

**Blanket ISD**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 13, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Beth Bowyer, Autumn Hood, Steve Schulze  
Scott Russell, James Richardson, Robert Rodgers

Members Absent: Edwin Davis

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

Guest: Brenda Edwards, Trish Amos, Scotty Burke (SRO), Tana VanZandt,  
William Massey

- 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: Trish Amos**

- III. **Administrative Report(s)**

**Principal's Report**

- a. **Student count update.** Enrollment = 145
- b. **Instructional update.** Sped training for staff - May 22, 2024. Math fluency will be the focus for 24-25 to help elementary students excel.

**Superintendent's Report**

- a. **Update on school finance** - We are in good financial shape right now. We will begin receiving money from the state again this month. We may need to make amendments next month.
- b. **Safety update/Funding/Graduation** - Graduation is 5/24 at 7 p.m. The number signs are here, we just need to get them put up. Window film is all up. We will start the fencing project this summer.



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

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

Motion made by Steve Schulze to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, second by Robert Rodgers.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

**B. Acceptance of bills paid.**

A motion was made by Robert Rodgers to accept the bills paid as presented, second by Scott Russell. Check # 004410 - # 004452.

For: 6

Against: 0

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

**a. Consider/Action for newly appointed Board Members to take Oath of Office and for the board to reorganize by electing officers.**

Steve Schulze took his oath. Edwin will do his later, he is absent tonight. Board officers will remain the same. Beth Bowyer - President, Steve Schulze - Vice President, Autumn Hood-Secretary. Robert Rodgers made a motion to accept the board officers as stated, second by Scott Russell.

For: 6

Against: 0

**b. Consider/Action for an update of the SRO end of year program summary at Blanket and around the area by the Brown County Sheriff's Department.**

There were no police reports filed this year. Everything seemed to go well. We had one incident of a parent complaint that a teacher was bullying their student. The investigation found no evidence to support the parents claim

We have enough state money to cover the program next year.

**c. Consider/Action to accept the resignation of Michael Cherry - Coach/AD and Melissa Meerkatz - Elementary teacher**

Steve Schulze made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Cherry and Melissa Meerkatz, seconded by James Richardson.

For: 6

Against: 0



**d. Consider/Action to hire Technology teacher William Massey and Elementary teacher Tana Van Zandt.**

A motion was made by Robert Rodgers to hire William Massey and Tana Van Zandt, seconded by Steve Schulze .

For: 6

Against: 0

**e. Consider/Action to discuss the approach to hiring AD/Football Coach**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 551.074 called at 7:23 pm  
RECONVENE to Regular session at 8:21 pm**

**VI. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**VII. Concerns for Future Board Meeting**

- a. Use of ESSER III funds
- b. Update on security

A motion to adjourn was made by James Richardson, second by Steve Schulze.  
at 8:24 pm.

For: 6

Against: 0

Beth Bowyer  
Board President

6-10-24  
Date

Autumn Hood  
Board Secretary

6-10-24  
Date