

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 4, 2023
(AGENDA POSTED: March 31, 2023, 4:00 P.M.)

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Alex Kotara called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Trini Gamez, Melissa Padron-Valdez, Mike Rosales Jr. and Sherry Sommer.

Public Comments:

None

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.101

Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Trini Gamez, Melissa Padron-Valdez, Mike Rosales Jr. and Sherry Sommer went into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss and conduct interviews of Superintendent applicants for the Superintendent position; attorney consultation 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; and consultation with attorney regarding sending notice of board action to not renew the virtual agreement with eSchool, Inc. A recess was taken from 6:10 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Closed Session ended at 8:05 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to name, Katherine Kuenstler, as the lone finalist for the Superintendent position for Karnes City ISD as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Trini Gamez to send notice by the end of the next business day with all requirement documentation via mail, certified mail, email and phone call notice of board action of non-renewal of eSchool, Inc's. contract as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

President Kotara adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 17, 2023
(AGENDA POSTED: April 14, 2023, 3:50 P.M.)**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 17, 2023, in the Performing Arts Center. 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
 Karnes City High School recognized their Student and Employee of the Month
 Recognize the RES students for excellence in the UIL District Academic Meet
 Recognize the KCHS students for excellence in the UIL District Academic Meet and One Act Play
 Recognize the KCJH and KCHS Badger Bands on earning 1st Division (Superior) Rating
 Recognize the KCHS Girls Basketball Honors
 Recognize the KCHS Girls and Boys Powerlifting Honors

Public Comments:

none

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Sherry Sommer to approve the (Regular) March 6, 2023, and (Special) March 30, 2023, and (Special) April 4, 2023, board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Operating Bills: \$1,939,547.60

Tax Collection Report: 96.40%

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

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

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

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the selection of a Bureau Veritas based on their demonstrated competence and qualifications and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a contract for a fair and reasonable price in a form approved by legal counsel as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to accept the Karnes City ISD Education Foundation Grant Awards for the KCHS Life Skills Program for \$1,000, the KCHS Culinary Arts Project for \$3,000 and the KCHS Floral Design Class for \$2,150 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Terry Johnson to approve the donation including installation and all cost from the Karnes City Lion's Club for bike racks for \$3,767.10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the donation checks from Rio Grande Resources for \$1,000.00 for scholarships, The Geo Group Foundation, Inc. for \$2,500.00 for scholarships, Dr. Joyce P. Kimble and Dr. C.W. Kimble for two (2) \$4,000.00 for scholarships, and Gulftec Energy, LLC for \$2,000.00 for the KCISD ACE Program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Debbie Witte to approve the 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreement for the Wilson County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) as presented. Motion carried with Melissa Padron-Valdez abstaining.

Motion was made by Mike Rosales Jr. and seconded by Debbie Witte to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Cooperative Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the Resolution joining the Region 20 Education Service Center 2013 Purchasing Cooperative as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the quote for the Flexile Systems, Inc. for \$160,531.06 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to nominate Sherry Salyer to the 2023-2024 Karnes County Appraisal District Board of Directors as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the Resolution for Vouchers, Education Savings Accounts, Taxpayer Savings Grants, and Other Mechanisms that Reduce Public Education Funding as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items:

AG/CM gave an update on the construction at the Elementary and Baseball Field.

Mrs. Kuenstler gave a Security Update.

Dr. Buehring gave an update regarding the Mental Health Grant.

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 7:50 p.m. to discuss, Employment: Term contracts for Teachers, Coaches, District Librarian and District Registered Nurse; Probationary contracts for Teachers, Coaches, District Librarian, and District Registered Nurse; Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 and 551.071, discussion and consultation with attorney regarding Board Members duties, roles and responsibilities and the former Superintendent's complaint; and Personnel. Closed Session ended at 8:50 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the Term Contracts for Teachers, Coaches, District Librarian, and District Registered Nurse, as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the Probationary Contracts for Teachers, Coaches, District Librarian, and District Registered Nurse, as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken regarding Board Member's duties, roles and responsibilities and former Superintendent's complaint.

Adjournment:

President Kotara adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.



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