

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 14, 2023
(AGENDA POSTED: August 7, 2023, 5:15 P.M.)

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, August 14, 2023, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Alex Kotara called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Trini Gamez, Mike Rosales Jr. and Sherry Sommer. Debbie Witte and Melissa Padron Valdez were absent.

Public Comments:

- Cathy Stolle – Elementary Campus
- Connie B. Condra – Elementary Campus
- R.W. Lieke - Elementary Campus
- Meilssa Wozniak - Elementary Campus

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

Motion was made by Trini Gamez and seconded by Sherry Sommer to table the item regarding the name of the new Elementary Campus. Mike Rosales Jr. abstained.

Informational Items:

- Karnes City High School Outreach Club presented to the board details of their program
- TxDOT presented regarding the Hwy 80 Expansion Project
- AG/CM gave an update on the construction at the Elementary and Softball Field.
- AG/CM presented regarding the CTE Building Design
- Mrs. Kuenstler presented the Certified Appraisal Values
- Mrs. Gutierrez presented the STAAR Scores and EOC Update and A-F Refresh

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the (Regular) July 10, 2023, and the (Special) July 31, 2023, board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Operating Bills: \$2,593,169.13

Tax Collection Report: 99.18%

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

Recess was taken from 7:58 p.m. to 8:06 p.m.

Items for Consideration and Possible Action:

Motion was made by Trini Gamez and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the annual tax collector report and delinquent tax report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mike Rosales Jr. and seconded by Sherry Sommer to approve the 2023-2024 TASB Contribution & Coverage for Property, Casualty, Workers' Compensation Insurance and Other Insurance Renewals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the donation checks from the Karnes City ISD Education Foundation for \$2,000.00 and the Beecher & Marjorie Huff Scholarship for \$750.00 and \$500.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the purchase of a 2023 GMC 1500 truck for \$51,991.60 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve and adopt the Resolution providing for the defeasance and calling for redemption certain currently outstanding obligations; directing the board secretary, or a designee thereof, to effectuate the redemption of the obligations; authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; delegating to certain district officials and staff the authority to effectuate matters herein resolved; and other matters in connection therewith as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Terry Johnson to approve the M&O tax rate and debt service tax rate and Resolution for the Board to levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2023 at a total rate of \$.7960 to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector designated by the District and to appoint the District Tax Collector as the designated officer responsible to calculating and reporting the no-new-revenue and the voter-approval tax rate as determined by state law as presented.

Motion was made by Alex Kotara and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve an order calling a bond election to be held by the Karnes City Independent School District, making provisions for the conduct of the election, and resolving other matters related to such election for an issuance of \$15,000,000.00 with the understanding that this is a tax increase as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the Resolution for the Hazardous Traffic Conditions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the annual retainer agreement with Walsh Gallegos Trevino Kyle and Robinson PC as General Counsel as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.101:

Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Trini Gamez, Mike Rosales Jr. and Sherry Sommer went into Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. to Personnel; Real Property regarding the Hwy 80 Expansion Project and Real Property regarding 912 Muecke Drive and 919 Muecke Drive. Closed Session ended at 9:46 p.m.

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

No action was taken regarding Personnel.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Mike Rosales Jr. to approve the sale of real property to the State of Texas, being a .05549 acre of land out of the District owned 6.38 acre of land recorded in Volume 940 Page 11 of the Official Deed Records of Karnes County, and the discussed owned 40 acre tract of land recorded in Volume 266 Page 202 of the Official Deed Records of Karnes County, for the Texas Department of Transportation Highway 80 expansion project as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken regarding Real Property at 912 Muecke Drive and 919 Muecke Drive.

Adjournment:

President Alex Kotara adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.



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