

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 January 13, 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, Tonya Becker, Jesse Salazar, Julie Harris, Trent Trinidad

Members Absent: Alton McGruder

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

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Childress

News Media Present: Adrienne Green, KBST Media

Others: Treena Foster, Jessica Enriquez, Barbra Roberson, Kristin Tubb, Carman Wommack, Patsy Sanchez, Holly Barfield, Brad Froman, Debra Olague, Samantha Hyatt, Mike Ritchey, Audom Johnson, Kaytlin Clemons, Gina McWilliams, Sharon Wang, Akshat Patel, Christina Rainey, Phyllis Moore, Kandi Lane, Daniel Moreno, Mike Becker, Maira Garviz, Tris Clemons, Stacie Del Angel, Becky Otto, Paris Patel, Andrea McCormack

1. Opening of Meeting – Fabian Serrano opened the meeting at 5:16 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. Report Items

A. Food Service and Maintenance & Transportation Bid Report

Melissa Tarbet facilitated the report.

B. Report on Cooperative Fees paid by Big Spring ISD

The annual fees paid by Big Spring ISD to purchasing cooperatives are as follows:

- BuyBoard – no yearly fee. The Interlocal Participation Agreement allows a charge of a vendor fee of up to 2% of the purchase price paid by a Cooperative member. These fees are collected from vendors, not Cooperative or BuyBoard members. A \$400 processing fee for each vehicle purchase order and an \$800 for each bus purchase order processed. During this reporting period, we paid \$400.00 in fees on the purchase of buses or vehicles.
- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program (CPA Co-op)-Texas Smart Buy – \$100 annual participation fee.
- Region 18 Purchasing Cooperative – membership fee is based on the previous year Fall PEIMS Enrollment Report. The fee for 2024-2025 was \$825.00.
- The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) – No Fees
- Texas Department of Information Resources – (DIR) – No Fees
- Omnia Partners Purchasing Coop – No Fees
- Choice Partners Coop – Harris County Department of Ed – No Fees
- Southeast Texas Purchasing Cooperative – Region 5 – No Fees
- Epic 6 Purchasing Cooperative – Region 6 – No Fees
- TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative – Region 16 – No Fees
- Allied States Purchasing Coop-Region 19 – No Fees
- Pace Purchasing Cooperative – Region 20 – No Fees
- Special Education Supports Cooperative Interlocal Agreement – Region 20 – No Fees

C. Integrated Pest Management Report

The State of Texas Department of Agriculture requires the District to report in an Open Meeting the persons responsible for Integrated Pest Management.

- Eddie Castillo is the new Responsible IPM Coordinator for BSISD.
- Pedro Sorola is the Subordinate IPM Coordinator.

D. Upcoming Election Dates

May 3, 2025 Election information

District 2 – Jesse Salazar

District 5 – Trent Trinidad

District 6 – Alton McGruder

District 7 – Fabian Serrano

First day to file - January 15, 2025

Last day to file – February 14, 2025

Early Voting begins April 22, 2025

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes

1. December 9, 2024 Board Minutes - Regular Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

5. Action Items

A. Resolution to Enter Into a Joint Election Agreement (JEA) With the City of Big Spring
Resolución de cambiar el Lugar de la Interrogación del día de Elección de los Directores de la escuela
Motion was made by Julie Harris to approve the resolution and joint election agreement with the City of Big Spring. Trent Trinidad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion #6084
Approve Joint Election Agreement

B. Contract with Howard County Election Administrator to Conduct the School Trustees Election for May 3, 2025

Contrato con el director de la elección del condado de Howard para conducir la elección de los directores de la escuela para el 3 de mayo 2025

Motion was made by Tonya Becker to approve the contract with Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the school trustees election for May 3, 2025. Julie Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion #6085
Approve Consent Agenda

C. Consider Approval of Various Donations

Melissa Tarbet presented the donations:

- A Brush Above Services, LLC donated \$1,600.00 to be distributed \$400.00 each to the student activity funds for Marcy, Moss, Washington and Goliad.
- The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation STEM Center Project has donated materials, installation and training for a STEM Center at Moss Elementary School. The resources, lab set-up and training being donated are valued at \$22,593.58

Motion was made by Tom Olague to approve the donations. Tonya Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion #6086
Approve Donations

D. Consider Approval of Employment Recommendations
(NONE)

No Action Taken

E. 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

No Action Taken

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Resignations and Retirements

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

ECKERT, KYLE: Secondary Teacher; Big Spring Junior High School; Resignation, December 20, 2024.

LUCERO, MICHELLE: Elementary Teacher; Moss Elementary School; Resignation, January 10, 2025.

ROMERO, SHA-DANNA: Secondary Teacher; Big Spring High School; Resignation, January 10, 2024.

VAN PELT, ASHLEY: Diagnostician; BSISD; Resignation, December 20, 2024.

B. Enrollment Report – Student enrollment on January 8, 2025 was 3318.

C. District Updates

7. Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees Recognition

Campus principals recognized trustees with gift baskets in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Harris to adjourn. Fabian Serrano adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Date: February 10, 2025

Board President, Fabian Serrano

Board Secretary, Tom Olague