

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – October 7, 2024
(AGENDA POSTED: October 4, 2024, 4:00 P.M.)**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, October 7, 2024, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Debbie Witte called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Melanie Johnson, Debbie Witte, and Cason Newberry. Sherry Sommer and Melissa Padron-Valdez arrived at 6:07 pm. Michael Rosales was not present.

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:

Staff Spotlight: Karnes City ISD Principals were recognized for Principal Appreciation month. Their hard work and dedication to our district is much appreciated. Superintendent Katherine Kuentler shared personal traits and interests of the principals, highlighting their unique qualities. Daniel Hutchins-High School, Kelly Ruiz-Jr. High, Jennifer Foster-Elementary, and Kevin Hans-Primary. Each one was given a personalized clipboard from the Superintendent.

Public Comments:

None

Information Reports:

Jo Ann Gutierrez updates the board on the STAAR testing results.

Lisa Moczygemba gives an overview of the district's Emergent Bilingual program and the increase in student numbers.

Superintendent Kuentler introduces Lone Star Governance, a program focused on improving student outcomes through continuous improvement processes.

Superintendent Kuentler went over the staff update.

Jim Wood updated the board on the status of the District/Campuses updates. Wood discussed the installation of new stadium lights and the addition of windscreens for tennis courts. The car carry on has been ordered. It will take 4-6 weeks to come in. Wood is waiting on quotes on irrigation of the baseball and softball fields. Wood talked about a possible putting green for golf in the area of the old batting cages. The students need somewhere to practice. There is asbestos that needs to be removed from the demolition of the modular building.

Brian Revell updated the board on all of the current and future plans for KCISD. Demo for Roger E Sides is complete. The timeline for the foundation and erection is shared, with an expected completion date of mid-January. The coordination of traffic control and the installation of new utilities are discussed. The status of the old gym and press box demolition is reported, with a planned start date after the football season.

Consent Agenda:

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

General Operating Bills: 1,547,779.99

Tax Collection Report: 99.14 %

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

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Alex on the demo of the abandoned building and office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alex and seconded by Cason on adoption of a Resolution authorizing the conveyance of a 30' wide Utility Easement and Right-Of-Way to Karnes Electric Cooperative, Inc. on the following land: a 0.1362 acre (approx. 5,935 s.f.) tract out of the M.W. Potter Survey, Abstract 233, and being a portion of a called 6.38 acre tract as described in a deed to the Board of Trustees of the Karnes City Independent School District in Volume 940, Page 311 of the Official Deed Records of Karnes County, Texas, and authorize by the Board President to execute the Easement Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Alex on updating the driving range area at the old batting cage by tennis courts. Jim gave a brief description of what the putting green area would look like and where the location of it will be. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherri and seconded by Melissa on the SRO MOU. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the Facility Naming Policy. Alex requested to add an annex or policy on memorials. Discussion is made by Alex and Superintendent Kuenstler on the location of memorials and a list of where they are at and who it is for.

Motion was made by Sherri and seconded by Alex on the Suicide Prevention Protocols. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alex and seconded by Melanie on the Updated Localized Policy 123. Superintendent Kuenstler explains how this is from TASB and from legislation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Alex to add a receptionist position at the Primary campus. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Sherri on making October 14th 2024 a staff Holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

President Debbie Witte calls for a break at 8:00 p.m - 8:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Melanie and seconded by Alex to pay \$200 a month stipend for additional duties of math teachers covering Algebra 2 classes. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.101:

Debbie Witte, Cason Newberry, Sherry Sommer, Melanie Johnson, Melissa Padron, and Alex Kotara went into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. Discussion of employment as presented. Closed session ended at 9:02 p.m.

No action was taken.

Adjournment:

President Debbie Witte adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES