

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 15, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary (On-line)
Erik Gallegos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Mario Mesa, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS: Richard Gonzalez Katrina Alejandro
Yvette Villalobos

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 3:12 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 – Absent, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Absent

Present – 3

Absent – 3

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.

(Two votes constitute a quorum for the item on the agenda)

2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

Dr. Marc Puig led the audience and the Board in 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 – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Trustee Erik Gallegos read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

President Lori Ann Garza read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the audience.

6.0

GOVERNANCE

6A

CANVASS THE RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024, SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FOR THE ROBSTOWN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLACES 1, 2, 3, & 4

President Lori Ann Garza read the following statement: “I, Kara Sands, Chief Election Official for Nueces County, Texas, do hereby certify the returns as shown on the Official Canvass are a true and accurate statement of the votes cast in the General Election held on November 5, 2024.” She presented the following results of the November 5, 2024, School Board Election for the Robstown ISD Board of Trustees Places 1, 2, 3, and 4, for the board’s review and approval:

<u>Place 1</u>	<u>Absentee Voting</u>	<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Election Day</u> <u>Voting</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alvin (Al) Morin	22	547	142	711
Larry Cantu	45	1,049	405	1,499
Eva E. Orona	69	944	275	1,288

President Lori Ann Garza declared Larry Cantu as the winner for Trustee Place 1.

<u>Place 2</u>	<u>Absentee Voting</u>	<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Election Day</u> <u>Voting</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cezar Martinez (Unopposed)	88	2,021	702	1,256

<u>Place 3</u>	<u>Absentee Voting</u>	<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Election Day</u> <u>Voting</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jimmy Morales	41	912	252	1,205
Bobby Marroquin	61	1,045	391	1,497
Gilbert Tobias	28	491	156	675

President Lori Ann Garza declared Bobby Marroquin as the winner for Place 3.

<u>Place 4</u>	<u>Absentee Voting</u>	<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Election Day</u> <u>Voting</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gilbert Cervantes	28	409	175	612
Yvette Villalobos	50	1,060	326	1,436
Rodney Flores	58	980	284	1,388

President Lori Ann Garza declared Yvette Villalobos as the winner for Place 4.

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to canvass the returns and declare the results of the election on November 5, 2024, as presented.

Motion #7525 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve canvassing the returns and declare the results of the election in November 5, 2024, as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 3 No - 0 Absent – 3
3:17 p.m.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7526 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 3 No - 0 Absent – 3
3:18 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 11/20/24, except for the executive session.)

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
801 NORTH FIRST STREET
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Erik Gallegos, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent
Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Katrina Alejandro	Richard Gonzalez	Rachel Medrano
	Joshua Garcia	Ron Lawver	Fito Tagle
	Belinda Alaniz	Angela Magana	Anisa Chavera
	Adolfo Gonzalez	Marisela Gonzalez	Ricardo Bosquez
	Phil Vaughn		

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 – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Absent, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 1

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2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

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3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

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4.0 VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

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Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Trustee Cezar Martinez informed the audience that “the Robstown ISD Board of Trustees welcome comments from citizens on any agenda items or non-agenda items. Those wishing to address the school board must provide their name for the record and observe a three-minute time limit. During this time, the Board of Trustees may not respond to the citizen's concerns as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.” Angela Magana a concerned parent expressed her concerns about the safety of the school and threats being made to the school. Also, she was concerned about how the parents are not being notified about the threats being made to the school. She has addressed this concern with the principal and the principal stated to her that it was on Facebook. She had a problem with this because there are some parents that do not have Facebook and she was one of them. She asked the board members what could be done to communicate better with the parents that don't have Facebook. She usually finds out after she gets a text from her daughter that she is scared because they are on lock down and as a parent she is not aware of what is going on.

6.0 AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

6A RECOGNITION OF BIANCA BOSQUEZ, CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP STATE MEET

Katrina Alejandro recognized Bianca Bosquez, Cross Country State Qualifier. Bianca is a sophomore and she qualified for the regional championship at the 2024 Regional Cross Country Meet which earned her a spot at the State Cross Country Meet. She finished twenty-ninth at the State Cross Country Meet. Robstown ISD is extremely proud of Bianca's dedication, perseverance, and accomplishments both on the cross-country court and in the classroom. Additionally, Coach Adolfo Gonzalez

recognized his cross-country team members that qualified for regionals. Mario Cortinas and Devan Alaniz qualified for regionals. He also recognized his managers.

6B **PROUD YOU'RE A PICKER AWARD**

Katrina Alejandro recognized Coach Katherine Pruneda as the Proud You're a Picker Award recipient. Ms. Pruneda goes above and beyond her role by demonstrating dedication to her students and colleagues. She fosters a positive and welcoming environment consistently working towards common goals with enthusiasm. She is an invaluable asset to the school district. Also, Ms. Alejandro presented several gift certificates to her from the RISD Picker Partners.

6C **LIFE SAVER AWARDS**

Katrina Alejandro recognized Tracey Zapata for the Life Saver Award for noticing a fan in medical distress and immediately alerting the medics and police. The fan was having a heart attack and later underwent bypass surgery. She thanked Mrs. Zapata for being alert and taking quick action. Also, Ms. Alejandro recognized Candace Ramirez for demonstrating extraordinary quick thinking on October 24, 2024, when she performed the Heimlich maneuver on a student who swallowed a quarter. Also, Mrs. Zapata and Ms. Ramirez both received gift certificates from the RISD Picker Partners.

7.0 **MADAM PRESIDENT REMARKS**

President Lori Ann Garza reminded the board members about the upcoming board workshop on December 5, 2024. She hoped to see all of the board members there.

8.0 **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

8A **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Dr. Marc Puig reported that they continue to build momentum in fostering effective leadership and strengthening Tier I instruction through initiatives. They have been working with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) for a refresher and deep dive into Domain II and III of the T-Tess rubric. The Teaching and Learning Team, along with himself, participated in a TIA training at the ESC-2. This initiative aligns with the school district's goals of recruiting and retaining top-tier educators while fostering excellence across the school district. He hosted a Zoom consultation with TEA to review progress at Seale Jr. High School and Lotspeich Leadership Academy which are under the Targeted Intervention stage. He is looking at applying for a grant, which aligns with the school district's instructional pillars and will help support school improvement. He thanked the Business Office for receiving a "Superior" rating on the FIRST report. The naming of the Richard Gillespie gymnasium will take place on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the RECHS gym. He will be hosting a town hall meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at New Life at the Cross. This will provide an opportunity for the administration to dialogue with the community. The current enrollment is at 2,573, the average daily attendance is at 2,258, and the attendance rate is at 91.7%.

9.0 PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9A THANKSGIVING BREAK – NOVEMBER 25-29, 2024

Dr. Marc Puig announced that the Thanksgiving Break will be from November 25, 2024, through November 29, 2024.

9B CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 23, 2024 – JANUARY 6, 2025

Dr. Marc Puig announced that the Christmas break will be from December 23, 2024, through January 6, 2025.

For the record, Trustee Larry Cantu arrived at the board meeting at 6:15 p.m.

9C TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT

Rachel Medrano reported that the Teacher Incentive Allotment was a program for teachers to earn more pay while remaining in the classroom. The legislature passed this program with House Bill 3. The goal is to get teachers who are doing an amazing job close to a six-figure salary. They want to participate in this program because they want to recruit, retain, and reward educators who are bringing the school district to life. Belinda Alaniz reported that this program was still in the planning stages right now. There are two different ways that teachers can apply or be part of it. One of the ways is through the district plan and the second way would be through the National Board Certification. The second route would require a cohort of teachers to agree to it. A pre-application has been started and they have had meetings with TEA. They are in year one and in the second year, they will pull together the data. Once the data has been submitted, the next step will be the approval. The application is due on April 15, 2025. Ninety percent of the funds have to be used for teachers and or student-based employees and ten percent can be used on administrative staff. Also, information about TIA can be found on the school district's website. Joshua Garcia reported that the teachers would be rated on different teacher performance and they could make from \$7000 to \$29,000 added to their salary.

9D ACADEMIC UPDATE

Adriana Tagle presented a short video from San Pedro Fine Arts Academy showcasing how the students were taking ownership of their work. The teachers and students in the classrooms that she visited at different campuses also show that they are making progress because of the visits. She shared results from English I, English II, and Algebra I with increases at the meets and meets masters. Overall, based on what they are seeing at the different campuses and the increases in English I and II and Algebra I, they are making progress.

9E TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Richard Gonzalez reported that the internet project at Robstown Early College High School has been completed. The next campus up will be the Seale Junior High School.

9F M & O UPDATE
Ron Lawver reported that the high school parking lot had been completed under budget and on time. The signage for the Richard Gillespie has also been completed. The HVAC project is still ongoing with the high school, Ortiz, and Salazar being completed. The rest of the campuses are up next. They replaced lights at Seale Jr. High School and San Pedro Fine Arts Academy. A meeting has been held with the roofing company which will be the next big project coming up.

9G RISD DONATION
Dr. Marc Puig reported that the following donors had donated to the school district: 1) Helping Hands Pediatric Rehabilitation Services donated \$200 to the Special Education Department, 2) Chad Sweigart donated \$200 to the Special Education Department, and 3) Edward Lee Bochard donated \$500 to the RECHS football program.

9H LIST OF BILLS
9I FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT
Dr. Marc Puig asked if anyone had any questions on the List of Bills and Financial Statement Report. There were no questions.

10.0 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)**
10A APPROVAL OF MINUTES
10B DISCUSS AND APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE EXCEPTION
WAIVER
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #7527 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:54 p.m.

11.0 **ACTION ITEM(S)**
11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RISD ANNUAL FINANCIAL
AUDIT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, TO AUGUST 31, 2024
Phil Vaughn reported that his company had completed the school district's audit from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024. The school district received a clean opinion report and it was in compliance with federal and state requirements. They did not find any non-compliance during the audit. The revenues were close to last school year; however, the costs was up because of the parking lot. The school district currently has around \$13,700,000 million in the General Fund which is a healthy budget. The school district received a "Superior" rating on their FIRST

report. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the school district's financial audit as presented by Mr. Phil Vaughn.

Motion #7528 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:57 p.m.

11B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER (S)
EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR 2024 POLICE VEHICLE
Dr. Marc Puig reported that they were having some issues with the delivery of the vehicle that had been previously approved. They have found another vehicle that won't take that long to be delivered. After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for 2024 Police Vehicle as presented.

Motion #7529 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:58 p.m.

11C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE NUECES
COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion #7530 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the Resolution of the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors and to vote for Luis A. Elizondo.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:01 p.m.

11D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/DELETIONS
OF LOCAL POLICIES RESULTING FROM THE POLICY REVIEW SESSION
Dr. Marc Puig presented the proposed local board policy changes resulting from the TASB Policy Review Session conducted on April 23-24, 2024, with the Board.

After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the policies for the exception of local board policy EIC.

Motion #7531 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:03 p.m.

11E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVISIONS TO LOCAL BOARD POLICY DIA EXHIBIT

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the revisions to the local board policy DIA Exhibit. The Title IX coordinator will now be Selina Castaneda and the ADA/Section 504 Coordinator will be Belinda Alaniz. After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the revisions to local board policy DIA Exhibit as presented.

Motion #7532 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:05 p.m.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION - SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

12B DISCUSSION OF INTRUDER DETECTION AUDIT REPORT FINDINGS AT RECHS

Motion #7533 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:05 p.m.

Motion #7534 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to reconvene from the executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
8:28 p.m.

13.0 OPEN SESSION

13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Personnel List as presented in executive session.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7535 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
8:29 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 21, 2024

MINUTES

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Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Erik Gallegos, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cantu, Vice-President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS:	Katrina Alejandro	Lenny Cavazos	Sandra Blanton
	Yvette Villalobos	Anna Cavazos	Nelda Sanchez
	Rick Sanchez	Sara Lopez	Justin Aguilar
	Destinay Trejo	Tracey Zapata	Dr. Julio Rangel
	Judge Robert Gonzalez	Chistina Suarez	Giselle Marroquin
	Stephina Vasquez	Candice Chapa	Roxanne R.
	Mr. and Mrs. B. Villalobos	Crystal Villalobos	Sandy Suarez
	Cynthia Zapata	Diana Villalobos	Beca Lopez
	Isaac Zapata	Rob De Luna	Veronica De Luna
	Cristian Marroquin	Todd Rodriguez	Ricardo Bosquez
	Myra Alaniz		

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, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 1

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2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

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

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

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4.0 VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

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5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

6A DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF MAINTENANCE TAX NOTE, SERIES 2024; SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM MAINTENANCE TAX; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO

Dr. Marc Puig reminded the team and community that they have invested in a parking lot, HVAC projects, and now the school district’s roofs. This project has to do with the roofs and they have found a way to repair the roofs. He has asked Robert Tijerina, the school district's financial advisor, to present an update to the last presentation that he made. Robert Tijerina reported that at a previous board meeting, he presented preliminary numbers to the Board. The school district will be able to borrow roughly \$2,870,000 to fix the school district’s roofs. The school district is in a really good position because the current M&O debt will be paid off in 2030. For the years 2031-2035, the school district will be able to use the funds that they were used to pay off the old debt. They were able to get a 44.788% from Amegy Bank for a fifteen-year loan. The first ten years are locked in and the remaining years can be

readjusted. The school district will have the opportunity to pay off the debt in ten years. If this item is approved by the Board, the school district will receive the funds on December 19, 2024.

Motion #7536 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of Maintenance Tax Note, Series 2024; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem maintenance tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:10 p.m.

President Lori Ann Garza presented Larry Cantu, Jr. with a plaque for his four years of service to the school district. She reported that Mr. Cantu has also served several years on the City Council. She thanked him for his dedication, time and his experience as a colleague. Also, the other board members present thanked him for his years of service.

7.0 GOVERNANCE

7A ISSUE STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICER AND CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS/ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Tony Gonzalez administered the Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to the following newly elected Trustees: Larry Cantu and Bobby Marroquin. Judge Todd Robinson administered the Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to the newly elected Trustee Bobby Marroquin. Judge Robert Gonzalez administered the Statement of Elected Officer and administered the Oath of office to the newly elected Trustee Yvette Villalobos.

7B APPROVED BOARD OFFICERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY BDAA (LEGAL AND LOCAL) AND SECTION 11.061 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE

Motion #7537 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the following slate of officers: President – Lori Ann Garza, Vice-President – Erik Gallegos, Secretary – Cezar Martinez, and Assistant Secretary, Bobby Marroquin.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:33 p.m.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7538 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:34 p.m.

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