

Blanket ISD
Regular Board Meeting
September 8th, 2025
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:

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

II. Public Participation: None

III. Administrative Report(s)

Principals Report

- a. Update on student population and activities. Enrollment: 153**

Safety - met with the auditor last week. The official safety audit is in December. Personnel are looking great. The new cell phone policy is going well, only one student has paid a fine so far.
- b. Benchmark testing update.** We used the new MAP testing program to do benchmark testing. Currently our Reading scores are in the 50th percentile, Math is 40th percentile. We have implemented the Bluebonnet Math program, it is going well.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Update on school finance.** The state should owe us about \$200k. It looks like the solar farm is not going to happen.
We have become more strict when considering transfers. We are starting the TIA Process, which will take about 3 years.
- b. Update on projects (AC Units) and etc.** We need to add better railing for the football stadium and upgrade the parking lot. We still lack a little on the I.T. infrastructure.

IV. Consideration/approval of consent items

A. Approval of minutes of prior meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Schulze to approve the minutes from the prior meetings, August 11 & August 25, seconded by Edwin Davis.

For: 6

Against: 0

B. Acceptance of Bills paid.

A motion was made by James Richardson to accept the bills paid as presented, seconded by Steve Schulze. Check # 005236 - # 005259

For: 6

Against: 0

V. Presentation / Discussion Regarding Action Items

a. Review and discussion about the new Open Meetings rules.

Main takeaway is the time frame for posting notices.

b. Review and approve any needed amendments to 199 budget function at end of year. Scott Russell made a motion to approve the needed budget amendments to function 199 for end of fiscal year, seconded by Edwin Davis.

For: 6

Against: 0

c. Discuss ability to reward teachers with a bonus pay for top performance on testing results. We will use a portion of the \$200k grant to give bonuses and incentives to teachers and aides for growth performance.

d. Consider/Action to review the use of ESSA (Title Funds) Funds

No Action needed - ESSA money is used to pay salaries.

e. Discuss the TASB/TASA conference in Houston.

Everything is ready to go.

VI. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting – October 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm

VII. Concerns for Future Board Meeting

- a. Safety and security plan.
- b. ESSA Grant.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Russell, seconded by Edwin Davis at 7:20 pm.

For: 6

Against: 0

Beth Bowyer
Board President

Autumn Hood
Board Secretary

10-10-25
Date

10-16-25
Date