



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Month of September/October 2016 _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Alejandra Salinas _____ **OF:** _____ Board Secretary _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ November 16, 2016 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees take action to approve Board Meeting minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting – September 21, 2016
2. Regular Board Meeting – October 18, 2016

RATIONALE:

State law requires the Board to prepare and keep minutes of its open meeting Govt. Code §551.021. The minutes are public records available for public inspection and copying upon request to the Superintendent or his designee. Govt. Code § 551.022.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

No Budget Impact

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

This is in compliance and in accordance with Board Policy BE and BE (LOCAL).

Regular Board Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

September 21, 2016

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Judd Gilpin - President – ABSENT
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President –PRESENT
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Secretary – PRESENT
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian –PRESENT
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member –PRESENT
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Member – PRESENT
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member – ABSENT

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in the United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

- I. **An announcement was made by the Board President, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:02 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.**

- II. **Board Announcements**

- III. **Public Comments: Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board Parliamentarian will be the timekeeper and will inform the speaker when they have one (1) remaining minute. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them. Comments must address items listed on the agenda. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy, as noted in BED (LOCAL), to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Pursuant to 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, no Board Member or Administrator may respond to a member of the public, unless such response is a recitation of District policy or a statement of specific factual information. When a speaker comes to the podium, please indicate what agenda item you will be addressing. Furthermore, please refrain from mentioning any employee's name and any complaint about any employee's duties or responsibilities should be channeled through the appropriate grievance policy. Additionally, pursuant to board policies BED (LEGAL) and BED (LOCAL), drifting from the stated topic or becoming disruptive shall result in a warning from the board president. A**

second violation will result in forfeiture of your allotted time and removal from the board meeting. Disruptions include speaking on behalf of or against a person running for political office, promotion of a for-profit organization, or advertisement of products or services to the Board.

Dr. Dolores Medrano thanked the board for the opportunity to speak and stated that last month she had voiced her concern regarding 12 promotions that were given in the face of the 30 million dollar deficit and the fact that 20% of the campus budget was cut. She expressed her concern with another promotion for central office Planner given the crisis the district is facing.

She stated there was something very strange about this position in that at last week's meeting they were told that this position was filled September 1, however in the campus directory this person was already identified in the new position and this directory was approved in June.

Dr. Medrano stated she had several concerns: One is that there were no questions asked by the board regarding if this position was really needed right now. Second, there is no question as to how much this is going to cost us. She stated that when she is in a financial crisis, she starts looking for ways to cut the budget and not just approve everything that is there. She also stated that, to her, there is no control over administration by the board in terms of spending and the ones that are suffering are the campuses.

Dr. Medrano stated her other concern was relating to the discretionary funds that were presented at last week's committee meeting. She commented that out of seven previous superintendents, not a single one ever had discretionary funds given to board members and out of 27 superintendents that she has worked directly with, not one ever gave board members discretionary funds and the reason why is because it is not the job of the board members to be directly managing the campus operations. She expressed her concern that whenever the board starts meddling and giving out favors to campus principals then they will feel that they have the right to tell them who to hire, how to discipline, how to do so many things which she has already heard is happening. Dr. Medrano again expressed her concern that when the district is suffering and all these monies are being cut from the campuses, their discretionary funds should have been pulled into one account and divided among all the campuses to help the principals with the shortfall that they are facing.

Rebecca Leza introduced herself to the board members and stated she attends Our Lady of Guadalupe School and hopes to one day serve the community like they do. She thanked the board for working with the schools and promoting educational endeavors throughout the community.

Isabella Hernandez introduced herself to the board members and stated she attends Our Lady of Guadalupe School. She thanked the board members for all the work they do for the community and for all the youth in our city. Isabella concluded by stating "let us join forces in educating the children of Laredo."

Herlinda Martinez introduced herself and stated she is the principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe School. She commented that on behalf of the students, parents, staff she thanked them for everything that they do for the community especially for making it possible for them to upgrade some of their classrooms by gifting some of the excess furniture that they have in the district. She commented that the school is a non-profit organization but they have the same vested interest that UISD has which is educating and promoting literacy throughout our community. She said she hopes they continue joining forces and keep working together to form the leaders of tomorrow.

Sr. Vuong M Do addressed the board and stated she was from Mary Help of Christians School. She thanked the board for their generosity and their kindness for thinking of their school. She stated that they are also a private organization and that the items given to their school will make a difference to the children that they

serve. She also stated that the future is in our children and we provide them with the education they need so that Laredo can be a strong future and so the children can one day be part of helping build society.

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez requested to refer back to Board Announcements and asked for a moment of silence for a transportation employee who passed away recently.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

- A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, on and indivisible.**

V. Recognitions

- A. 2016 YALE EDUCATOR AWARD
- B. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – UIL ACADEMICS – STATE COMPETITION

VI. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Review of LEGAL Policies in TASB Update 105

Mr. Roberto J. Santos stated basically what they had there was a review of legal policies from TASB

VII. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Tax Roll Adjustments for 2015-2016
- C. Approval of Resolution in Support of Governor’s Criminal Justice Division NIBRS Grant Application
- D. Approval of Internal Audit Plan 2016-2017
- E. Approval of Additional Appraisers for the 2016-2017 School Year
- F. Approval of Class Size Waivers for the 2016-2017 School Year
- G. PUBLIC HEARING: The Board will take Public Comments Regarding Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2016-2017 to implement the PASS (Positive Approach to Student Success) at Lyndon B. Johnson High School
- H. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- I. Approval to Remove Awarded Vendors
- J. Approval of Sale of Surplus and Obsolete Items to Mary Help of Christians School

- K. Approval of Sale of Surplus and Obsolete Items to Our Lady of Guadalupe School
- L. Approval of Board Travel for the Month of September 2016
- M. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses
- N. Approval of EI (LOCAL) Academic Achievement
- O. First and Final Reading of Policy CQ (LOCAL) Technology Resources
- P. First and Final Reading of Policy FO (LOCAL) – Student Discipline
- Q. First Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 105

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez made a motion to approve Items VII-A thru VII-Q with the exception of VII-G

Ms. Laida Benavides read five additional requests for Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing (Item VII-G)

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Mrs. Gloria Rendon presented information regarding Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2016-2017 to implement the PASS (Positive Approach to Student Success) at Lyndon B. Johnson High School (presentation available upon request)

No Public Comments

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VIII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of August / September 2016

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Javier Montemayor

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes for a total of \$29,246.25

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Javier Montemayor

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Resolution to Approve the 2016 Appraisal Roll as the 2016 UISD Tax Roll

Ms. Monica Madrigal read the resolution

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- D. Approval of Amended Contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator to Conduct November 8, 2016 Election

Ms. Monica Madrigal presented the amended contract

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

IX. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sessions of the Texas Open Meetings Act

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss items

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Discussion re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities

B. 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices

1. Student Activity Fund Elementary Schools – Nye Elem.
2. Building Use Fees
3. Custodial Dept. Procedures
4. Maintenance Dept. Work Orders and Inventory
5. Migrant Grant Program
6. Attendance Accounting – Elementary Campuses
7. Status of on-going audits

X. Reconvened from Closed Session at 7:22 p.m., the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

Mr. Juan Cruz stated no action was taken in closed session.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2016, was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Aliza Flores Oliveros
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

Judd Gilpin, President

Aliza Flores Oliveros, Secretary

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- II. **Board Announcements**

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez congratulated Trautmann Elementary School for being a blue ribbon school and thanked staff for their efforts.

Mr. Ricardo Molina congratulated his schools in the south that have been doing very well and also stated that all the schools in the district are doing very well and thanked all the principals, teachers and staff for their efforts.

- III. **Public Comments: Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board Parliamentarian will be the timekeeper and will inform the speaker when they have one (1) remaining minute. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them. Comments must address items listed on the agenda. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy, as noted in BED (LOCAL), to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Pursuant to 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, no Board Member or Administrator may respond**

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No Public Comments

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

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V. Recognitions

- A. TRAUTMANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD
- B. TRAUTMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL – 2016 BROADCOM MASTERS SEMI-FINALIST
- C. WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – TEXAS SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION – 2016 CELEBRATE TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK VIDEO CONTEST AWARD
- D. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL – (M.I.T.) MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TEACHER RECOGNITIONS
- E. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – NATIONAL TEAM IDENTIFICATION SERIES (NTIS)
- F. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – LIFE SAVING ACT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION
- G. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL – 2016 JAMES F. VENINGA OUTSTANDING TEACHING OF THE HUMANITIES AWARD

VI. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of End of Year Outstanding Encumbrances
- C. Approval of Additional Appraisers for the 2016-2017 School Year
- D. Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal for J.B. Alexander High School Additions of New Fine Arts Building, New Agricultural Science Building and Various Site Improvements (Phase One of Bond Project)
- E. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

- F. Approval of Sale of Salvage Equipment
- G. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: The Board will Take Public Comments regarding the Approval of Targeted Improvement Plan for Antonio Gonzalez Middle School
- I. First and Final Reading of Policy DNA (LOCAL): Performance Appraisal
- J. Second Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 105

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez made a motion to approve Items VI-A thru VI-J

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Eduardo Zuniga read additional requests for Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds

Mr. Judd Gilpin asked for a motion to amend the motion already made

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Judd Gilpin asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing Item VI-H

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ms. Melissa Cruz addressed the board and stated that they are proud to announce that Gonzalez Middle School is no longer an improvement required campus. She opened the floor for any public comments on the Targeted Improvement Plan. There were no public comments. Ms. Cruz thanked the board for their support.

Mr. Judd Gilpin asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ms. Patti Perez thanked the board and asked her staff to stand and be recognized and commented that without them, this would not be possible.

VII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Board Minutes for the Month of September 2016

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes for a total of \$23,493.00

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- C. Adoption of Resolution Re: To Join a Coalition of Texas School Districts That Will Petition The Texas Legislature To Fund a Texas Education Code Provision That Allows The Texas Education Agency Commissioner To Adjust The Taxable Value of Property In A School District That Experiences A Rapid Decline in Taxable Property Value

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ms. Laida Benavides stated that we have forwarded a template resolution to other school districts who are facing the same value decline and have heard from several of them saying that they will be taking it to their board as well. Ms. Benavides stated that after tonight she will be making some phone calls to let them know that our board passed this resolution and they are welcome to use the wording in ours to present to their board.

Mr. Roberto Santos stated this will be sent to over 200 districts that were affected by the decline of values and said we are trying to generate more interest state wide and hopefully the legislators will be able to make those adjustments based on what the law is.

VIII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sessions of the Texas Open Meetings Act

Mr. Judd Gilpin asked for a motion to defer the closed session to next month.

Mr. Montemayor made a motion to defer the closed session

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Discussion re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities

- B. 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices

1. Bonnie Garcia Elem. Student Activity Audit
2. Medicaid Reimbursements Audit
3. Status of on-going Audits

IX. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2016 was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Judd Gilpin, President

Aliza Flores Oliveros, Secretary