

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Larry Cantu, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary (on-line) check right wording  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Erik Gallegos, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

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

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| VISITORS: | Jaime Velasco   | Jacqueline Padilla |
|           | Anisa Chavera   | Melissa Chavez     |
|           | Filiberto Tagle | Katrina Alejandro  |
|           | Leo Ramon       |                    |

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:03 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 – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 0

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/PRAYER**

Trustee Erik Gallegos 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 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.”

**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**

Trustee Erik Gallegos 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 was no public participation.

**6.0            AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:**

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

Katrina Alejandro presented the Proud You're a Picker Award to Juanita Orozco, Seale Jr. High School Cafeteria Manager, for going above and beyond at her workplace. Also, she was presented with several gift certificates from the school district's Picker Partners, a certificate, and a school district pin.

**6B            RECOGNITION OF WELDING DONATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Michelle Ruiz thanked the Board for allowing them to use the Robstown High School Auditorium for their son – Christopher Ruiz's funeral services. She announced that they will be donating fifty welding gloves to the Robstown Early College High School on behalf of the Christopher Ruiz Scholarship. They will also be contributing a \$500 scholarship to any welding student who is pursuing a welding degree after graduation.

**6C            SAFETY AWARD**

Katrina Alejandro presented the Safety Award to Eric Gonzalez. Eric was being recognized for his actions that directly contributed to the safety of the school district's students. He quickly alerted the junior high school administration about two students who were leaving the campus during school hours. He made student safety a priority. Also, he was presented with a plaque.

For the record, Trustee Larry Cantu joined the board meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**7.0**

**PRESIDENT REMARKS:**

**7A**

**TASA/TASB CONVENTION ON SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

President Lori Ann Garza reminded the board members about the upcoming TASA/TASB Convention in San Antonio, Texas on September 27-29, 2024. The Superintendent and the Board will be presenting on Friday morning, and the subject of the session will be *In the Dynamic Role of Educational Leadership the Ability to Communicate Effectively is Not Just Desirable it is Indispensable*.

**7B**

**SCHOOL BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION RECORD – NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

President Lori Ann Garza announced that the school board continuing education hours needed to be completed by next month. Some board members needed to complete the Cyber Training only and others needed to complete both the Cyber Training and School Safety.

Trustee Cezar Martinez announced that the American GI Forum will be hosting their Robstown Women's Chapter Hispanic Heritage Month Bus wrap unveiling on Thursday, September 26, 2024. For the month of September, the GI Forum Women's Chapter will be honoring Maribel Trevino, Chief Tamez, and last year's valedictorian with their picture on the bus. The bus will be touring Nueces County.

**8.0**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS:**

**8A**

**ENROLLMENT**

Dr. Marc Puig presented a three-year comparison of student data. The report included the enrollment, ADA, and percent of attendance compared to the previous school years. This school year, they have seen an increase in enrollment, and the budget was based on a 2150 enrollment.

**8B**

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE UPDATE**

Dr. Marc Puig reported that in reference to the field house they have moved very quickly thanks to the Board for allowing the emergency purchases that were needed. They are working on conducting a study on October 12-13, 2024, on the field house.

**8C**

**GOVERNANCE TEAM FIELD TRIP TO MESQUITE ISD – 9/10/24**

Dr. Marc Puig announced that a couple of board members will be going on a field trip to visit Mesquite ISD on September 10, 2024. The trip is to go look at their athletic facilities.

**8D**

**SALE OF PROPERTIES**

Dr. Marc Puig presented a list of the properties that are being put up for sale. The list included the address, legal description, list price, 2021 vs. 2024 appraised value, and how they are grouped by color. This was put together with the new

realtor, and they will be watching it very carefully. He will be meeting weekly with the realtor and looking forward to putting the properties back on the tax roll.

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#### COTTON PICKER STADIUM PARKING LOT

Dr. Marc Puig reported that the application and certificate for payment was the third payment on the stadium parking lot. They still have one more payment to go. The original contract sum was for \$2,925,000.00 and the balance to finish was at \$603,072.71. There have been zero increases to the total project; however, they have tapped into the allowance and contingency funds. He reviewed a list of allowances in the AII Continuation and the project was almost complete and it was on budget. He will be scheduling a rehearsal for the TASA/TASB Convention on Wednesday of next week at 6:00 p.m. The golf tournament has been changed to next Thursday. They will be taking a field trip to Mesquite ISD to look at their athletic facilities. A couple of board members and administrators will be going on the field trip.

Trustee Cezar Martinez logged off the online meeting and arrived in person for the board meeting at 6:38 p.m.

9.0

#### **PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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##### ACADEMIC UPDATE

Adriana Tagle reported that the administration was super excited to share some of the work that they have done to support the four pillars of teaching and learning. Under Tier I, they have been conducting lesson modeling, co-teaching and providing support to the teachers. They have been focusing on the learning walks at the different campuses by resetting them and providing feedback to the teachers. During the walks, they provide feedback to the teachers, after the walk they focus on the feedback, send a thank note to the teachers, provide a learning walk recap, and have come up with a data dashboard for the learning walks. At the next meeting, she will be covering the district and campus improvement plans, targeted improvement plans, and beginning-of-the-year data (MCLASS, CIRCLE, and first six weeks).

9B

#### PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Melissa Chavez presented the School Health Advisory Council 2023-2024 Annual Report to the Board. She reported “that the mission of the SHAC Council is to foster exceptional family resources, health care, education, and well-being of the school district’s students, staff, and community.” The vision of the SHAC Council was to encourage and educate the students, staff, and community to improve and maintain health, nutrition, and wellness. She shared a list of the 2023-2024 SHAC members, the eight components of the whole school, the whole community, the whole child model, the four SHAC meeting dates, speakers/events, and RISD SHAC Goals. Also, she reviewed the TEC requirements and stated that the presentation was developed by

the RISD SHAC committee with the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas School Health Advisory Committee.

9C

#### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Coach Perry reported that they had made the following changes to Seale Junior High School: 1) The athletes are not being transferred to the high school for practice any longer. The transition could have not been done without the the assistance of the administration, 2) They are practicing at Seale and they always have not less than six coaches helping out with practice, 3) The junior high school will have its first game tomorrow night starting at 5:00 p.m. At the high school, the transition to the Carrillo gym was very smooth and they are still waiting on the weight room and the protection for the gym floor. The enrollment at the high school has gone up for athletics this school year. Dr. Marc Puig announced that they will be having a Fan Appreciation Night at the next home football game because of the inconvenience that all the fans went through the previous Friday night. Several activities have been scheduled for that night.

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#### SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Filiberto Tagle reported that all of the campuses have a uniformed officer on site and the officers are rotated so that they can get to know all of the campuses. They are still trying to get all of the cars ready. They have two CTE Law Enforcement classes at the junior high school and RECHS. They are monitoring the drop-off and pick-up of students at the campuses and making adjustments as needed. The police officers help with the law enforcement classes. The officers are scheduled to have training next week.

9E

#### M & O UPDATE

Ron Lawver reported that the mats for the weight room should be arriving on Tuesday and installed on Wednesday. The painting project has been completed at the parking lot except for two islands that still need to be painted. The landscaping is still not completed. The lights will be shipped on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the striping should be completed by tomorrow on the parking lot. The arch was installed on Friday and it needed to be painted. The HVAC is a continuous project still in the works, every campus has been worked on, they should complete Seale this weekend, and then move on to Lotspeich and San Pedro. The third bus has arrived and maintenance has been completed on the existing school buses. They have started to look into other options for gas for the school district's vehicles. One of the options would be to go with Shell in Robstown. Since they have already received their new budget they are excited to start working on new projects.

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#### RISD DONATIONS

Dr. Marc Puig announced that the following companies had donated to the School district: 1) Larry's BBQ & Catering – They will provide meals to the high school throughout the year, 2) Freedom Fitness will provide discounts to RISD employees, 3) Modern Pharmacy will donate \$200 every six weeks to the school district, 4) Cross Country Parent Volunteers donated \$2500 to Cross Country,

5) Jeffrey Ramon donated \$125 to Seale Jr. High School for the weevil mascot, 6) Cezar Martinez donated \$100 for the weevil mascot, 7) Mike Pusley donated \$150 for the weevil mascot, and 8) Textron donated \$500 to the RECHS Robotics Program. HEB provided a cake and water for the event going on at the high school this evening. Also, TESLA paid for one hundred and seventy-five senior caps and gowns.

9G LIST OF BILLS

9H FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Dr. Marc Puig presented the List of Bills and Financial Statements to the Board for any questions that they might have. He reported that the school district had already transferred \$3,778,729.32 from the Fund Balance for the 2023-2024 school year. The transfers went to pay for the following items: Stadium Parking Lot, New Buses, Police Department Autos, Seale Painting, Administrative Legal Fees, Services & Travel, Paxton CTE Lab, Ortiz Debris Removal/Deep Cleaning, Athletics/Band, RDE Roof Repairs, Seale Backflow Project, Police Department Auto Equipment, Police Department Computers, and Police Department Uniforms.

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

10A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DELO MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #7491 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – (Not present during the motion)

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:03 p.m.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS

11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Superintendent's Goals as presented. He reported that all of the goals were created through conversations that he had with each board member. He put them together based on those conversations, and the goals were pretty robust. The first goal was Student Achievement, the second goal was on Capacity Building and Effective Leadership, the third goal was on Culture, Climate, and Safety, and the fourth goal was on District Operations and Financial Stewardship. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7492 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to table this item until a special board meeting could be held.

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

Motion carried      Yes – 6      No - 0      Absent – 0  
8:09 p.m.

11B      DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTS FOR EARLY GRADUATION FROM ROBSTOWN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that from time to time they have students that need to graduate early. The administration will involve the principal and counselors to make sure that it is in the best interest of the student. Currently, they have five students who have been approved. After discussion, he recommended allowing them to take advantage of graduating early because of their circumstances. Some students were over aged students and some were going to be mothers. These students would graduate with an endorsement meeting the twenty-four credit limit and some have exceeded those hours.

Motion #7493 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the requests for early graduation from the Robstown Early College High School.

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

Motion carried      Yes – 6      No - 0      Absent – 0  
8:13 p.m.

**12.0      CLOSED SESSION - SECTIONS 551.074**

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

Motion #7494 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.074.

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

Motion carried      Yes – 6      No - 0      Absent – 0  
8:14 p.m.

Trustee Larry Cantu excused himself from the Board meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Motion #7495 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to reconvene from the executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
9:17 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 announced that there was no personnel list to approve at this time.

**14.0** **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7496 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
9:17 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
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: There were no visitors that signed in.

**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**

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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**

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**5.0** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the audience.

**6.0** **ACTION ITEMS**

**6A** **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S GOALS**

Dr. Marc Puig presented the Superintendent's Goals to the Board for their review and approval. He reported that the Superintendent’s Goals contained the following four key priorities: 1) Student Achievement, 2) Capacity Building & Effective Leadership, 3) Culture, Climate & Safety, and 4) District Operations & Fiscal Stewardship. He reviewed each of the goal's objectives, how the goals were measured, how the goals were targeted, and the goal's initiatives. After discussion, the Board made some revisions to the Superintendent’s Goals.

Motion #7497 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent’s recommendation with the changes made.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:14 p.m.

**7.0** **CLOSED SESSION - SECTIONS 551.074**

**7A** **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES**

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into the executive session.

Motion #7498 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos

to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.074.

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

Motion carried      Yes – 5      No - 0      Absent – 1  
7:14 p.m.

Motion #7499 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 – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried      Yes – 5      No - 0      Absent – 1  
8:25 p.m.

**8.0      OPEN SESSION**

8A      DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS,  
EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS,  
DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES  
Dr. Marc Puig announced that there was no personnel list at this time.

**9.0      ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7500 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried      Yes – 5      No - 0      Absent – 1  
8:25 p.m.

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