

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – January 13, 2025**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 13, 2025, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. President Debbie Witte called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: President Debbie Witte, Vice President Alex Kotara, Melanie Johnson, Cason Newberry, Sherry Sommer, and Michael Rosales. Secretary Melissa Padron-Valdez was not present.

Pledge and Moment of Silence:

President Debbie Witte led the pledge to the United States and Texas flags and called for a moment of silence.

Awards and Recognitions:

The Karnes City ISD School Board was recognized for School Board Member appreciation month. Superintendent Kuenstler gave a brief thanks and appreciation to all board members for their commitment and dedication to Karnes City ISD.

Alex Kotara was recognized for being chosen for TASB's Advocate of the Year. Alex's support and representation for all Texas Public Schools goes above and beyond. Alex gave a brief statement on his work and accomplishments.

Public Comments:

None

Information Items:

This year's Governance Camp will be March 5th-8th in Galveston, Texas. The board was informed of hotel arrangements being made.

First semester enrollment and attendance were provided to the board.

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing a new marquee out of the 25-26 school year budget.

An updated document was provided to the board regarding the current staff. There were no questions.

Jim Wood, KCISD Maintenance Director, gave an update on maintenance and facility projects.

Brian Revell, with AGCM, gave an update regarding the KCE playground and phase 2 landscaping. He also provided information about the CTE building project.

Consent Agenda:

Board meeting minutes – December 9, 2024 (Regular Meeting)

General Operating Bills: \$ 2,003,381.82

Tax Collection Report: 14.60%

Michael Rosales asked questions about the Monthly Expenditure Report. Debbie Witte asked questions about FCA fundraiser money.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Michael Rosales to approve the board meeting minutes, payment of the monthly bills, budget summary, investment report, and tax collection report. The motion was carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

A motion was made by Melanie Johnson and seconded by Alex Kotara to approve the Integrated Pest Management Policy. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Melanie Johnson and seconded by Michael Rosales to approve the C2608 CE School Bus. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chief Appraiser, Brandi Royal, from Atascosa Central Appraisal District gave a presentation regarding the purchase of a building at 1020 Bensdale, Pleasanton, Texas. A motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Melanie Johnson to approve the Atascosa County Appraisal District's request to purchase a building at 1020 Bensdale, Pleasanton, Texas. The motion was carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.001 et seq:

Debbie Witte, Cason Newberry, Sherry Sommer, Melanie Johnson, Alex Kotara, and Michael Rosales went into the closed session at 6:50 p.m. Superintendent Katherine Kuenstler and the school district's attorney, Hannah Cramer, joined the board members in closed session.

Closed session ended at 8:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Michael Rosales to approve the recommendation for hire of a 4th grade teacher. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Michael Rosales to approve the security personnel as discussed in closed session. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Michael Rosales to authorize President Debbie Witte and school district counsel to proceed as discussed in closed session regarding hiring a consultant for the Superintendent search. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Melanie Johnson and seconded by Michael Rosales to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

President Debbie Witte adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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