

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER

1.A. Call to Order

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

1.B. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Barnes, Borrego, Maldonado, Martinez, Ortega, Rodriguez, Zuniga

2. 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 not posted on tonight's meeting agenda.

For further information on those policies, contact the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

Carol Cassidy - CISD Budget.

Mrs. Cassidy thanked the board for allowing her to speak to the community and asked the board to look at the Texas Bond Review Board. She mentioned that CISD has a 170-million-dollar debt listed. She wants the board to be conscious of the dire consequences of a high debt under the district and the current deficit.

3. Workshop

3.A. Budget Workshop Presentation

Dr. Galaviz addressed the board and members of the administration team about the importance of the decisions to be made by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Galaviz stressed how waiting to make decisions is costing the district money. The superintendent also updated the board on Budget Projections for FY 2024-25 while answering questions from board members.

Mrs. Maldonado wanted to clarify that the most recent school bond was approved by the community, not the school board or the district administration, and it was intended to pay for school construction or repairs.

Mr. Martinez was concerned about the deficit amount being told administration. He wants to clarify that the budget amount changes daily depending on multiple factors.

Board members also raised questions about how staffing was increased since COVID and how it compares to other districts in the state.

Mr. Martinez noted that the land sales have had one of the biggest impacts on the district deficit, adding to the fund balance.

Dr. Kerney and Dr. Arellano presented an analysis of programming available in the district. They also clarified that even though some programs have been eliminated, that does not mean that they did not work for the district.

The Board of Trustees broke into balancing budget exercises at 6:40 PM. Members of the administration team answered questions as they pertained to different areas/options to be explored for potential budget cuts.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

The meeting was adjourned at **8:02 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **04/22/2025**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.