

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 12, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President (Video Conference)
Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Erik Gallegos, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Hector Lopez, Trustee

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

VISITORS: Lisa Persyn Richard Gonzalez Roxanne Carrillo
Pam Kwiakowski Codelia Bosquez Anisa Chavera
Michelle De La Pena Laura Cueva Belinda Alaniz
Mona Hernandez Maribel Trevino Adan Botello
Adriana Tagle

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., Vice-President Larry Cantu called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, Hector Lopez– Absent, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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/PRAAYER

Trustee Erik Gallegos led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

Vice-President Larry Cantu 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 Mario Mesa 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

PROUD YOU’RE A PICKER AWARD

Roxanne Carrillo announced that the nominees for the Proud You’re a Picker Award were nominated for going above and beyond their job duties and by helping someone else. She recognized the following two Proud You’re a Picker Award nominees: 1) Melissa Martinez-Riojas, Parent Liaison at Lotspeich Leadership Academy, and 2) Roxanna Espinoza, Dropout Prevention Specialist at Seale Jr. High School. Ms. Espinoza helped save the life of a child at Robert Driscoll Academy by performing the Heimlich maneuver on a student.

6B

RECOGNITION OF SEALE JR. HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Vice-President Larry Cantu stated that currently, there are no recognitions.

6C

RECOGNITION OF 31-4A SEALE JR. HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY STUDENTS

Marisela Gonzalez recognized Bianca Bosquez for placing first in the 31-4A Cross Country Individual District XC Champion, Devon ‘DJ’ Alaniz for placing second, and Michael Vasquez for placing eighth.

6D

RECOGNITION OF RECHS STUDENT ATHLETES (FOOTBALL, CROSS COUNTRY & VOLLEYBALL)

Marisela Gonzalez recognized the following high school regional qualifiers for 31-4A Cross Country: Jezebel Aguilar, J’Lynn Fernandez, Michael Vasquez, Naomi Garcia-31-4A District Champion, Madison Pinon, Saira Ramirez, Analie Vasquez, and Mallie Villarreal. Coach Cage Perry reported that several of the students are not able to be present this evening because they are participating in basketball. He

recognized the following volleyball girls: Mona Hernandez, 31-4A 2nd Team All-District; Jazlyn Trevino, 31-4A 1st Team All-District; Analie Villarreal, 31-4A 2nd Team All-District; Mallory Garza 31-4A Honorable Mention; Karina Trevino 31-4A Honorable Mention; Trinity Anscombe, 31-4A Honorable Mention; and Mia Mesa, 31-4A Honorable Mention. He also recognized the following football players: Derik Silva, 15-4A All-District Team Quarterback; Joe Luna, 15-4A All-District 1st Team Wide Receiver; Mark Pena, 15-4A All-District 1st Team Offensive Lineman; Kasey Soto, 15-4A All-District 1st Team Line Backer; David Aldaco, 15-4A All-District 1st Team Defensive Back; David Briseno, 15-4A All-District 2nd Team Wide Receiver; Tim Sanchez, 2nd Team Wide Receiver; Lincoln Lara, 15-4A All-District 2nd Team Defensive Back; and Randy Velasquez, 15-4A All-District 2nd Team Linebacker.

7.0

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

7A

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dr. Jose Moreno presented a district calendar for December for the upcoming districtwide events. He also mentioned that in January a different format will be presented, to the Board, for upcoming events districtwide.

7B

TASB GOVERNANCE CAMP – MARCH 2-4, 2023 – GALVESTON, TEXAS

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the TASB Governance Camp will be held in Galveston, Texas on March 2-4, 2023. If anyone had any questions, to please call Ms. Padilla.

7C

CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 19, 2022 – JANUARY 2, 2023 (PAYROLL PERIODS: DECEMBER 9, 2022, AND DECEMBER 16, 2022)

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the Christmas Break would be from December 19, 2022, through January 2, 2023. The payroll periods would be on December 9, 2022, and December 16, 2022.

7D

TEAM OF 8 BOARD WORKSHOP

Dr. Jose Moreno presented a list of dates for the month of January to conduct a team of eight board workshop. The board workshop will be conducted by Mr. Juan Cruz, the school district's attorney. He will be touching base with President Lori Ann Garza to come up with a date.

7E

SUPERINTENDENT SCORE CARD UPDATES

Dr. Jose Moreno would forward the Superintendent Score Card to the board members since there was not a copy available at this time. If they had any question, they could call him.

7F

FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES AND TIMELINES

Ronald Robles presented a facilities and operations project update and timelines to the Board. He informed the Board that the update was in the same format as the month before. He reviewed the facilities and operations work order history and reported that they had a total of 196 work orders for the month of November. A total of sixty-eight work orders would be carried over to December. The goal is to reduce

the number of carrying orders from month to month. He will also like to see what each trade is performing and how efficient they are. He reviewed the work order comparison for the past four years. He reported that the following projects had been completed: 1) The plumbing at Lotspeich has been completed and at Hattie Martin they are still trying to figure out where the blockage is because they have a higher rate of blockage, 2) At the Carrillo gym they have rewired the scoreboard system from a key system to an on and off switch, 3) The security shed now has insulation and sheetrock to keep the space comfortable, and 4) They are continuing their efforts to ensure that all HVAC facilities are operating at efficient levels with minimal downtime to customers. He is looking into Euphoria to see what they can program into the work order program to help with making it more efficient. He reviewed the delivery of packages that are being delivered for the past four years, and they are continuing to mow the grass, pruning the trees, and removing all shrubbery around all HVAC and electrical boxes and fence lines. He plans to implement a plan to get landscapers to apply pesticides for weeds, insects, and ant bait. Currently, they have five regular bus routes, two special education buses, and two students that are being bused to CCISD. Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the band hall was making very good progress and it should be completed on January 15, 2023. The welding lab should be finished within a week and a half. The students will start not start until January 15, 2023. Mr. Portillo reported that the contractors had to reconfigure the missing panel this week and hopefully the lab will be fully operational by the end of this week.

7G

DISCUSSION OF ROBSTOWN ISD BOARD COMMITTEES/EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Dr. Jose Moreno asked for volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee and the Growth and Development Committee. Trustee Mario Mesa, Board President Lori Ann Garza, and Trustee Erik Gallegos volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee. Trustee Bobby Marroquin, Trustee Cezar Martinez, and Board President Lori Ann Garza volunteered to serve on the Growth and Development Committee. President Lori Ann Garza asked for volunteers to serve on the school district's Education Foundation Committee. Trustee Erik Gallegos volunteered to serve on the Education Foundation Committee. Trustee Larry Cantu expressed an interest in serving on the Growth and Development Committee if he can. Also, Dr. Moreno requested three names from the community by Friday of this week to serve on the Renaming of a Facility Committee from each of the board members.

8.0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8B

LIST OF BILLS

8C

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #18

8D

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORTS

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items 8A-8D as presented.

Motion #7112 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Garza to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez - Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:50 p.m.

At the request of the administration, Vice-President Larry Cantu recommended to move agenda items under instruction before agenda items under business and support as per staff recommendation.

Motion #7113 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to move agenda items under instruction to item nine on the agenda.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez - Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:52 p.m.

For the record, President L. Garza logged off from the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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9A

INSTRUCTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT GOALS AND DISTRICT AND CAMPUS PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Diana Silvas informed the Board that starting on page fifty-five they would find all the documents in reference to the 2022-2023 District Improvement Goals and District and Campus Performance Objectives. She reviewed the goal setting document with the Board. The document included all of the goals that were approved last year with every performance objective, and the data that showed rather if they met the performance objective or not. The administration has already reviewed the data with the Districtwide Educational Improvement Council and they are recommending keeping the following five goals: 1) Goal 1 – Academic Achievement, 2) Goal 2 - Communication, 3) Goal 3 – School Climate, 4) Goal 4 – Highly Qualified Staff, and 5) Goal #5 – Technology. Once, the Board approves this item, it will be posted on the school district's website. Adriana Tagle informed the Board that the school district is facing a whole accountability reset and a new STARR redesign. She reviewed with the Board the top priorities for the school district in moving forward with the accountability system. She reported that the administration is committed, and the goals and objectives that were put into place are based on helping every student grow academically. Of course, the top priority for the school district is to get an A rating. They know if they provide high-quality instruction and target intervention for students, they will make great gains. On reaching the A, they are focusing on student performance, getting more students to pass at a higher level,

and focusing on academic growth and filling those gaps. Each campus principal presented their top priorities for their individual campuses to the Board. Also, Mrs. Tagle presented the Targeted Improvement Plans for the Board’s review, which will be presented to the Board for approval at the next board meeting. After discussion, Vice-President L. Cantu entertained a motion to approve the District Improvement Goals and District and Campus Performance Objectives as presented.

Motion #7114 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the 2022-2023 District Improvement Goals and District and Campus Performance Objectives as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:43 p.m.

9B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATING IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM BETWEEN BANQUETE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Trustee E. Gallegos read the following: “Memorandum of Understanding for Participating in Career and Technology Education Program between Robstown Independent School District and Banquete Independent School District. This Memorandum of Understanding is to document the agreement to allow students from Banquete Independent School District (“BISD”) to attend as students in Robstown Independent School District (“RISD”) Career and Technology Education (“CTE”) Program (“Agreement”), this agreement is entered into by and between the BISD and RISD as political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting by and through its Board of Trustees , hereto duly authorized (collectively the “Parties”). Participation in RISD’s CTE Program will be offered to those BISD students who participate in CTE programs and who are enrolled at Del Mar College. RISD will provide learning spaces for BISD students who participate in Career and Technology Education (CTE) Programs and who are enrolled at Del Mar College for concurrent enrollment.” After discussion, Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a motion to approve the MOU between Banquete ISD and RISD as presented.

Motion #7115 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the MOU between Robstown ISD and Banquete ISD as read by by Trustee E. Gallegos.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:45 p.m.

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10A

BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING CENTER (CTC) FOR GRANTS CONSULTATION, SUBMISSION, AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the school district had another opportunity to apply for the 21st Century grant, and he recommended Comprehensive Training Center (CTC) to help the school district write the grant. The Board would be authorizing him to negotiate the final contract with CTC for grant consultation, submission, and administration. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7116 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve to authorize the superintendent, Dr. Moreno, with the district's legal counsel to negotiate with the Comprehensive Training Center (CTC) and enter into a consultant service contract for grant application, submission, and administration subject to the superintendent's approval and term of said contract.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:50 p.m.

10B

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIUN, LLC FOR THE ROBSTOWN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PAVEMENT PROJECT, NOT TO EXCEED \$137,000, WITH CONTINGENCY FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00

Dr. Jose Moreno thanked the Board for giving the administration flexibility on this item because of the timeline. The Board previously granted the administration permission to look at competitive sealed proposals and co-op. The proposal from Triun, LLC is the best one that they found on the co-op as far as the price. Vanessa Riggs reported that at the next board meeting they will be asking for funding for this item. Also, she provided a drawing of the project to the Board. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7117 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to authorize the superintendent to negotiate a construction contract with Triun, LLC, as contractor, for the purpose of conducting paving improvements at Robstown Early College High School, in an amount not to exceed \$137,000, with a contingency allowance not to exceed \$10,000. I further move that the Board President shall be authorized to execute contract documents necessary for the paving project consistent with this motion.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:55 p.m.

11.0 CLOSED SESSION

11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
Vice-President Larry Cantu announced that they had no business to conduct in closed session.

12.0 OPEN SESSION

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
There was no business conducted in closed session.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7118 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin –Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:57 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 12/12/2022 except for the executive session.)