

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – MAY 1, 2024  
(AGENDA POSTED: April 26, 2024, 4:00 P.M.)

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Monday, May 1, 2024, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Alex Kotara called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Debbie Witte, Melissa Padron-Valdez, Mike Rosales, Sherry Sommer. Trini Gamez was absent.

Public Comments:

None

Informational Items:

Annual Team of Eight Training to include Strategic Planning.

No action was taken at this meeting.

Adjournment:

President Kotara adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – MAY 13, 2024  
(AGENDA POSTED: MAY 10, 2024, 4:00 P.M.)**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, May 13, 2024, in the Karnes City ISD Board Room. Alex Kotara called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Trini Gamez, Sherry Sommer, Mike Rosales Jr., Melissa Padron Valdez and Debbie Witte.

**Pledge and Moment of Silence:**

Alex Kotara led the pledge to the United States and Texas flags and called for a moment of silence.

**Awards and Recognitions:**

Student of the Month for Primary, RES, KCJH, & KCHS were recognized.  
Employees of the Month for RES were recognized.  
KCISD Teachers of the Year were recognized.

- KCHS: Marianna De Los Santos
- KCJH: Tara Johnson
- RES: Amber Vasquez
- KCP: Candice Dragon

**Student Spotlight:**

TASB Scholarship Recipients: Molly Hesseltine & Peyton Harrell

**Special Announcement:**

Karnes City Primary was named a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School for the 2nd year in a row.

**Public Comments:**

Cathy Stolle: Naming of Facilities  
Margaret Ryan: Invite to Badger Comeback

**Informational Items:**

Superintendent: Mrs. Kuenstler opened up discussion on procedures for naming facilities after people. Board believes there needs to be a policy in place to not name buildings, fields, etc, but to have a designated area to place these memorials.

Budget Workshop-Compensation: Mr. Smith discussed

Construction Report: Mr. Revell gave the board an update regarding the Karnes City Elementary, Softball/Baseball Fields, & CTE building.

**Consent Agenda:**

General Operating Bills:       \$ 1,849,515.87  
Tax Collection Report:        98.30 %

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

**Items for Consideration and Possible Action:**

Motion was made by Mike Rosales and seconded by Sherry Sommer to approve the possible action regarding Order of Election and Notice of Election for Karnes City ISD Board of Trustees on May 4, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve K-12 Designs proposal of a furniture refresh for the Karnes City Primary. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the ranking of Design-Build Provider(s) for the press box project, including possible delegation of authority to Superintendent/designee to approve ranking at Step 2 and to negotiate and execute a contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Mike Rosales to approve the vendor for the New Elementary School Playground Equipment Project, including possible delegation of authority to Superintendent/designee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mike Rosales and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve a vendor for the Turf, Lighting, Track project for football field and lighting and water fountain project for tennis courts. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded by Mike Rosales to approve a vendor for the Security Vestibules Project, including possible delegation to authority to the Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded Trini Gamez to approve the 2024 Access Control Proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve Employer Contribution for Employee Health Insurance Premiums. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Debbie Witte to approve SRO Vehicle Invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Debbie Witte and seconded Trini Gamez for the approval to add a position for a Communication Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Mike Rosales for the approval of the JJAEP MOU. Motion carried unanimously, with one abstain.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded by Terry Johnson for the approval regarding 2024-2025 Allotment & TEKS Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Sherry Sommer and seconded Mike Rosales for the approval regarding the ICLE HMH Support. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mike Rosales and seconded by Trini Gamez regarding an order authorizing the issuance of "Unlimited Tax School Building BONds, Series 2024"; Levying a continuing annual AD Valorem Tax for the payment of the BONds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the BONds; and providing an effective date. Motion carried unanimously.

Board took a break from 8:07 pm - 8:24 pm.

Closed Meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.101:

Alex Kotara, Terry Johnson, Trini Gamez, Mike Rosales Jr., Melissa Padron Valdez, Sherry Sommer and Debbie Witte went into Closed Session at 8:24 p.m. Discussion of renewal/extensions of personal recommendations as presented. Closed Session ended at 10:17 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 renewal/extensions of personal recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Terry Johnson and seconded by Trini Gamez to approve the new hire recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

President, Alex Kotara adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.



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