

Blanket ISD
Regular Board Meeting
July 14th, 2025
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Beth Bowyer, Steve Schulze, Autumn Hood, Edwin Davis,
James Richardson, Robert Rodgers

Members Absent: Scott Russell

Administration: Mr. Whisenhunt, Mr Branham, Mr Greenfield

Guests: Melinda Sims, Sheila Owen, Holly Richardson, Van Wilson

I. Beth Bowyer called the Meeting to Order and established a quorum at 6:30 pm.

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Participation: None

III. Administrative Report(s)

Principals Report

- a. **Teacher's possible roles** PK - 5th grade are self contained, switching classes starts with 6th grade. We are splitting up JH & HS lunch this year.
- b. **Summer School program and STAAR testing results** - We are replacing curriculum this year to help align with STAAR testing.

Superintendent's Report

- a. **Update on school finance.** We will be using our grant to pay for curriculum, retention bonuses, etc. Phone system and bells have been installed. We are continuing to work on the the remaining technology upgrades. We've purchased new Chromebooks. Our first electric bus is here.
- b. **TASB/TASA Fall Convention/Board Training.** This year's convention is Sept 11-14 in Houston.

IV. Consideration/approval of consent items

A. Approval of minutes of prior meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, seconded by Edwin Davis.

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Robert Rodgers

B. Acceptance of Bills paid.

A motion was made by Edwin Davis to accept the bills paid as presented, seconded by Robert Rodgers. Check # 005155 - # 005195

For: 6

Against: 0

V. Presentation / Discussion Regarding Action Items

- a. Consider/Action to offer a probationary contract to Weldon Van Wilson for Vo Ag Program.** A motion was made by Steve Schulze to offer a probationary contract to Weldon Van Wilson for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Edwin Davis.

For: 6

Against: 0

- b. Consider/Action to approve the updated Dual Credit Handbook.**

Robert Rodgers made a motion to approve the updated Dual Credit Handbook for 2025-2026, seconded by James Richardson.

For: 6

Against: 0

- c. Consider/Action to approve Local Policy HB1481 cell phone regulations.**

Discussed the new policy, no action at this time.

- d. Board discussion of Property Tax Values before approving Budget & Tax Rate.**

Discussed - rates will be determined at a later date.

- e. Consider/Action to approve the use of ESSA (Title I, II, IV, VI funds) funds for salaries**

Discussion on how we use Title funds.

f. Consider/Action to approve updated policy for Comp days for employees.

A motion was made by Edwin Davis to approve the updated Comp day policy, seconded by Robert Rodgers.

For: 6

Against: 0

g. Consider/Action to review/update employee benefit/salary plan.

Discussed - no action at this time.

VI. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – August 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm

VII. Concerns for Future Board Meeting

- a. Work needed around the campus.
- b. Use of ESSA title/federal funds.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Schulze, seconded by Edwin Davis at 8:14 pm.

For: 6

Against: 0

Beth Bowyer

Board President

Autumn Hord

Board Secretary

8-11-25

Date

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