

BEN BOLT – PALITO BLANCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Ben Bolt - Palito Blanco ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ben Bolt - Palito Blanco ISD was held October 25, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Ben Bolt - Palito Blanco High School.

1. Call to Order

Presenter: Rolando Ramirez

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco was held on October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco High School.

2. Roll Call

Present: Richard Garcia, Rolando Ramirez, Higinio Garcia, Noe Cadena, Zelda Saenz, Mario Escobar (7:03 p.m.)

Absent: Danny Bueno

Others Present: Dr. Tim Little, Superintendent; Cynthia Garcia, Secretary; Rosario Benavidez, Business Manager

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Higinio Garcia.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Little informed the Board there were no changes to the agenda. Higinio Garcia made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Richard Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act upon more than one item by a single vote through the use of consent agenda. Consent items shall be items placed on the agenda for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the superintendent recommends approval. Prior to the meeting, at the request of any member of the Board of Trustees, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed and given individual consideration. Requests must be directed to either the President of the Board of Trustees or the Superintendent.

- a. Minutes of Prior Meetings
- b. Financial Report

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c. Tax Collection Report

Noe Cadena made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mario Escobar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Open Forum

Dr. Little stated to the Board no one had signed up for Open Forum.

7. Board Communications

The following items are for informational purposes only.

- a. Leadership Team Times
- b. Governance Digest
- c. Legal Seminar
- d. Report on 2015-2016 Upcoming Audit
- e. Superintendent Response to TEA Financial Review
- f. TASB Staffing Review

Cynthia Garcia informed the Board fliers on the Leadership Times, Governance Digest and Legal Seminars were in the Board packets.

Rosario Benavidez informed the Board the auditors would arrive tomorrow at 8:30 AM to begin working on the 2015-2016 district audit.

Dr. Little presented the Board with a copy of the response to TEA on the Financial Review.

Dr. Little informed the Board that a representative from TASB would be conducting a district wide staffing review on October 27, 2016.

8. Students of the Month

- a. Elementary Campus
Presenter: Gloria Hamill
- b. Middle School Campus
Presenter: Bobby Galvan
- c. High School Campus
Presenter: Terry Young

Each campus principal introduced his or her student to the month for October: Elementary School, Angela Garza; Middle School, Aaron Carbajal; High School, Diana Pena.

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9. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment Report

Dr. Little informed the Board the enrollment was up by nine students.

b. Attendance Reports

Dr. Little informed the Board the attendance percentage for the High School was 95.86%, Middle School 97.72%, Elementary 97.34% and the District was at 96.90%.

c. Technology Report

Dr. Little informed the Board this was a new item on Technology updates.

d. Campus Reports

Dr. Little asked the principals if they had anything to add to their reports: Mr. Young informed the Board the students had been working on the landscaping in the front of the high school; Mr. Galvan mentioned they were finishing with the football and volleyball season and moving on to basketball; Ms. Hamill mentioned that the students were eager to come back to school after the break.

e. Athletic Report

Dr. Little informed the Board that the Cross Country Team were district champs, the football team if they beat Three Rivers on Friday, they would be district champs and that the volleyball team is in the playoffs and the information on the playoff would be sent to them as soon as it was determined.

f. Band Report

Dr. Little asked Mr. Posada if he would like to address the board. Mr. Posada said the band did tremendous, they received a 1st division and wanted to thank the Board for their support.

g. FFA Report

Dr. Little asked Ms. Richards if she would like to address the board. Ms. Richards reported on how well her students did at the J.W.C. Fair, and what other activities they have coming up.

h. FCCLA Report

Dr. Little informed the Board the FCCLA Report was on page 54 and mentioned the landscaping in front of the High School was done by the FCCLA students.

10. Board Action Items

The following items are presented for discussion and possible Board action.

a. 2017-2018 Textbook Committee

Higinio Garcia made the motion to approve the 2017-2018 Textbook Committee as

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presented. Richard Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Policy Update 106, affecting local policies EHBAF (LOCAL) pertaining to cameras in Special Education classrooms

Higinio Garcia made the motion to approve Update 106 EHBAF Legal and Local pertaining to cameras in Special Education classrooms. Zelda Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Dates for Board Training

Higinio Garcia made the motion to table item C. Richard Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Campus Improvement Plans

Richard Garcia made the motion to approve the Campus Improvement Plans. Mario Escobar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. District Improvement Plan

Noe Cadena made the motion to approve the District Improvement Plan. Zelda Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Revision of STAAR tested area stipend calculations.

Higinio Garcia made the motion to approve the Revision of STAAR tested area stipend calculations as presented by Dr. Little with the change to read *bonus calculations*. Noe Cadena seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Authorize litigation relating to the high school roof and gym floor.

This item is to be discussed in Executive Session.

- h. Contract to purchase WIFI access points

Noe Cadena made the motion to approve CDW-G's contract to purchase WIFI access points. Richard Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Executive Session

The Board will meet in closed session. This meeting is authorized under Section 551 of the Texas Government Code. This closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. Discussion on employment, reassignments, proposed nonrenewals, nonrenewals, proposed terminations, terminations, resignations, letters on personnel and retirements of contract and at will employees.
- b. Consultation with attorney regarding possible litigation relating to the high school roof

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and gym floor. (Tex Govt. Code 551.071)

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

12. Possible Board action on items discussed in Executive Session

Noe Cadena made the motion to authorize the district's counsel to pursue litigation against US Intec and the companies involved in repairing the roofs of our various campuses in 2014. Richard Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Higinio Garcia made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mario Escobar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board President

Board Secretary