Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors Meeting

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

January 19, 2016

Minutes

The Board of Directors met on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** at Region One Education Service Center. **Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Chairperson, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.** The invocation was given by Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by Board Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr.

Members Present Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Chairperson; Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Vice-

Chairperson; Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Secretary; Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Mr. Pete Garcia, Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Mrs. Linda LaMantia, Mr.

George Banda, Board Members.

Others Present Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director; Dr. Eduardo Cancino,

Deputy Director; Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Deputy Director; Ms. Frances Guzman, Deputy Director; Dr. Virginia Champion, Ms. Amanda Galvan, Ms. Annette S. Garcia, Mr. Marc Garcia, Ms. Melissa Aguero Ramirez, Ms. Lori Ramos, Ms. Angela I. Rocha, Mr. Mark Wallace,

staff; Mr. Jose Guerrero, ESC attorney.

Public Comment No groups or individuals were present to address the board.

Executive Director's Report

School Board Recognition Month

Dr. Gonzalez announced that January is School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Gonzalez thanked the Board of Directors on behalf of administration and staff at Region One ESC for their dedicated service and commitment to the communities served by the Region One

Education Service Center.

Bilingual/ESL/Title III Program Update

Dr Virginia Champion, Director of the Region One Language Proficiency, Biliteracy and Cultural Program provided an overview of the Bilingual/ESL/Title III Program. Dr. Champion shared data indicating the academic success of students enrolled in, and served by a Bilingual/ESL program.

Personnel Matters

Additions/New:Brenda Ann AvilaAssignmentsOffice of Early Learning

ECI Case Manager

Effective – January 4, 2016

Joel Garcia

Office of Information Technology Coordinator – Information Systems

Effective – January 4, 2016

Check Register - Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Center's check register for the month of December, 2015 was included for the Board's review.

On a motion made by Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez and a second by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez the Board of Directors approved consent agenda Items 6-11 as listed below:

Minutes of December 15, **2015 Board of Directors** Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2015 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Budget Amendments for December, 2015

Approval of the Budget Amendments for December, 2015 as presented.

Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2015

Approval of the Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2015 as presented.

Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repair Proposal 13-11-04, Extension 2 of 2

Approval of the Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repair Proposal 13-11-04, Extension to the following vendors: American AC & Heating-Harlingen, TX; Automated Logic-Universal City, TX; Climatec-McAllen, TX; NCH Certified Labs-Irving, TX; NCH Chemsearch-Irving, TX; Pro Tech Mechanical Corpus Christi, TX; Region 1 Repair-Harlingen, TX.

Donation from Dell via the Dell Seed Program

Approval of the Dell product donation via the Dell Seed Program.

Donation from Google, Inc. via Google for Education

Approval of the estimated donation of \$4,550.00 from Google, Inc. through the Google for Education Program.

of Board Member Terms and Calling of Region One **Education Service Center Board Elections**

Announcement of Expiration Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the Announcement of Expiration of Board Member Terms for Mrs. Linda LaMantia, Place 3-Webb County; and Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Place 6-Cameron County on May 31, 2016 and Calling of Region One Education Service Center Board Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment to Closed or **Executive Session Pursuant** to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act

Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Board Chairperson convened the meeting into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act for the following purposes:

- A. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property
- B. Consultation with legal counsel on pending litigation: Cause No. C-1359-15-E; Region One ESC as Administrative Agent of Texas Energy Center v. Van Brunt & Associates, Inc.

Reconvene into Open **Session for Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Board Chairperson reconvened the meeting into open session at 12:18 p.m. The following action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session:

A. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property

The Board of Directors directed the Executive Director to submit a bid on the Brownsville property at a price of \$360,000 plus closing costs, subject to release of TCEQ report and other conditions as established by legal cousel.

B. Pending litigation: Cause No. C-1359-15-E; Region One ESC as Administrative Agent of Texas Energy Center v. Van Brunt & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Pete Garcia seconded the motion to approve the Executive Director to move forward on the settlement in the Texas Energy Center v. Van Brunt & Associates, Inc. litigation as negotiated by Dr. Gonzalez, Mr. Jose Guerrero, ESC attorney, and Ms. Winnie Dominguez, attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

Suggestions for Future Meetings

The Board of Directors suggested that the February Board meeting be held at the Region One ESC Brownsville Extension Office and the April Board meeting be held at the Region One ESC Laredo Extension Office.

Announcements

The following announcements were shared with the Board:

A. Upcoming Board Conferences

• 76th Annual NSBA Conference, Boston Convention Center, Boston, MA, April 9-11, 2016

B. Upcoming Events (Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez) *January*, *2016*

• South Texas College Board Appreciation Breakfast – Friday, January 22, 2016, 8:00 A.M., South Texas College Pecan Campus, Library Rainbow Room, 3201 W. Pecan Blvd, McAllen

February, 2016

- CCRS Meeting February 8-9, 2016, Austin, Texas
- ESC Inclement Weather Day Monday, February 15, 2016 Region One ESC Offices Closed
- MASBA Annual Conference, San Antonio February 18-21,
 2016 Airport Hilton, San Antonio, TX,
- ESC Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Region One ESC Brownsville Extension Office, Brownsville, Texas

March, 2016

- Spring Break March 14-18, 2016 / March 7-11, 2016 (Laredo Extension Office)
- Easter Holiday Friday, March 25, 2016 Region One ESC Offices Closed

Adjournment

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.