

**MINUTES OF
BENJAMIN ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.
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The Benjamin ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Vice-President Pate Meinzer convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Members present were Enrique Acevedo, Sal Silva, Amy White, and via Zoom - Michele Barrientez, Pate Meinzer

Members absent: Stephen Kuehler, Tyler Weatherford

Also present: Interim Superintendent Gordon Thomas, Gerald Rodgers, Joe Grimes, Bert Moffitt, Jason Pharr, Jett Folsom

The meeting was called to order by Pate Meinzer, Board Vice-President.

At 6:04, the report on the annual financial audit for the year ended August 31, 2021 was presented by Gerald Rodgers of James E. Rodgers & Co., P.C.

At 6:15, enter Sal Silva.

At 6:17, Enrique Acevedo made the motion to approve the financial audit for the year ended August 31, 2021. Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:20, Enrique Acevedo made the motion to approve James E. Rodgers & Co, P.C. to conduct the annual financial audit for 2021-2022. Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:23, Pharr & Co. gave update on Phase 1 (football/track stadium) bond construction progress.

At 6:48, Moffitt & Grimes discussed Phase 2 (classroom addition) design.

At 6:56, Enrique Acevedo made the motion to approve final plans and specifications for Phase 2 (classroom addition). Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 5-0.

No action taken on peer-review report on proposed tornado shelter.

At 6:58, Sal Silva made the motion to authorize Pharr & Co. to proceed with bidding on Phase 2 (classroom addition). Motion was seconded by Enrique Acevedo. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:59, Enrique Acevedo made the motion to authorize Moffitt & Grimes to proceed with design of Phase 3 (gymnasium). Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:08, Enrique Acevedo made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular December 13, 2021 meeting and the payment of all current bills by consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:09, Gordon Thomas gave a wind farm progress report as received from Don Dyson, with Escalade..

At 7:10, the monthly financial report was presented by Gordon Thomas

At 7:12, the monthly investment report was presented by Gordon Thomas.

At 7:13, Enrique Acevedo made the motion to approve West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement for 2022-2023. Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 5-0.

At 7:14, Gordon Thomas reported on the beginning of the second semester, student enrollment, and basketball season. He also discussed the review of the district's Safe Return to School Plan and ARP ESSER III Continuity of Services/Use of Funds Plan, as well as the renewal of the District of Innovation Plan. He reported on projects and board training. He concluded his report by recognizing board members for their service to the school district.

At 7:43, exit Enrique Acevedo.

At 7:49, Michele Barrientez made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sal Silva. Motion carried 4-0.

President

Secretary