

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
801 NORTH FIRST STREET
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 10, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Melinda Colmenero	Gabriel Gonzalez	Gilbert Tobias
	Sonya Tobias	Rachel Medrano	Anisa Chavera
	Melinda Cortinas	Rose Garza	Lisa Persyn
	Dalia Rodriguez	Maribel Trevino	Pam Kwiatkoski
	Hector Gomez	Lorena Ceballos	Richard Gonzalez
	Miguel Cabrera	Melissa Chavez	

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Absent, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Present, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 2

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members are present, that this meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a prayer.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

**4.0 VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING
LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR
TOMORROW**

Trustee Bertha Roldan read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S CELEBRATION(S)

6A RECOGNITION OF RECHS BAND

Mr. Miguel Cabrera recognized the following students for their accomplishments at the ATSSB All-Area Band contest on January 8, 2022: Angel Garza, Victoria Avila, Sonya Tobias, Caleb Morales, and Tommy Elijah Cabello. He also recognized David Hernandez, Baritone – 2nd Chair – All-State. He is the first All-State Band Member from Robstown in twelve years since 2010 and the first-ever All-State Baritone Player from Robstown in school history. He thanked the Board, administration, and parents for their support.

6B PROUD YOU’RE A PICKER AWARD

Mrs. Diana Silvas reported that nominees for the Proud You’re a Picker Award can be nominated by their peers, by students, and by community members. If anyone was interested in nominating someone for this award, they could do so on the school district’s website. She read the information submitted on the nominee and announced that Rachel Hinojosa from Seale Junior High School was the recipient of this award.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

7A SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH – JANUARY 2022

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that January was School Board Recognition Month. He read the following from the proclamation signed by Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas “School Boards are an integral fabric woven into the tapestry of the Texas education system. They work with parents, education professionals, and community members to create successful learning environments for our students. Our school boards continue to be instrumental as they tackle new challenges for Texas public schools and serve the ever-evolving needs of our students. Texans know that they can count on their school board members, along with other dedicated school administration officials, to create opportunities to discuss important issues, develop innovative solutions,

and empower educators while remaining focused on their students' future.” On behalf of the school district, student representatives from each of the campuses presented goody baskets to the Board. Also, a dinner was held in their honor before the Board meeting, the choir and band performed during the dinner, and a certificate was presented to the board members during the Board meeting.

7B TASB GOVERNANCE CAMP – MARCH 2-5, 2022, GALVESTON, TEXAS, GALVESTON ISLAND

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the TASB Governance Camp was going to be held on March 2-5, 2022, in Galveston, Texas – Galveston Island. If anyone was still interested in attending the conference, to please let Ms. Padilla.

7C ESC II SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING ON THE UPDATE TO THE EDUCATION CODE FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE 87TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, JANUARY 19, 2022, RISD ORTIZ INTERMEDIATE – 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the school district would be hosting the ESC II Update to the Education Code for Board of Trustees on the 87th Texas Legislative Session on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at Ortiz Intermediate at 6:00 p.m.

7D PRESENTATION OF GOGUARDIAN

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the school district's priority was safety, and they were very excited about the new initiative that Rachel Medrano would be presenting to the Board. Mrs. Medrano presented an overview of the GoGuardian to the Board. She reported that GoGuardian was a software that helps schools easily manage their devices, better understand their students, and keep them safe online. She reviewed the GoGuardian Administrative and GoGuardian Fleet. The GoGuardian Fleet easily tracks, assigns, and reports on the school district's Chromebooks. It has tracking for damage and repair, device location tracking, quick assign and unassign, has advanced data management, bulk editing capabilities, and robust inventory. The GoGuardian Beacon is a machine-learning solution that notifies pre-determined school staff of instances where students may be at risk-of suicide, self-harm, or harm to others. GoGuardian Teacher is a classroom management tool for Chromebooks and it will allow teachers to see what is on the screen of every student in the classroom. Mrs. Nataline Hall reported that the GoGuardian Beacon had been implemented during the winter break and they were able to respond and intervene to any crisis that a student might have been going through.

7E 2021-2022 RISD INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH ADOPTION

Mrs. Lorena Ceballos presented the school district's advisory committee members for Physical Education and Health Adoption and the Proclamation 2022 for Physical Education and Health Adoption Timeline to the Board.

For the record, Trustee Ismael Gonzalez joined the Board meeting at 7:02 p.m.

7F

ACADEMIC QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that this report would be presented by Mrs. Lorena Ceballos on how the school district has been progressing academically. She reported that she would be presenting the information on the performance and growth for the Fall Benchmark Data. The performance is how a student did on this year's test or measure, and the growth is how a student did on this year's STAAR test compared to last year's STAAR test at a lower grade level. She reviewed the performance, growth, strengths, and opportunities for growth for San Pedro, Lotspeich, Robert Driscoll, Seale Jr. High School, and Robstown Early College High School. Also, she reviewed the district's actions and End of Course Exams for RECHS and Salazar Crossroads Academy. In December they received scores for Algebra, Biology, and US History. As soon as they receive the scores for English I, and English II from TEA, she will share them with the Board. The administration has embarked on learning opportunities every Wednesday at the Education Service Center until February 2, 2022.

7G

SUPERINTENDENT SCORE CARD REPORT

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that they were ten students short of reaching the school district's projected enrollment of 2509. At the present time, there are 2491 students enrolled. The attendance rate for the third six weeks was 87.7%. He also reviewed the discipline and attendance letter count for the third six weeks for each of the campuses. The administration has reached out to Calallen for help on the process that they have implemented on student recovery and to the Robstown Housing Authority. The Robstown Housing Authority was committed to helping the school district to encourage the students to go to school.

7H

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Leeroy Gonzalez presented a plan of action for the Maintenance and Operations Department. He reported that they are having weekly meetings to review the results of the work orders in the new system. The new system has been in place for two weeks, and the employees check the work orders on their phones or on the computer in the hallway on a daily basis. Out of 193 work orders from January 3-7, 2022, seventy have been closed. Bottle water coolers have been installed at all of the campuses, the gym floors have been coated and re-varnished, and the scoreboard boards are working properly for the baseball and softball fields. A training has been scheduled for January 17-21, 2022 for all campus secretaries and administration on Eduphoria. Baseball season will start next Friday.

7I

DISCUSS FINAL MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH WHEATON ENGINEERING FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WELDING LAB PROJECT

Dr. Jose Moreno presented, to the Board, one contract with two different components for the school district's welding lab project from Wheaton Engineering for their Review. The first component was the standard master agreement, and the second component was the service order agreement. The contract presented was the final contract.

7J

COVID PRESENTATION AND UPDATE

Dr. Jose Moreno presented a brief update report on how the school district is operating efficiently in helping the school district's employees because it could change again with reports coming in regularly from TEA and the CDC. He reviewed different scenarios that the school district would be following in reference to COVID-19. Also, he presented a list of COVID-19 cases that they have had thus far and are posted on the school district's website for the public to view. At this time, it is highly recommended for students and staff to wear a mask even though it is not mandated.

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that Diana Silvas, Lorena Ceballos, and himself will be attending the TASA Midwinter Conference at the end of the month. He has called for a Special Board Meeting/Finance Board Workshop on January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The 17th was a holiday so the meeting was changed to the 18th.

7L

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

Mrs. Vanessa Riggs reported that she was still working on some of the items that she has presented over the last two months. In December, they talked about using the Covid-19 School Health Support Grant monies to purchase air-purifiers. They issued the RFP, the bids were due on January 4, and they received eight proposals. A recommendation would be presented at the Finance Board Workshop. In addition, they will also talk about ESSER. She has already submitted the RFP for Food Service for the 2022-2023 school year. At this time, she has not received any news from TEA.

8.0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8B

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS #6

President L. Garza requested a motion to approve the minutes and Budget Amendment #6 as presented.

Motion #6866 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the minutes and Budget Amendment #6 as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Not present during the motion.

Motion carried
8:18 p.m.

Yes – 4

No - 0

Absent – 3

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended moving item No. 10A up – Approval of RISD Annual Audit Report for September 1, 2020, through August 3, 2021, and for the rest of the items to follow accordingly.

Motion #6867 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez –Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:19 p.m.

10A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RISD ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs reported that the school district's audit had been completed, and she had great news as far as the General Fund and Fund Balance. Mr. Bill Vaughan with Armstrong-Vaughan & Associates reported that his job was to give an opinion, and his opinion was good on the audit. He was also to look into any non-compliance, and there were none. The audit did not have any significant findings or major findings. The report that will be forwarded to TEA had some minor things for the school district to consider. They were able to add \$2.1 million into the General Fund because of the stimulus monies, so the General Fund now has \$11.2 million. The General Fund rule is to have between three to six months in the reserves, and the school district has five months at this time. The school district would be very healthy if they were at six months. Also included in the audit report is a projection for the FIRST rating report. He is projecting an A for the school district. The school district had improvements in the books compared to last school year. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Annual Financial Audit Report for September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2022.

Motion #6868 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez –Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:25 p.m.

9.0 GOVERNANCE

9A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASB UPDATE 118, AFFECTING THE FOLLOWING LOCAL POLICIES: CFD, CQB, DFE, DP, EHAA, EHBC, EIE, EHBC, EIE, FDE, FEA, FEC, FFG, AND FL
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving TASB Update 118, affecting the following local policies: CFD, CQB, DFE, DP, EHAA, EHBC, EIE, FDE, FEA, FEC, FFG, and FL. The policies were set by TASB as far as the updates. Mrs. Diana Silvas noted that on policy FL (LOCAL), page 118 the address needed to be corrected to 701 N. First Street instead of what was listed. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6869 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation with the correction made to policy FL (LOCAL).

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:29 p.m.

9B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD REGARDING DISTRICT-PROVIDED EMERGENCY PAID SICK-LEAVE FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the Board had previously approved this resolution on August 23, 2021, until the end of December. He asked the Board to continue with the resolution but to extend it from January 3, 2022, until June 30, 2022. The employees will not be getting an additional ten days, only extending it until the end of the year. If an employee did not use the ten days from August to December, they now have until the end of June to use them if needed. If an employee is not vaccinated, they don't qualify. The resolution also includes a religious exemption. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving to extend the Resolution of the Board Regarding District-Provided Emergency Paid Sick Leave for District Employees for the 2021-2022 School Years as presented.

Motion #6870 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:34 p.m.

10.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

10B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGION 6 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER AND ROBSTOWN ISD
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs reported that they are looking into different opportunities, and they would like to join the Region 6 Coop. Region 6 will go out for bids on commodities and members are allowed to purchase from them and don't have to go out for bids. She has found a vendor that might be able to provide some welding labs for the school district, and by joining Region 6, they will be able to purchase from them. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Interlocal Agreement between Region 6 Education Service Center and Robstown ISD.

Motion #6871 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – No H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 1 Absent – 2
8:39 p.m.

10C CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF THE DISTRICT REA ESTATE DESCRIBED BELOW: 1) AVENUE B W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 PLAZA-RBST LTS 1 THRU 17 BLK 6, 2) MATIANA ORTIZ BLVD/MAIN/AVE B ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PAUL G H FARM BLKS 1.413 ACS OUT BLK 19, 3) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LT 13 BLK 7, 4) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LT 14 BLK 7, 5) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LT 15 BLK 7, 6) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LTS 16 & 17 BLK 7, 7) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LT 18 BLK 7, 8) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LTS 19 & 20 BLK 7, 9) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LT 21 BLK 7, 10) MAIN AVE W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PLAZA-RBST LTS 22 & 23 BLK 7, 11) WESTERN AVE ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 HIGHWAY-RBST LT 17 BLK 2 LESS POR TO ROW, 12) WESTERN AVE ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - HIGHWAY-RBST LTS 18 & 19 BLK 2 LESS POR TO ROW, 13) WESTERN AVE ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 HIGHWAY - RBST LTS 20 & 21 BLK 2 LESS POR TO ROW, 14) WESTERN AVE ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - HIGHWAY-RBST 22 & 23 BLK 2 LESS POR TO ROW, 15) WESTERN AVE ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - HIGHWAY-RBST LTS 24 & 25 BLK 2, 16) AVENUE A W ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - WEST END-RBST W/2 OF LT 7 BLK 5, 18) FIRST ST N ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - PAUL G H FARM BLKS 140 X 325' OUT OF LT 2 BLK 13, 19) 519 AVENUE A E ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - ROBSTOWN T/S LTS 26 & 27 BLK 46, 20) 508 FIFTH N ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - ROBSTOWN T/S LTS 1 THRU 3 BLK 11, AND 21) UPSHAW BLVD N ROBSTOWN, TX 78380 - ROBSTOWN T/S LTS 10 THRU 15 BLK 8

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended tabling this item because in legal policy CDB it states the following: "If an instructional facility financed by bonds paid with state and local funds under Education Code Chapter 46, Subchapter A, is sold before the bonds are fully paid, a district shall send to the comptroller a percentage of the district's net proceeds as determined by Education Code 46.011." The administration needed more time to look into any properties that may have been purchased by bond monies. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6872 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:45 p.m.

11:0 INSTRUCTION

11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 RISD SCHOOL
CALENDAR

Mrs. Diana Silvas presented the 2022-2023 School Calendar for the Board's review and approval. She reported that the Calendar Committee was made up of DEIC members. The members are then divided into two committees, and each one comes up with a draft calendar. Once the calendars are drafted, they are sent out to the campuses to vote for one of them. She reviewed the highlights and differences between Option 1 and Option 2 with the Board. Based on the calendar results, they recommended Option 2 to the Board. Option 1 and Option 2 both met the required instructional minutes. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving Option 2 as recommended.

Motion #6873 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:52 p.m.

12:0 **CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074 AND OF THE TEXAS**
GOVERNMENT CODE

12A PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
THE BOARD WILL ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONSIDERING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION,
REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Motion #6874 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:53 p.m.

Motion #6875 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene back from executive session.

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:28 p.m.

13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT,
EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF
EMPLOYEES

Motion #6876 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:29 p.m.

Motion #6877 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:29 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 01/10/2022 except for the executive session.)

