

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – MARCH 6, 2023  
(AGENDA POSTED: March 3, 2023, 4:15 P.M.)**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Alex Kotara called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Trini Gamez, Melissa Padron-Valdez, Mike Rosales, and Sherry Sommer.

**Awards and Recognitions:**

Karnes City Primary recognized their Employee of the Month  
Roger E Sides Elementary recognized their Employee of the Month  
Karnes City Junior High recognized their Student and Employee of the Month

**Public Comments:**

Robert Janysek – Softball Field  
Miah Valdez – Softball Field  
Lexi Pacheco – Softball Field  
Raylynn Pacheco – Softball Field  
Isaac Pacheco – Softball Field  
Matt Garza – Softball Field

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Sherry Sommer to approve the (Regular) February 13, 2023, and (Special) February 22, 2023, board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Operating Bills:       \$2,607,489.34

Tax Collection Report:        95.99%

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Debbie Witte to approve payment of the monthly bills, budget summary, investment report, and tax collection report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report:**

AG/CM gave an update on the construction at the Elementary and Baseball Field.  
Hellas gave a presentation on the softball field.  
Molly Kollodziej presented on the Alamo Area Colleges – Palo Alto Community College Dual Credit Program.  
Campus Principals spoke regarding their spring invention plans.  
eSchool, Inc. gave an update.  
Mrs. Kuentler gave an update regarding Goliad Special Education Co-op.  
Mrs. Kuentler gave an update regarding the Guardian Program.  
Mrs. Kuentler presented the KCISD transfer numbers as requested.  
Mrs. Kuentler presented the Special Education Survey.  
Lisa Moczygemba presented the Capturing Kids' Hearts update.

**Items for Consideration and Possible Action:**

No action was taken to approve the proposal options and cost methodology for the Softball Field Complex.

A recess was taken from 8:14 p.m. to 8:25.m.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to accept the KCISD Education Foundation Grant Awards for the Sensory Learning Project for \$5,000.00 and the Boogie Boards for \$6,400.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mike Rosales Jr. and seconded by Melissa Padron-Valdez to approve the refund for overpaid taxes to Pueblo Holdings Inc. for \$2,335.15 and Nancy Bronder for \$665.11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Debbie Witte to approve the donation due to partnership with Save the Children in the amount of \$10,000.00 as presented. Motion carried with Sherry Sommer abstaining.

Motion was made by Trini Gamez and seconded by Sherry Sommer to approve the board resolution extending the Depository Contract Funds with Karnes County National Bank for an additional (2)two year term as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to add Katherine Kuentler, Interim Superintendent to the Karnes County National Bank Signature Card and Freedom Gutierrez to the Karnes County National Bank Signature Card for the tax office as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the engagement for a three (3) year period with an External Auditor, Cameron L. Gulley as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the date change to April 17, 2023, for the regular April Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Trini Gamez, Melissa Padron-Valdez, Mike Rosales and Sherry Sommer went into Closed Session at 8:49 p.m. to discuss, Employment: Coach/Teacher, Renewal/Extension of Contracts; Counselors, Band Director; Employee Resignation, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney regarding legal issues concerning eSchool, Inc. virtual school agreement, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney regarding rejoining Goliad Special Education Co-op (GSEC), Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 and 551.071, discussion and consultation with attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to Superintendent search process and timeline, and Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 and 551.071, discussion and consultation with attorney regarding parent grievance. Closed Session ended at 10:05 p.m.

**Reconvene from Closed Meeting and Continue with Items for Consideration and Possible Action:**

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the employment for a Coach/Teacher, Richard Davis, as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to extend or renew contracts of all counselors and band director as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken regarding Employee Resignation(s).

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Sherry Sommer to non-renew the contract with eSchool, Inc. according to contract terms and provide written notice accordingly as discussed in closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken regarding Goliad Special Education Co-op (GSEC).

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to open the superintendent position immediately per board policy for the minimum required number of days as discussed in closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

President Kotara adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

  
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**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – MARCH 30, 2023  
(AGENDA POSTED: March 27, 2023, 4:15 P.M.)**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Alex Kotara called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Trini Gamez, Melissa Padron-Valdez, and Sherry Sommer. Mike Rosales Jr. was absent.

Public Comments:

None

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the Budget Amendments to increase fund 199-5812 by \$10,176,000.00, fund 199-5811 by \$548,000.00 and fund 199-5711 by \$3,000,000.00 for a total of \$13,724,000.00 and appropriate to function 11 by \$4,429,000.00, function 51 by \$500,000.00, function 53 by \$100,000.00, and function 91 by \$8,695,000.00 for a total of \$13,724,000.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.101

Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Trini Gamez, Melissa Padron-Valdez, and Sherry Sommer went into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m. to review, consider and discuss applicants for the Superintendent position and conduct interviews of applicants for the Superintendent position; and consult with attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to the applicants for the Superintendent position and conduct interviews of applicants for the Superintendent position, and possible employment of a new Superintendent. Closed Session ended at 6:34 p.m.

Reconvene from Closed Meeting and Continue with Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Terry Johnson to schedule interviews for the position of Superintendent at a special meeting on April 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

President Kotara adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



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