

**Blanket ISD**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 8, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Beth Bowyer, Steve Schulze, Edwin Davis  
Scott Russell, James Richardson, Robert Rodgers

Members Absent: Autumn Hood

Administration: Mr. Whisenhunt, Mr. Branham, Mr. Greenfield

Guest: Kaitlinn Burt

- I. Beth Bowyer called the Meeting to Order and established a quorum at 6:30 p.m.**
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Public Participation: None**

**III. Administrative Report(s)**

**Principal's Report**

- a. Teacher's possible roles.** Elementary classes are set. Kaitlinn Burt is replacing Jessica Salazar. Tana VanZandt is taking over 4th grade. 4th & 5th grade will be self contained this year. Melissa Meerkatz will be returning to work some in special education, and teach 6th grade ELA. Secondary master schedule is still being worked out.
- b. Summer school program and Staar Testing.** Mrs Sims did a great job coordinating the summer school for our students that needed to retake their Staar test. All students have retested, no results are in as of yet.

**Superintendent's Report**

- a. Update on school finance -** Finances are in good shape. We are about to make our next Debt Service payment.
- b. Information on Safety Consulting Contract -** The safety training started today for six of our staff. We are currently working on the new fence, which will make sure all students are in a secure area. The door numbering system is all we have left to finish.
- c. TASB/TASA Fall Convention/Board Training-** The convention is in San Antonio this year. Mr Whisenhunt will make reservations for everyone.

**IV. Consideration/approval of consent items**

**A. Approval of minutes of prior meeting.**

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

For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 1 - Robert Rodgers

**B. Acceptance of bills paid.**

A motion was made by Steve Schulze to accept the bills paid as presented, second by Edwin Davis. Check # 004505 - # 004532.

For: 6  
Against: 0

**V. Presentation / Discussion Regarding Action Items**

**a. Consider/Action to approve resignation of Jessica Salazar.**

A motion was made by Edwin Davis to approve the resignation of Jessica Salazar, second by Scott Russell.

For: 6  
Against: 0

**b. Consider/Action to offer Probationary Contracts to Kaitlenn Burt and Melissa Meerkatz.** James Richardson made a motion to offer probationary contracts to Kaitlenn Burt and Melissa Meerkatz, second by Edwin Davis.

For: 6  
Against: 0

**c. Consider/Action to approve Student/Athletic accident insurance for 2024-2025.**

A motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve the student/athletic accident insurance with The Brokerage Store, second by Robert Rodgers.

For: 6  
Against: 0

**d. Board Discussion of Property Tax Values before approving Budget and Tax Rate.**

The board discussed property tax values and tax rate with information provided by Mr Whisenhunt.

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

The board discussed the use of ESSA funds for salaries, no action taken.

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

A motion was made by Scott Russell to approve the updated Comp day policy that was presented by Mr Branham and Mr Greenfield, second by Edwin Davis.

For: 6  
Against: 0

**g. Consider/Action to update employee leave/absent from work policy before/after holidays**

Scott Russell made a motion to approve the updated leave/absent from work policy before/after holidays as presented, second by Robert Rodgers.

For: 6

Against: 0

**h. Consider/Action to review/update employee benefit/salary plan,**

The 2024-2025 TRS ActiveCare insurance premiums increased by \$59 for the individual plan, with similar increases to the other plans as well. Steve Schulze made a motion to increase the district portion from \$300 per month to \$360 per month, second by Scott Russell.

For: 6

Against: 0

**VI. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Scott Russell, second by James Richardson at 7:49 p.m.

For: 6

Against: 0

*Beth Bowyer*

Board President

*Steve Schulze*

Board Secretary

*8-12-24*

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