

Karnack Independent School District

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KARNACK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MINUTES MEETING, January 25, 2024

The Board of Trustees for the Karnack Independent School District met in Special Session Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Karnack ISD Administration office. A public notice announcement was posted to the meeting on the bulletin board at the Central Office, on the KISD+3 website, and in the Karnack ISD school.

1. Convened, called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ray Polk, a quorum was

Established:

Ray Polk, present
Judy VanDeventer, present
Lacy Warren, present
Robert Broadnax, present
Robert Wall, absent
Russell Wright, absent

Others present:

Vickie Jackson, Principal
Brian Grubbs, SAMCO Capital
Bobbie Hurd, Community in Schools

President Polk welcomed all guests and Board Members and explained the rules governing the meeting.

2. Invocation was offered by Trustee Lacy Warren.

3. Open Forum:

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Item-None

Public Comment: Agenda Items-None

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented to the Board for consideration:

1. **Minutes** from the following meetings: Special called Meeting for Team of 8 Training held January 4, 2024, Regular Meeting held January 11, 2024, and Special called Meeting held January 16, 2024.
2. **Financial Statement and Tax Collections Report dated January 2024.**

It was moved by Trustee Lacy Warren and seconded by Trustee Robert Broadnax to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. With a vote by show of hands, the Board voted 5 for the motion, 0 against, and 0 abstaining and the Board President declared the motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

a. **Consider/Approve reviewing the bond sale results and adopting the Order Authoring the issuance of the Bonds.** Brian Grubbs, Managing Director of SAMCO Capital, presented this item and congratulated the district on the bond election, with the District anticipated closing date to be February 20, 2024 (funds will be deposited) and the first Bond payment will be February 15, 2025. The total bond authorized is \$575,000 Series 2024 Bond, interest(coupon) rate, 5.75%, amortization length, 5 years. Trustee Judy VanDeventer asked how the company (SAMCO) would get paid, Mr. Grubbs explained that since the board had approved the interest rate of 5.75% that their fees would come out of total bond amount. The total amount deposited to KISD would be \$550,000. She also asked if the district had to wait until the deposit was made to issue requisitions, and Superintendent Fitzpatrick explained that no they didn't have to wait for

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5a. continued:

example a requisition for new buses has been issued but we are shopping around to get the best deal and by the time they are purchased the deposit will be made.

It was moved by Trustee Lacy Warren and seconded by Trustee Judy Vandeventer that the board has reviewed the bond sale results and adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds. With a vote by show of hands, the Board voted 5 for the motion, 0 against, and 0 abstaining and the Board President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Grubbs asked if the board could recess for the signing of the bond, but Superintendent Fitzpatrick suggested that the board continue with item 5b presentation and then recess for signatures.

b. Discussion/Action-Communities in Schools (CIS). Bobbie Hurd, CEO presented this item. First the Superintendent said this is a pleasant surprise that she wanted to share with the Board. This is an opportunity for KISD to have someone in the district to get resources for our students, such as clothes, shoes, and food, resources to help with attendance. She stated that Ms. Hurd found a grant to fund this position. We will have a CIS position on campus with no cost to the district.

Ms. Hurd stated that she is currently working with 12 districts and KISD is the only district that doesn't have to pay anything for this program. The grant that she got will fund this program for KISD for 2 years, normally it is a year. The position will be Supervised by CIS Supervisor and Principal Jackson and she will occasionally drop in to make sure everything is progressing.

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5b. continued:

Superintendent stated that the program will start on Monday, January 29th and maybe take at least a month to be implemented.

Recessed at 10:30 am To sign bond documents.

Reconvened at 10:40am

Superintendent asked that the board go to Item 5d and then come back to 5c.

d. Discussion/Action of front entrance vestibule to be installed.

It was moved by Trustee Lacy Warren and seconded by Trustee Elaine Jackson to accept the proposal for the front entrance vestibule to be Installed by Cal-Tex construction and Remolding Company for \$34, 580.00. With a show of hands, the Board voted 5 for the motion, and 0 against and 0 abstaining and the Board President declared the motion passed.

c. Discussion/Action to create Board Goals. Superintendent presented current Goals, sample goas, Current Vision, sample vision, and Current Mission and sample mission statements. She stated that the current and samples could be added to, or changed to suit what was needed. President Polk stated that it was recommended prior that the goals should be short and more targeted. Trustee Lacy Warren said that maybe we need facility goals, but maybe this was included in goal #2.

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5c. continued:

Trustee Judy Vandeventer thinks that the board should do a complete review of the district. Superintendent said there is a company that will come and review the district. Duane Myers was mentioned, and the Superintendent will try to contact him.

The Board chose 5 goals as follows:

1. Increase academic performance in all core subjects for all students.
2. Provide a safe environment for staff and students.
3. Increase opportunities for parents, family, and community engagement.
4. Recruit, Employ, and Retain well qualified and professional staff while implementing policies that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion.
5. Create long-term facilities plan for future growth and aging facilities.

It was moved by Trustee Lacy Warren and seconded by Trustee Judy Vandeventer to accept the Board goals as created. With a show of hands, the Board voted 5 for the motion, and 0 against and 0 abstaining and the Board President declared the motion passed.

Superintendent and Trustee Lacy Warren will incorporate the Mission and Vision statements to be presented at the next Board meeting in February. Once the Vision statement is adopted, it will be recited at every board meeting.

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The Board then convened into closed session at 11:30 a.m. in accordance with Gov't Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Gov't Code §551.071 (Attorney Consultation).

7. The Board then reconvened into **open session** 11:45 a.m. and took the following action:

1. Considered Personnel Matters as Recommended.

It was moved by Trustee Lacy Warren and seconded by Trustee Robert Broadnax to approve the personnel matters as presented. With a show of hands, the Board voted 5 for the motion, and 0 against and 0 abstaining and the Board President declared the motion passed.


8. Being no further business, Trustee Lacy Warren motioned that the Meeting be **adjourned** at 11:46 a.m. Trustee Judy Vandeventer, Seconded and Board President declared the meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNED: 11:46 a.m.



Ray Polk, President

2-8-2024
Date



Judy VanDeventer, Secretary

2-8-2024
Date