

Blanket ISD
Regular Board Meeting
January 12th, 2026
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Beth Bowyer, Steve Schulze, Autumn Hood, Edwin Davis
James Richardson, Scott Russell

Members Absent: Robert Rodgers

Administration: Mr. Whisenhunt, Mr. Branham

Guests: Laura Strube, Region 15

- I. **Beth Bowyer called the Meeting to Order and established a quorum at 6:30 p.m.**
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. **Public Participation: None**

EXECUTIVE SESSION 551.074 called at 6:35 PM.
RECONVENE to Regular Session at 7:55 PM.

III. **Administrative Report(s)**

Principals Report

- a. **Update on student population and activities.** Enrollment = 155
Attendance is improving with the Chick Fil A incentive. We have a fire drill coming up on 1/22/26 and a lockdown drill 2/19/26. TEA will present the final safety report on 1/14/26.
- b. **Benchmark testing update.** PK - 2 grade currently doing mid year testing. Jan 12-23 will be CLI & TPRI. K-11th MOY NWEA & MAP will be Jan 19-23.

Superintendent's Report

- a. **Update on school finance** - Finances look good right now. We are looking at putting a fence across the current opening to the football field to help direct folks to the ticket booth. We are getting a bid for the grounds around the rodeo arena. We have replaced some AC/heat units. We have a new water fountain in the gym, and we're about to replace the sound system at the football stadium.
- b. **Board Training Team of 8 sign up** - Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Bangs ISD.

IV. Consideration/approval of consent items

A. Approval of minutes of prior meetings.

A motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve the minutes from the prior meeting, seconded by Scott Russell.

For: 6
Against: 0

B. Acceptance of Bills paid.

A motion was made by Edwin Davis to accept the bills paid as presented, seconded by James Richardson. Check # 005467 - # 005519.

For: 6
Against: 0

V. Presentation / Discussion Regarding Action Items

a. Consider/Action to continue process/search requirements for new Superintendent contracted to Region 15 staff.

No action taken. Laura Strube from Region XV was here and met with the board in closed session.

b. Consider/Action to review the Blanket ISD Texas Academic Performance Report for 2025.

No action was taken.

c. Consider/Action to Call for School Board Election May 2, 2026 (Wednesday, January 14, 2026: First day to file an application for a place on the ballot or declaration of write-in candidacy for the general election. Friday, February 13, 2026: Deadline to file)

A motion was made by James Richardson to call for the School Board Election on May 2, 2026, seconded by Edwin Davis.

For: 6
Against: 0

d. Consider/Action to discuss and approve Senate Bill 8 requirements (FFG and DG Local)

A motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve Senate Bill 8 as presented, seconded by Scott Russell.

For : 6
Against: 0

VI. **Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – February 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

VII. **Concerns for Future Board Meeting**

- a. Safety and security plan.
- b. ESSA grant funds.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Rusell, seconded by Edwin Davis at 8:30 PM.

For: 6
Against: 0

Beth Bowyer
Board President

2-9-26
Date

Autumn Hood
Board Secretary

2.9.26
Date