

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – November 11, 2024  
(AGENDA POSTED: November 8, 2024, 4:00 P.M.)**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday November 11, 2024, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Debbie Witte called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Melanie Johnson, Debbie Witte, Cason Newberry, Sherry Sommer, Melissa Padron-Valdez, and Michael Rosales.

**Pledge and Moment of Silence:**

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

**Awards and Recognitions:**

KCE Science Fair Winners were recognized including best in show, 10th to 1st place. They were given certificates by Principal Jennifer Foster. For staff recognition, the business office personnel were recognized by Superintendent Kuenstler.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Information Reports:**

The district financial audit presentation was provided by Cameron Gulley. He provided an overview of the financial year, mentioning state mandates and funding for safety and security improvements. The impact of the Online Learning Academy closure and increased property values on the district's finances are discussed. The district's financial performance, including recapture costs, total revenue and expenditures are discussed. The audit highlighted the district's strong investment climate and the impact of interest rates on financial performance.

A motion was made by Melanie Johnson and seconded by Alex Kotara to approve the district financial audit with the name change from RES to Karnes City Elementary. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Kuenstler provided a staff update.

Attendance data was presented, showing improvements in attendance records across the district. Superintendent Kuenstler acknowledged the efforts of principals in promoting attendance incentives and the positive impact on student engagement.

CFO Sean Smith discussed the Department of Labor's salary adjustments and the impact on the district's payroll.

A presentation was made from Region 20 regarding Lone Star Governance.

The executive team presented the TIA initiative, explaining its purpose and the process for recognition and master teacher designations. The team seeks feedback from the board on the criteria for teacher designations and the alignment with student outcomes. The discussion concluded with a commitment to further explore the TIA initiative and gather additional input from stakeholders.

Jim Wood delivered a maintenance report to the board. The putting green was completed at the old batting cage. The asbestos inspection was completed. The landscaping around the baseball and softball fields was discussed.

Brian Revell delivered the AGCM construction report. Progress has been made on the KCE playground. There was some delay in materials coming in for the playground. It should be up by mid December. The press box should be completed by the end of January.

President Debbie Witte called a break at 8:14 p.m

At 8:20 p.m the meeting was called back to order.

**Consent Agenda:**

Board meeting minutes – November 11, 2024 (Regular Meeting)

General Operating Bills: 2,946,447.48

Tax Collection Report: 97.15 %

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Mike Rosales to approve the board meeting minutes and payment of the monthly bills, budget summary, investment report, and tax collection report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Melanie Johnson for re- approval of the September 9th, 2024 board minutes.

**Items for Consideration and Possible Action:**

No action was taken on the Lone Star Governance item.

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Mike to approve the HB3 Goals. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alex and seconded by Melanie to approve the DIP/CIP objectives. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Sherry to add a SPED paraprofessional position at the High School campus. Motion carried unanimously.

**Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.101:**

Debbie Witte, Cason Newberry, Sherry Sommer, Melanie Johnson, Melissa Padron, Alex Kotara, and Mike Rosales, went into Closed Session at 8:43 p.m.

Closed session ended at 9:04 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

President Debbie Witte adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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