

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER

1.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:30 PM**

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance and Texas pledge were led by the Valedictorian and Salutatorian students from NWECHS and CHS

1.D. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Barnes, Maldonado, Ortega, Rodriguez, Zuniga.

Trustees Absent: Borrego

Trustees Late: Mr. Martinez at 5:35 PM

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

CISD Vision was led by trustee Maldonado & the Mission statement was led by trustee Ortega

2. BOARD HONORS

2.A. Recognition of 2025 Canutillo Alumni Foundation for Education (CAFE)

Scholarship winners from Canutillo High School and Northwest Elementary School

Gustavo Reveles presented the recipients of the Café scholarships and photo op followed.

2.B. Recognition of 2024-25 CISD Board of Trustees Student Advisors TJ Locklin from Canutillo High School and Jacob Lozano from Northwest Early College High School for their service to the District.

Gustavo Reveles honored the student advisors, and a photo op followed.

2.C. Recognition of the 2025 Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Canutillo High School and Northwest Early College High School.

Gustavo Reveles honored the valedictorian and salutatorian from CHS and NWECHS, and a photo op followed.

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.

Mrs. Julie Scott addressed the board and the community regarding her heartfelt appreciation toward Jose Damian Elementary's principal as well as other school staff who have supported her and her family during their period as students at JDE.

4. BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

4.A. Discussion and action for the Warrant List to be added back to the RBM agendas.

Trustee Barnes mentioned that she is requesting the item remain financially responsible.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that he did some research, and no other districts have a warrant report. He also provided examples of how the warrant report was used in the past to question daily district operations. He feels like it goes against Lonestar governance.

Mr. Martinez asked if the warrant report is based on money already spent and who would be responsible for creating the report.

Mrs. Pulley explained that the finance staff need to put together the report, and it could take a couple of hours to put together, depending on the type of questions being asked and who is responsible for answering them.

Mr. Martinez mentioned that although he believes the board should know about district expenses. However, they need to be cautious about nitpicking, as Mr. Rodriguez mentioned earlier.

Mrs. Pulley clarified that there is a check register on the district website, which could help the board to see expenses.

Mrs. Maldonado suggested having a threshold in place and having only items that exceed the threshold be reported.

Board members agreed to work with the check registry, as adding a warrant list might add additional workload to district staff.

No Action taken.

Trustee Maldonado clarified for the record that the board members will try out the check registry on the CISD website.

4.B. Discussion and action to change the purchasing amount needed for board approval.

Trustee Barnes mentioned that the purchasing amount was changed/increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a couple of years ago. However, considering present financial situation. She feels like it should be changed back to the legal amount of \$50,000. Trustee Barnes motioned to have amount changed under policy CH. Second by Trustee Maldonado.

It was clarified by trustee Barnes and Maldonado that this is a way to keep track of district expenditures and balancing the budget.

Mrs. Pulley mentioned that there is additional work for the purchasing agent as this will generate additional items to be brought to the board meetings.

Trustee Maldonado mentioned that changes take work.

Trustee Barnes clarified that items will still be listed under the consent agenda and only pulled if board members have questions.

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

Motion Passes.

4.C. List of all contracted services, cost, and explanation of each service rendered.

Mrs. Barnes mentioned that this report was brought up because of finding out that the district had a music consultant and needing to know why he was needed.

Mrs. Barnes mentioned that the report helped explain how the district money is being used, and it looks like district needs are being taken care of. Mrs. Barnes also raised question about items on the report such as armored truck services, bus repair services, external auditor and whether those services would be needed next school year.

No Action Taken.

4.D. Discussion and possible action to revise election cycle and move trustee election to May vs November.

Mr. Rodriguez suggested that local elections should be in May and Government (federal/state) should be on November

Trustee Maldonado asked what the benefit is between having elections in May vs. November.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that November Elections get bogged down especially on presidential years.

Mrs. Ortega mentioned that in the may election they had about 2,000 people vote vs. November that had closer to 4,000 voters.

Trustee Maldonado motioned to keep elections in November as is. Second by trustee Ortega.

Mr. Martinez mentioned that changing the election cycle could shorten the span of time served by trustees if moved.

Trustee Barnes expressed that moving the election to May silences the community as not as many people vote in May compared to November.

Mr. Blanco mentioned that at this time they cannot move the election to May.

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

Motion Fails.

No Action Taken

4.E. Discussion and possible action to revise election policy and create single member districts, at large or places.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that the board should explore the options regarding large or hybrid or places as the district continues to growth.

Mr. Blanco explained that a point to be made would be that the board would need to have a valuation of the population census to see how many districts and places need to be. He also mentioned that areas would have to have similar population density.

Mrs. Maldonado mentioned that CISD population is not large enough to change it from an at large representative model.

Mrs. Barnes raised concerns over changing the model and not having enough people from the community running to fill every seat.

Mr. Blanco mentioned that in that case the board would maintain based on who currently holds the sear or they would have to appoint.

Trustee Maldonado motioned to leave model as is. Second by Mrs. Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes mentioned whether there is any research or more information to reconsider this in the future. It could be delivered to the board via Thursday Packet.

Mr. Martinez mentioned that as the district grows this is something to reconsider.

Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes,
Zuniga-Yes.
Motion Passes

4.F. Budget Update Presentation

Mrs. Pulley presented to the board the current budget situation. Mrs. Pulley mentioned that the district has received superior rating based on district finances. Mrs. Pulley mentioned that as part of the budget adoption process it is for the district to maintain a balanced budget.

It was also mentioned that an increase of \$100 dollars per employee contribution is needed to maintain the healthcare plan. If the board decides not to increase the contribution it will roll the responsibility to the employee.

Mrs. Pulley also explained to the board members what would happen if there were increase on contributions from the state as well as how they would require for the district to administer the money.

Mr. Rodriguez recommended exploring the option of adding an auditor back for the district.

Mrs. Barnes agreed that even though an auditor might be needed a salary report might be needed to make sure it doesn't overburden the district.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING**

5.A. *BUSINESS SERVICES*

5.A.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

5.A.1.a. Approval of the March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Maldonado requested to pull minutes to note that on item # 7 Elementary Music Redesign she had voted no and it was listed on the minutes as a yes.

Motion to approve minutes with correction mentioned by Mrs. Maldonado and seconded by trustee Barnes.

Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes,
Zuniga-Yes.
Motion Passes

5.A.1.b. Approval of the April 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes

5.A.2. Approval of the Monthly Donations

5.A.2.a. Board Acceptance of the April 2025 Donations Report

5.A.3. Approval of the Budget Amendments

5.A.3.a. Budget Amendments

5.A.4. Approval of the Recommendation to Contract RFQ 2025-11B HVAC Testing, Adjusting and Balancing (TAB) Services for Canutillo ISD 2024 Bond Referendum Projects to Campos Engineering Inc.

5.A.5. Approval of the Recommendation to Contract RFQ 2025-12B Third-Party Construction Inspector Services for Canutillo ISD 2024 Bond Referendum Projects to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC

5.A.6. Approval of an order by the Board of Trustees of the Canutillo Independent School District authorizing the issuance of “Canutillo Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025”; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the Bonds; delegating the authority to certain members of the Board of Trustees and District staff to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the Bonds; and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds.

5.A.7. Approval of a resolution establishing the intention of the Canutillo Independent School District to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds relating to acquiring, constructing, and equipping various District improvements from the proceeds of one or more series of tax-exempt obligations to be issued by the District for authorized purposes; authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

Trustee Maldonado mentioned that she wanted an explanation for the item.

Mr. Rudy Mejia with Nickleayden clarified that this is the second part of the bond series authorizing the sale of the next 100 million to continue with bond expenditures such as purchasing land and payment of contracts.

Trustee Maldonado motion to approve and Trustee Ortega seconded the motion.

Mr. Martinez questioned if the first 100 million was already spent and to the point of needing an additional 100 million.

Mr. Mejia clarified that the bond project is approaching the larger capital outlays, and the district needs those funds to make those purchases. Mr. Mejia also explained that money is being invested while not being used.

Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Passes

5.B. *CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION*

5.B.1. Memorandum of Understanding between CISD and the YWCA El Paso del Norte Region - PreK Early Learning Academy Programming for 2025-2026

Trustee Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda as is with exception of (5.A.1.a and 5.A.7) Second by Trustee Ortega

Barnes-Yes, Maldonado-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Ortega-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Zuniga-Yes.
Motion Passes

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION **Closed at 7:43 PM**
To Consult with Attorney Under Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code:

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6.A. Discussion regarding options for and the identification of the potential sale of district-owned real property.

6.B. Discussion regarding the selection or appointment of an acting or interim superintendent.

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER **Open at 8:43 PM**

7.A. Discussion and possible action to identify options for the potential sale of District owned real property.

No Action Taken

7.B. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection or appointment of an acting or interim superintendent.

Board discussed the process for selecting an interim superintendent. Mr. Blanco stated that the board is looking at June 17th for interviews. PIO will reach out to interested parties and organize and arrange for the times of the interviews.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:45 PM** under unanimous consent.

Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:30 PM

Canutillo ISD Administration Office
7965 Artcraft
El Paso, TX 79932

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **August 19, 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.