trip to Nationals.

Motion was made by Tom Olague to approve the donation. Alton McGruder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

#### C. Consider Approval of Contract with Food Service Management Company

Motion was made by Trent Trinidad that Big Spring ISD enter into Year 4 of a contractual agreement with Aramark FSMC (Food Service Management Company) for the upcoming 2025-26 school year. The current contract goes through the 2026-27 school year (5 year agreement), but needs to be renewed annually. Tom Olague seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

#### D. Consider Approval of Employment Recommendations

The following personnel have been hired for the 2024-2025 school year at the salary schedule adopted by the Board of Trustees:

**BARBER, LAURA:** Elementary Teacher, Big Spring Intermediate School; Certified; 12 year (s) of experience. (2025/2026 School Year)

**ESCALANTE, LAURYN:** Asst. Choir Teacher, Big Spring Junior High School; Certified; 0 year (s) of experience.

**GILLEN, LARA:** Elementary Teacher, Washington Elementary School; Certified; 24+ year (s) of experience. (2025/2026 School Year)

Motion was made by Julie Harris to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Tom Olague seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

#### E. Consider Approval of Professional Employment Recommendations for 2025-2026 (see attached list)

Motion was made by Julie Harris to approve the Professional Employment Recommendations for 2025-2026. Trent Trinidad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

#### F. Discussion/Approval of Personnel Issues Including:

Employment, Resignations, Reassignment, Duties, Performance Problems, and Evaluations -

Possible CLOSED SESSION under Texas Government Code 551.074:

(For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee)

**No Closed Session. No Action Taken**

### 7. Superintendent's Report

#### A. Resignations and Retirements

Letters of resignation/retirement have been received from the following:

**BRINK, BONNIE:** Secondary Teacher; Big Spring Junior High School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**COBOS, ELI:** Secondary Teacher; Big Spring Junior High School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**CONNELL, LAURIE:** Behavior Teacher; Big Spring Intermediate School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**CUMMINS, LEVI:** Secondary Teacher; Big Spring Junior High School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**DODD, MARIANNA:** Elementary Teacher; Washington Elementary School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**GANNAWAY, STEPHANIE:** Diagnostician; BSISD; Resignation, March 31, 2025.

**GARZA, JENNIFER:** Elementary Teacher; Washington Elementary School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**GARZA, JOE:** Resident Teacher; Big Spring Intermediate School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**HARGROVE, WALKER:** Secondary Teacher; Big Spring High School; Resignation, March 26, 2025.

**HERNANDEZ, NICOLAS:** Band Director; Big Spring Intermediate School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**HICKMAN, TASHALLA:** Elementary Teacher; BSI; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**HURST, JAEDON:** Elementary Teacher; Marcy Elementary School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**MANDERSKI, THERESA:** Elementary Teacher; Marcy Elementary School; Resignation, May 23, 2025.

**MILTON, JAMES:** Secondary Teacher; Big Spring High School; Retirement, May 23, 2025.

B. Enrollment Report – Student enrollment on April 10, 2025 was 3282.

C. Summer Leadership Institute – June 11-14 in San Antonio

D. District Updates

### 8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Harris to adjourn. Fabian Serrano adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Date: May 12, 2025

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Board President, Fabian Serrano

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Board Secretary, Tom Olague