

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 November 17, 2015, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Ben Bolt - Palito Blanco High School.

1. Call to Order

Presenter: Rolando Ramirez

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Danny Bueno, Noe Cadena, Mario Escobar, Higinio Garcia, Richard Garcia, Rolando Ramirez, Zeld Saenz

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Noe Cadena.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Little informed the Board there were no changes to the agenda. Noe Cadena made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Danny Bueno seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Prior Meetings
- b. Financial Report
- c. Tax Collection Report

Danny Bueno made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Zeld Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Open Forum

Dr. Little informed the Board Maria Garza had signed up for the open forum.

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Mrs. Garza asked, based on the outcome of the tax ratification election, if the property taxes would remain the same. Dr. Little explained the total tax rate would be unchanged from last year, but that the tax bill also depended on factors such as the Homestead Exemption and the total value of the property, so an individual's tax bill could be higher or lower depending on those factors .

7. 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 of the month for November: Elementary School, Daniel Trevino; Middle School, Jayden Cadena; High School, Mikel Escobar (presented by Dr. Little because Mr. Young was at the basketball game) and Mia Guevara (who was not present because she was at the basketball game).

Mr. Bueno stated that he was here at the High School for the Veteran's Presentation and was very pleased with how well our students conducted themselves.

8. Superintendent's Report

- a. Enrollment Report

Dr. Little informed the board the enrollment at the Elementary School was 152, Middle School 208 and at the High School 214 for a total of 574 students.

Higinio Garcia asked on the number that was turned in to UIL on snap shot day. Dr. Little informed the Board that 216 was the total number.

- b. Campus Reports

Dr. Little informed the Board the campus reports are on page 26 of the Board packets.

- c. ACE Report

Dr. Little informed the Board the ACE report was on page 29 and asked Mrs. Rincon if there was anything she would like to add to the report. Mrs. Rincon informed the Board the families are enjoying their sewing class and next month will start the Holiday Cooking.

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Higinio Garcia asked how the numbers were compare to last year. Mrs. Rincon said the Elementary and Middle School are doing very well and at the High School they are trying to get the numbers up. It is a challenge, but she is hopeful.

d. Athletic Report

Dr. Little informed the board the Athletic Report was on page 32. Coach Johnson mentioned in football we had five 1st team all-district selections and five 2nd team all-district selections. He also mention the district had received many compliments from the Athletic Directors from other schools in the district.

e. Band Report

Dr. Little informed the board the Band Report was on page 33. Dr. Little mentioned that the district Christmas Program and Concert would all be held in one evening on December 17, 2015.

f. FFA Report

Dr. Little informed the Board the FFA report is on page 34 then read all the J.W.C.F. champions.

Higinio Garcia mentioned that the shooting sport that is mentioned in the report should have come through Dr. Little first because of the rules and regulations that are involved. Dr. Little informed the board he'll have some conversations with Mr. Jauregui on this sport.

9. Report on Middle School Targeted Improvement Plan and first quarter Progress Report

Presenter: Dr. Arnold Barrera

Dr. Barrera briefly went over the Improvement Plan Summary for the Ben Bolt Middle School and mentioned it was part of the Texas Academic Improvement System a requirement of TEA.

10. Report from Mullen Group on District benefits program

Diane Mullen gave an update on the visit that they had with the employees in October. She mentioned they saw 50 out of 120 employees and they plan to come every month and address any issues and concerns, again she expressed her sincere apology.

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11. Discussion and possible Board action on Resolution concerning appointment of new Commissioner of Education

Danny Bueno made the motion to adopt the Resolution concerning appointment of new Commissioner of Education. Noe Cadena seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible Board action on Resolution to affirm contingent tax rate

Higinio Garcia made the motion to adopt the Resolution to affirm contingent tax rate as presented by our legal firm and Dr. Little. Richard Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible Board action on TASB Update 103

Dr. Little reviewed all the recommended local policy updates. Dr. Little noted that current policy CKE (LOCAL) was written for districts that utilize a district police force, and since this is no longer true of Ben Bolt – Palito Blanco, he would need to work with TASB policy services to develop the correct policy. His recommendation was to adopt all updated except CKE (LOCAL). Mario Escobar motion to approve TASB Update 103 as recommended by Dr. Little. Zelda Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible Board action on casting of Taxing Unit's vote for the Jim Wells County Appraisal District Board of Directors election for the 2016 -2017 term

Dr. Little informed the Board we needed to cast our votes for the J.W.C. Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term. The board cast their votes for the following candidates: Newell W. Atkinson III – 18 votes; Wallace Burgeson – 8 votes; Emede Garcia – 8 votes; Reuben Todd Garcia – 0 votes; Servando C. Garza, Jr. – 31 votes; Brent Starr – 45 votes; for a total of 110 votes.

15. Executive Session

- a. Discussion on employment, reassignments, proposed nonrenewals, nonrenewals, proposed terminations, terminations, resignations, letters on personnel and retirements of contract and at will employees.

No Action Taken.

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16. Adjournment

Noe Cadena made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Zelda Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board President

Board Secretary