

# **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees**

### **Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District**

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The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Members present: Cal Lambert, Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Javier Flores, Jesse Rizo, Jaclyn Gonzales, Robert Quinones

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Anne Marie Espinoza, Dr. Josie Gutierrez, Mikka Sanchez, David Zamora, Cash Keith, Mario Rangel, Cassandra Hernandez, Elsa Ayala, Margaret Tarski-Rodriguez, Jorge Cerna, Christy Perez, Sandra Gonzales, Miranda Dvorak, Esequiel De La Fuente, Norma De La Fuente, Monica De Leon, Michel Torres, Weston Clark, Erin Sutton

Guests present: Michael Robinson, Anson Bills, Terah Martinez, Rosa Ramirez, Emily Alejandro, Jennifer Alejandro, Dylan Alejandro, Esmeralda Jeffries, Deyanira Salazar, Berlinda Arreola, Amy Franco, Rolla Kelley, Nancy Webb, Amy Ouellette, Robert Webb, Kaitlyn Alejandro, Krystal Baleseros, Victoria Rodriguez, Claudia Castillo, Kendrick Lee, Jeanette Saucedo, Jamie Fleming, Denise Feldtman

B. Moment of Silence

The heavenly birthdays of Jayce Carmelo Luevanos and Tess Mata were recognized. There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. Invocation was led by Pastor Emma Trimble.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Ensign Mackenzie Wood and Cadet Seaman Torrin Scott.

2. Board Recognition

#### Education and Training Program: Interactive Bulletin Board

State Qualifiers:

Devani Ballesteros

Victoria Rodriguez

Under the leadership of Erin Sutton

#### Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest: Choir

Congratulations to our All-State Choir Competitors:

Victoria Castillo-Lee

Emily Alejandro

Terah Martinez

Under the leadership of Weston Clark

#### School Board Recognition Month:

List of Board Members:

Cal Lambert – Board President

Laura Perez – Vice President

J.J. Suarez – Secretary

Javier Flores – Board Member

Jaelyn Gonzales – Board Member  
Jesse Rizo – Board Member  
Robert Quiñones – Board Member

3. Superintendent's Report

A. DOMAIN 1: High Quality Curriculum and Effective Instruction

Congratulations to students, teachers, campus administration, parents and C & I staff for the success of our students on the Interim STAAR testing. Our students scores largely matched the average across Region 20 at interim

B. DOMAIN 2: Effective, Well Supported Staff

- Human Resources team is off to a great start for 2025 with in depth planning session
- Important tasks that have been completed included record keeping, reconciling position control for improved system accuracy.
- Providing training to all principals and effective documentation
- Preplanning for our Technology Audit to take place on January 27, 2025 to help us improve on overall operations and build on our strengths in the following areas:
  - ❖ Classroom technology
  - ❖ Compliance telecommunications cyber security
  - ❖ PEIMS policies and procedures
  - ❖ Student business and information systems
  - ❖ Digital learning
  - ❖ Program funding
  - ❖ Personnel roles and responsibilities and evaluation process

C. DOMAIN 3: Positive School Culture; Safety and Security

- Collegiate Education and Administration held a stakeholder meeting in Batesville to discuss the future of the Agritech Leadership Academy for Batesville.
- Potential for an AI campus
- CHDI School Based Clinic for December
  - ❖ 95 visits
  - ❖ Student visits - 76%
  - ❖ Employee visits - 24%
  - ❖ Uninsured - 20%
- Safety & Security - Swatting incidents; The individual (s) responsible will be held accountable to the fullest extent according to our administrative policy and criminal law. We do take all incidents of this type of criminal behavior very seriously. We have been working with local, state and federal law enforcement officials to investigate these incidents.
- Thank you to all law enforcement agencies working with Uvalde CISD
- Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have reported these incidents

D. DOMAIN 4: Alignment of Financial Well Being With Student Achievement

- The Community Budget Committee has met twice.
- Feedback from committee
- Upcoming events

4. Open Forum:

The following spoke in Open Forum:

- Anson Bills - School safety; parents blocking street
- Berlinda Arreola - Safety; more detail about threats in emails
- Amy Franco - Hiring
- Denise Feldtman - School security
- Emma Trimble - Weapon detection systems

5. Consent Agenda:

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of the Board Workshop Community Visioning of the Board of Trustees Held on December 11, 2024
- B. Minutes of the Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees Held on December 12, 2024
- C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on December 16, 2024
- D. Item of information regarding maintenance and operations
- E. Item of information regarding transportation
- F. Item of information regarding SFE
- G. Item of information on the quarterly investment activity for the quarter ending December 2024
- H. Item of information on the district's investment activity for December 2024
- I. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for December 2024
- J. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of November 2024
- K. Item of information on the tax collection activity for December 2024
- L. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for December 2024
- M. Item of information for the district's federal program activity for December 2024
- N. Item of information on student attendance
- O. Item of Information on student discipline

6. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Item of information on Morales Junior High

Information on Morales Junior High was presented by Patricia Merlos.

- B. Item of information on High Quality Instructional Materials Implementation (HQIM)

Information on HQIM was presented by Amy Graeber, Jennifer Griffin, and Dr. Andi Guerrero.

- C. Consider approval of course requests for the 2025-2026 school year

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and Javier Flores to approve the course requests for the 2025-2026 school year including Algebraic Reasoning, Entrepreneurship I, Entrepreneurship II, Career and Technical Education Project-based Capstone, and Statistics & Business Decision Making. The motion was carried unanimously.

- D. Consider approval of amended T-TESS Appraisers for the 2024-2025 school year

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to approve the T-TESS appraisers for the 2024-2025 school year including Miranda Dvorak and Cassandra Hernandez. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Consider approval of the adoption of the Reproductive Education Curriculum

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the adoption of the Reproductive Education Curriculum. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Consider approval of budget amendments

The motion was made by Jaclyn Gonzales and seconded by Jesse Rizo to approve the general fund budget amendment #2 and with the addition to make an amendment to the general fund budget that includes lost wages for the inclement weather day on Tuesday, January 21st for the public purpose to increase morale and reduce employee turnover which should include all paraprofessionals and maintenance and operations lost wages due to the inclement weather as per TASB legal services and board policy TEA LOCAL. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Consider and take possible action regarding Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment No. 1 with Broaddus Construction for the District Wide Security Vestibules, including possible delegation of authority to Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute amendment

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the pricing for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment No. 1 for the District Wide Security Vestibules, as presented by Administration and authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations for the GMP Amendment No. and to execute the final amendment in a form approved by legal counsel.” The guaranteed maximum price is \$2,276,964 for vestibules. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Consider approval of a resolution to accept the Anti-terrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) Grant

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the acceptance of the grant award via the resolution would give UCISD the ability to continue recovery services initially funded under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for two additional fiscal years in the amount of \$2,289,890.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Consider approval to designate ten non-business days for consideration of Public Information Act Requests for Calendar Year 2025

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded Javier Flores to approve the designated ten non business days for Public Information Act Requests for calendar year 2025 as presented. The dates include, March 17, 2025, March 18, 2025, March 19, 2025, July 3, 2025, November 25, 2025, November 26, 2025, December 23, 2025, December 29, 2025, December 30, 2025, and December 31, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.076

A closed session was held at 9:12 pm.

A. Deliberation concerning Superintendent's Evaluation

B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

10. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed

The board reconvened at 12:30 am on January 24, 2025

A. Consider and take possible action on Superintendent's Evaluation

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

No action was taken.

11. Adjournment

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 am on January 24, 2025.

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Board Secretary

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Date