

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS-OTHER

1.A. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM**

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Students from Canutillo HS and NWECHS led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge along with members of the audience.

1.D. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Borrego, Ms. Maldonado, Mr. Martinez, Mrs. Ortega, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Zuniga

Student Advisors Present: Moises Agirre and Mason Gossette.

1.E. CISD Vision and Mission Statements

Mr. Rodriguez led the Mission Statement, followed by Trustee Borrego with the Vision.

2. BOARD HONORS

2.A. Recognition of Dr. Jesica Arellano for her service as Interim Superintendent of the Canutillo Independent School District.

Mr. Gustavo Reveles introduced and presented Dr. Arellano with a plaque to thank her for serving as Interim Superintendent.

2.B. Honoring the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees in Recognition of Texas School Board Appreciation Month

Mr. Reveles presented the board members with gifts from the schools and departments and photo ops followed.

Mrs. Maldonado took a moment to recognize Adrian Cerros for his behind-the-scenes work keeping the board organized, and Mr. Gustavo Reveles for his work keeping the board updated.

3. OPEN FORUM-OTHER

Any person wishing to address the Board during the period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting must sign up to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL):

Each participant will be limited to THREE MINUTES to make comments to the Board.

The Board is NOT permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted

on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

For further information on those policies, contact the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Andrea Esparza - Took a moment to thank the board for her assignment as Canutillo Middle School Principal. She also invited the board to visit the campus and be involved.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION-OTHER

Review of Academic Performance of Students with Disabilities Receiving Special Education Services (House Bill 2 Compliance Requirement)

Mrs. Melissa Mena and Mrs. Brenda Matamoros presented to the board information on student performance in special education services.

Trustee Borrego made comments recommending that students receive main support in the classroom and making sure that SPED teachers and regular teachers train together.

Trustee Maldonado asked about the use of STAAR Alt 2 and requested reports on student-to-teacher ratios in the SPED classrooms.

Trustee Rodriguez raised questions about what is the district doing to ensure SPED students are meeting the CCMR requirements. Mrs. Mena explained that district has a program from classroom to workplace to help make sure that those CCMR points are obtained.

Trustee Borrego made remarks regarding SHARS Billing and making sure that everything is logged and accounted for to maximize funding for the district.

Trustee Martinez expressed concerns over the increasing SPED population and the need to ensure that new builds have adequate facilities and appropriate support.

No Action Taken

5. BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

2024 Bond Program Quarterly Update

Mr. Ernesto Ortiz addressed the board. He started by informing the board that there was a staff change on the PROCEDEO team. Raquel Britar is no longer helping with the program, and now they have Ms. Karina Romero as the new Program Coordinator. Mr. Ortiz provided a timeline of the updates since the last Quarterly update, such as GMP approvals and change orders.

Trustee Barnes asked for CBAC meeting minutes to be provided via Thursday Packet.

Trustee Ortega asked questions about how the community is being updated. Mr. Ortiz explained that there is updates via the website, mailers have been sent out and community meetings are being held.

Trustee Martinez raised concerns over the amount of time spent obtaining a permit in El Paso. Trustee Maldonado question whether the opposition from the AMS and CMS sites is creating possible permit delays. Mrs. Maldonado also stated that the community was informed of where the school sites would be located prior to starting the process. Trustee Borrego added that the cimarron community is not opposed to the construction, however they have accessibility concerns over traffic.

No Action taken.

5.B. Discussion on Districtwide Surplus in Accordance With CI (Local) School Properties Disposal.

Mr. Martinez mentioned that item was introduced to explore the possibility of surplus district property no longer in use.

Mrs. Ortega mentioned that she had heard of 2 coach buses which are no longer in use. Dr. Rico clarified that due to maintenance issues, insurance and making sure it was kept up to standards it is no longer in use. He also clarified that it is one coach bus and one smaller bus that is used by CTE and for small trips. He also added that the smaller bus is in working condition although it has a rough exterior. Mrs. Campbell mentioned that the district is working with a vendor to do and manage surplus sales on behalf of the district. She mentioned that purchasing is also exploring the surplus/sale of other scrap materials no longer needed by the district.

No Action Taken

6. **CONSENT AGENDA-VOTING**

Trustee Borrego motioned to approve consent agenda as presented. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego-Yes, Mrs. Maldonado-Yes, Mr. Martinez-Yes, Mrs. Ortega-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes. Mrs. Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Passes.

Mrs. Barnes added for the record: “on the minutes um for September 3rd. It states that I requested a report on savings over the years and I still have not received that from Mr. Cantu”

6.A. *BUSINESS SERVICES*

6.A.1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

6.A.1.a. Approval of the September 3, 2025 SBM Minutes

- 6.A.1.b. Approval of the November 12, 2025 SBM Minutes
- 6.A.2. Approval of the Monthly Donations
 - 6.A.2.a. January 2026 Donations
- 6.A.3. Approval of the Budget Amendments
- 6.A.4. Approval of Vinton Spanish Congregation Facility Request Form
- 6.A.5. Approval of Texas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc.,
Underground Easement at 6100 Upper Valley Rd., Future Home of Canutillo
Middle School
- 6.A.6. Recommendation to approve award for Request for Proposal (RFP) #
2026-14B for Furniture, Fixture and Equipment for the Canutillo ISD 2024
Bond Referendum Projects.
- 6.A.7. Recommendation to approve Memorandum of Understanding between
Meadows Center for Preventing Education Risk at the University of Texas at
Austin and Congressman Silvestre and Carolina Reyes Elementary School
- 6.B. *CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION*
Transfer Update

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION **Closed at 8:17 PM**
**To Consult with Attorney Under Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.076 of the
Texas Government Code:**

(A certified agenda or recording of a closed meeting is confidential and is not available to the public except by court order. A person who knowingly and without lawful authority makes a certified agenda or recording public commits a Class B misdemeanor. Any exceptions will be communicated in accordance with applicable policies and regulations)

- 7.A. Discussion and update from legal counsel regarding D. Gonzalez v. CISD,
Cause No. 2024-dv-2256, County Court at Law No.6.
- 7.B. Receive and Discuss Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings for District
Campus.
- 7.C. Discussion Regarding Threat of Potential Litigation From J. and C. Stewart.
- 8. **NEW BUSINESS (continued); OTHER** **Open at 9:29 PM**
 - 8.A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution and or Settlement of D.
Gonzalez v. CISD, Cause No. 2024-dv-2256, County Court at Law No.6.
Mr. Blanco explained that there was an update provided to the board for the case.
He also stated that the other party has asked for information from the district and
needs to reach out to her legal representation to obtain a final demand.
No action taken.
 - 8.B. District Report: An Intruder Detection Audit was Conducted in the District by
Region 19 ESC / Texas Education Agency (TEA). Findings Will Be Shared With

the District School Safety and Security Committee, and the Board of Trustees. A Plan of Action is in Place and Will Be Shared With the Board of Trustees.
Final report was given to the board in closed session
No action taken.

8.C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Threat of Potential Litigation From J. and C. Stewart.

Mr. Blanco explained that the board had discussion on this item and based on a review of the issues involved in that demand letter, the district took action and the post on the district website that was made the subject of that demand letter was removed from the district's website.

No action to be taken

8.D. Discussion and Final Action Regarding the Recommendation of Administration to Terminate the Probationary Contract of Omar Gonzalez, Teacher at Canutillo High School for Job Abandonment Without Good Cause.

Mr. Blanco explained that at a prior meeting, the board took action to propose the termination of the probationary contract to Mr. Gonzalez for good cause, that being job abandonment. Mr. Gonzalez had an opportunity to file a request for a hearing, essentially an appeal of that proposed action. He did not file anything. The time period for him to request a review and a hearing regarding
As a result, the board is required to take final action.

Trustee Borrego Motioned to authorize the administration to send notice of the termination of Mr. Gonzalez's contract for good cause for the reasons that were presented to the board in the prior meeting.

. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion.

Mrs. Barnes-Yes, Ms. Borrego-Yes, Mrs. Maldonado-Yes, Mr. Martinez-Yes, Mrs. Ortega-Yes, Mr. Rodriguez-Yes. Mrs. Zuniga-Yes.

Motion Passes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **9:33 PM** under unanimous consent.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on **May 26, 2026**. The minutes reflect all agenda items in the order as originally posted and do not necessarily reflect the order in which they were discussed.