

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Kenedy ISD-Karnes County

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kenedy ISD-Karnes County was held Monday, May 20, 2019, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Kenedy Administration Board Room, 401 FM 719, Kenedy, Texas 78119.

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

The Kenedy ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2019, in the Kenedy Administration Board Room. The following board members were present: Demetrio Garcia, President; RoseMary Vickery, Vice President; Alma Danmier, Oscar Garcia, Lin Havron, Robert Trevino, and Enedelia Valerio. With a quorum present, President Demetrio Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Demetrio Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

RoseMary Vickery led the invocation.

4. Public Comment

6:03 – 6:07 p.m.

Pauline Escamilla expressed her concerns about her understanding of the district eliminating special education aides. She feels that there are favoritism issues and bullying concerns not being addressed by administration. The discipline is not consistent or fair. She had higher expectations and is disappointed. She requests the board to please consider the kids. Time limit reached.

6:08 – 6:11 p.m.

Yesenia Correa expressed her concern for the graduation policy regarding the STAAR test. According to board policy, all 3 tests must be passed in order to graduate. This will prevent Cecelia Aguillon from being able to graduate with her class. She feels that she should be able to participate and not be punished. Asks that the board please allow for a certificate of completion like other districts do.

6:11 – 6:12 p.m.

Detren Wilson expressed his concerns on implementing an anti-bullying system. Speaking up for all those that can't. He also wanted to ask the board to consider changing the student dress code. He feels that what you are wearing should not affect your ability to learn.

5. Public Hearing on TEKS certification for Instructional Materials Allotment

Presented by Executive Director of Instructional Services, Melanie Witte. McGraw Hill – ELAR will be adopted for K-8 to be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. McGraw Hill is 100% TEKS aligned.

6. Approval of TEKS Certification 2019-2020

A motion was made to approve the TEKS certification for Instructional Materials Allotment as presented by Melanie Witte. The motion was made by Alma Danmier and seconded by Lin Havron. With all in favor, the motion passed.

7. Recognitions

a. Diana Barrera recognized the high school key recipients for their college acceptance and scholarships awarded. Thanks to the help from Mrs. Ridings and Mrs. Del Bosque the seniors have been granted more than \$1.6 million in grants and scholarships for college.

b. KHS Lion Band and Color guard Recognitions. Mr. Montez and Ms. Fransen recognized the 4-year colorguard and band members. The band received a Division I in sightreading and concert. The

colorguard competed at the state level.

- c. Gunner Cantu recognized the Kenedy Athletes of the Week for KSAT 12 – Larissa Miller and Dedrick Wilson. Ms. Barrera recognized Mr. Casner and Ms. Witte for stepping up to assist campuses with administration needs throughout the year. The teamwork displayed is exemplary.
- d. KHS Golf Team was recognized by Coach Weilbacher. Boys received 2nd in District and advanced to Regionals. Girls received 2nd in Regionals and advanced to state. They placed 11th in state. He is very pleased with the year and they have higher goals set for next year.
- e. KISD Teachers of the Year were recognized by Ms. Barrera. KES Teacher of the Year was Shelly Weilbacher. KMS Teacher of the Year was Kelsey Woods. KHS and District Teacher of the Year was Shane Stewart.

8. Tell Me Something Good

Demetrio Garcia – He expressed that it is a great feeling to see so many great things happening with our district.

Enedelia Valerio – The athletic banquet was great. Congratulations to Kim Gonzales.

Oscar Garcia – Thanks to the board for welcoming him. Things are changing for the better.

Administration is doing good things. Thanks to the teachers for their hard work. We are here to hear concerns.

RoseMary Vickery – Attended the scholarship night on Thursday at the high school. It was very impressive to see all of the scholarships. The kids were proud. Thanks to everyone for a great job.

Lin Havron – The athletic banquet was well attended. It had a very positive speaker. Thanks to Coach Alvarez for putting it together with a short notice.

Robert Trevino – Glad to see the progress on the Bond Project. Thanks to Jaime Albiar for his 9 years of service to the board. Congratulations and welcome to Oscar Garcia.

Alma Danmier – Congratulations to everyone for their hard work. The impact carries over to the alumni.

9. Consent Agenda

RoseMary Vickery pulled item (e) for discussion. After a brief discussion and all questions addressed on these items, RoseMary Vickery made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a-f as presented or discussed. Lin Havron seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

10. Review of Board Operating Procedures

President Demetrio Garcia reviewed some of the operating policies and procedures including the policy on public comments and board response.

11. Superintendent Report

a. Construction Update

- 1. RL Rohde Contract Payment – Ms. Barrera Ugarte presented this as an information only item. It was previously approved with the contract. Payment of \$301,116.75. Information provided for transparency.

b. Attendance report presented by Ms. Barrera Ugarte. Attendance has improved across the district from last year. The Strategic Plan will continue to work on improving this.

c. Indicators of Financial Problems - Student/Teacher FTE – Presented by Ms. Barrera Ugarte. The indicator shows that the percentage of paraprofessional FTE's is higher than teachers beginning in 2017. As para's resign or retire, they are not being replaced. This indicator shows that we are not giving our special education students our very best. We are limiting them in their growth. KISD is in

compliance with IEP's.

- d. Budget update – The next budget workshop will be July 15th before or after the regular meeting.
- e. School Climate Update – Community members are being included in the sub-committee for their perspective and feedback. Region 3 will conduct training for administrators and teacher leaders over the summer. The training will be shared with all staff at the professional development in August.
- f. School Resource Officer Update – Chief Ashe will present a plan for working together with the city to bring in an SRQ at the June meeting.

12. School board calendar, board announcements, and events

- a. June meeting rescheduled for June 24th
A special meeting will be held Thursday, May 23rd to reorganize the board. SLI is June 12-14 in San Antonio. There is a Spring workshop at Region 3 on May 22nd.

13. Closed session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.001
Entered into closed session at 7:37 p.m. Exited closed session at 8:26 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, discuss employment
 - 1. Consider and discuss the hiring of an Elementary Assistant Principal
- b. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, deliberation regarding board member duties, role and responsibilities as related to the Board Operating Procedures.

14. Reconvene from closed session for action relative to items discussed during closed session


A motion was made by Alma Danmier and seconded by Oscar Garcia to accept the recommendation from Superintendent Barrera Ugarte to hire Katy Wiatrek as Elementary Assistant Principal as discussed in closed session on a one year probationary contract on the current admin scale. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Robert Trevino was absent from vote. No action was taken on item (b).

- a. Consider and take possible action regarding employment of employee(s)
 - 1. Consider and take possible action regarding the hiring of an Elementary Assistant Principal
- b. Discuss and consider possible action regarding Board Operating Procedures.

15. Adjournment

With no further business, RoseMary Vickery made a motion to adjourn. Lin Havron seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. Adjournment time 8:31 p.m.


Demetrio Garcia, Board President


RoseMary Vickery



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