

KENEDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 2019 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

The Kenedy ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2019, in the Kenedy Administration Board Room. The following board members were present: Demetrio Garcia, President; RoseMary Vickery, Vice President; Jaime Albiar, Secretary; Lin Havron, Alma Danmier, and Enedelia Valerio. With a quorum present, President Demetrio Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Robert Trevino arrived at 6:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Demetrio Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Lin Havron led the invocation.

4. Public Forum

Pauline Escamilla wanted to compliment Coach Connell, Ms. Del Bosque and Ms. Wright for the great work they do with her son at the high school. She wants the board to know they are appreciated. She is also grateful to the football players for always being good to him. Parents and kids need to know there is help for kids with autism and depression. 6:04 – 6:07

5. Recognitions

- a. Diana Barrera recognized KHS seniors for their college acceptance and scholarships and presented several with their "Key" to the future. Hailey Havron was recognized for her nomination as a Delegate for the Trio National Program.
- b. Ronnie Perez recognized the accomplishments of the girls' powerlifting team.
- c. Gunner Cantu recognized the media club for their accomplishments. In only their second year of existence they took 2 films to the state level. They are working hard to shine a spotlight on Kenedy ISD.
- d. Jerry Connell recognized the Varsity Boys Basketball Team for their playoff accomplishments.

6. Tell Me Something Good

Demetrio Garcia – It's great to recognize all of the students. He is very proud of all of the students tonight. He also wants to recognize the parents that support their students. He shared that the Region 20 schools always ask about our superintendent and how we got her. He is proud of our superintendent and all that she does.

Alma Danmier – She is proud of the powerlifting girls. She is also proud of our KES teacher Ms. Rau. She sees wonderful comments on FaceBook. Positive comments about our teachers.

Enedelia Valerio – Congratulations to all of the athletes.

Jaime Albiar – It's great to recognize the students for all of their awards. This shows that parents and staff are pushing kids to their potential. It was an honor to watch the powerlifting girls at state. Congrats to everyone's hard work.

RoseMary Vickery – The monthly area Chamber breakfast was hosted by KISD. Diana Barrera and Gunner Cantu shared some great information about KISD to the community.

Lin Havron – Thanks to Shelly Weilbacher for her hard work for our GT program.

Robert Trevino – He is impressed by the GT presentation on recycling. Thanks to parents for representing their kids and supporting them.

7. Consent Agenda

Robert Trevino pulled item (a) for discussion. Demetrio Garcia pulled item (f) for discussion. After a brief discussion on amendments to item 10 on the February 18th meeting minutes, and clarification on item (f) that hiring authority be granted to Diana Barrera Ugarte for teaching staff only, Robert Trevino made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a-f. Lin Havron seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

8. Certification of Unopposed Candidates & Order of Cancellation

Lin Havron made the motion to receive and accept the certification of unopposed candidate for Alma Danmier (Single Member District 7-Full Term). RoseMary Vickery seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. RoseMary Vickery moved to cancel the District 7 election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2019 and to certify Alma Danmier as unopposed and hereby elected. Jaime Albiar seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

9. TASB Local Policy Update 112

Diana Barrera Ugarte presented the TASB Local Policy Update 112. She asked that the board accept the policy updates as recommended by TASB. Alma Danmier made the motion to accept the recommended updates. RoseMary Vickery seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

10. Financial Services Advisor

Lin Havron made a motion that the district hires Victor Quiroga, with Specialized Public Finance Inc. as the district Financial Advisor effective immediately. He further moved that the district terminate Frost Bank as the district's Financial Advisor effective immediately. RoseMary Vickery seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

11. Superintendent Report

- a. A construction update was provided by Frank Amaro, Pfluger Architects. Bid package 1 construction has started. The dirt is moving. There will be a pre-bid conference for bid package 2 on March 21st. Bids will be opened on April 2, 2019. The month of July has been scheduled for the gym acoustics upgrades.
- b. A recycling presentation was done by the KES Gifted and Talented Program. The recycling program is a joint effort between all of the campuses as well as the community.

- c. An attendance report was presented by Diana Barrera Ugarte. There has been a .87% increase overall in attendance from last year at this time. All campuses are showing improvements.
- d. Ms. Witte presented the board with a literacy update. The district is in the process of comparing tests, scores, etc. at all levels throughout the district. KES is showing improvements. The secondary campus utilizes the services of a writing interventionist once a month. The district is aligning all campuses for consistency.

12. School Board calendar, board announcements and events

A special board meeting will be held on March 21st at 6:00 p.m. The special meeting/financial planning workshop for March 28th has been postponed.

13. Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001:

Entered into closed session at 7:24 p.m. Exited closed session at 8:00 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, discuss employment
1. Renewal/extension of contracts: Counselors, Technology Director, Media Coordinator, School Nurse

14. Reconvene from Closed Meeting and Continue with Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

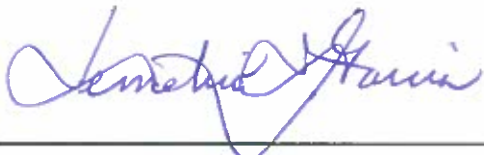
A motion was made by Alma Danmier and seconded by Jaime Albiar to accept the recommendation from Superintendent Barrera Ugarte to renew or extend contracts as discussed in closed session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- a. Consider and take possible action regarding employment.
1. Renewal/extension of contracts: Counselors, Technology Director, Media Coordinator, School Nurse

15. Adjournment

With no further business, Alma Danmier made a motion to adjourn. Jaime Albiar seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. Adjournment time: 8:07 p.m.

For purposes of official minutes, the items will be listed in order of the agenda. The order of the meeting was as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 11b, 5a-d, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11c, 11d, 12, 13, 14, 15.



Demetrio Garcia, Board President



Jaime Albiar, Board Secretary



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