

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 30, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Richard Gonzalez Lorena Ceballos Tessie Ledezma Eric Gallegos
Ruben M. Sanchez Lisa Persyn Ernesto Gallegos Kystal Gallegos
Amy Resendez Elizabeth Malone Laura Cueva Rachel Flores
Hector Gomez Chris Bentley Lora Garcia Maribel Trevino
Regina Hunt Belinda Alaniz Vanessa Gomez Jeremy Esparza
Rachel Medrano Bobbie Salinas Roxanna Ybarra Cecilia Ocanas
Destiny Franco Karina Ybarra Sonya Tobias Jordan Lopez
Jesse Vasquez Greg Gomez Amylynn Olguin Adian Espinoza
Stephanie Tijerina Yvette Curry Danny Curry Jennifer Martinez
Johanna Rodriguez Abel De La Rosa Edwin Aguilar Nathaniel Robles
Jazlyn Trevino Viviana Flores Gloria Garza Sonja V. Garza
Dominic Nunez Benjamin Oyerverider Starr Cueva Norma De Leon
Adan Botello Belinda Trevino Alexzander Trevino Rob De Luna
John Hernandez Nadia Paredez Pam Kwiatkowski Anisa Chavera
Veronica De Luna David Hernandez

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, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

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 Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a prayer. President Lori Ann Garza asked everyone to keep the Gonzalez family in their prayers.

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 – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Trustee Bertha Roldan read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S CELEBRATION(S)

6A PROUD YOUR’RE A PICKER AWARD

Tessie Ledesma introduced the following two recipients of the Proud You’re a Picker Award: 1) Bellarina Flores, Robstown Early College High School, and 2) Maria Ramon, Robstown Early College High School.

6B TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Diana Silvas reported that every school year the school district recognizes and rewards teachers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching. She recognized the following teachers for the 2021-2022 Campus Teacher of the Year: Ruben Sanchez, Lotspeich Elementary School; Donna Sewell, San Pedro Elementary School; Gloria Garza, Robert Driscoll Elementary School; Erik Gallegos, Seale Junior High School; and Yvette Ortiz-Curry, RECHS. Also, she recognized Ruben Sanchez as the winner of the District Elementary Teacher of the Year and Erik Gallegos as the winner of the District Secondary Teacher of the Year. Ruben Sanchez and Erik Gallegos will be advancing to compete at the Education Service Center Region II.

- 6C RECHS SEALE JR. HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR RECOGNITIONS
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that this item will be presented at the next board meeting.
- 6D RECHS BAND ACHIEVEMENTS
Charlie Cabrera reported that on February 24, 2022, they had the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, and twenty-two students qualified for state. They had 107 participants at UIL Solo and Ensemble Contests and fifty-nine events. Out of the fifty-six events, they earned a first place division, two events earned a second place division and one event earned a third place division. They had a total of eighteen gold solo medals, eighteen silver solo medals, and nine bronze solo medals, thirty-four gold ensemble medals, seven silver medals, and eight bronze medals. He recognized each of the students present that qualified for state. He recognized the Mariachi Sol Rojo for qualifying for state seven years in a row and Miguel Calderon for being a two-time winner as TMDA High School Male Vocalist in 2020 and 2022. David Hoffstedder recognized the students present that participated in the 2022 Red Star Indoor Drumline. The drumline was two times WGI Finalists, 2018 TECA State Champion, 2022 TECA Finalists, and 2022 TECA, 1st place at Jourdanton HS, 1st place at Harlan High School, and 2nd place at Wagner High School.
- 6E BOY'S AND GIRL'S BASKETBALL
Jeremiah Espinoza recognized the following boy's basketball post season recognitions as follows: 1) Jesse Resendez, Offensive MVP, All-Academic, and most three pointers in career history – 178, 2) Joel Paredez, 2nd Team All-District and All-Academic, 3) Aidan Espinoza, All-Academic, and 4) David Aldaco, All-Academic. Chris Bentley recognized the girls that were present that made the 1st Teal All-District, 2nd Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-District, Academic All-District, Honorable Mention, and Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State 2nd Team and Honorable Mention.
- 6F BOY'S AND GIRL'S POWERLIFTING
Jennifer Martinez recognized the boy's and girls powerlifting that qualified for regionals. Deandre Holmes recognized Mark Pena for placing 2nd at regionals and 3rd place at state. He also recognized the State Qualifiers and State Champions: Ananda Lopez, Iliana Cortinas, and Jozannah Rodriguez. The girl's powerlifting team won the 2022 4A Division 2 THSPA Team State Champions.
- 6G ONE ACT PLAY
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that this item will be presented at the next regular board meeting.
- 6H DALE CARNEGIE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – RIGOBERTO ROSALES
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that this item will be presented at the next regular board meeting.
- 7.0 **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**
7A SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the Commissioner's Court had approved to fix the roof, windows, and restrooms at the Agricultural Barn. He presented a picture of the band hall ventilation system repairs and the tiles that were replaced. The students will be benchmarking this week and next week.

7B

SUPERINTENDENT SCORE CARD REPORT

Dr. Jose Moreno presented the Superintendent Score Card report to the Board. He informed the Board that the administration had created a new format for the report and it included the following: Projected and actual enrollment, attendance percentage by six weeks, attendance letter count, discipline referrals for elementary and secondary, total students served, referral types, campus referral type, and the number of student truancy filings. By the next board meeting, they should have an update of where they are at academically.

7C

DISCUSS THE FINAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF ROBSTOWN REGARDING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT CASA BLANCA-RBST 1.2 ACS OUT OF E POR BLK 2A (PARK) AND GRIFFEN W R – ROBSTOWN BLK 6 LOT 9 ETAL, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BEATRIZ TAGLE PARK OR "TURTLE PARK"

Dr. Jose Moreno informed the board members that it has taken a while to get the final MOU because of some technical issues; however, they worked in unison with the city to finalize it. He informed the Board that they had worked everything out, and the MOU was for fifty years. The copy in their board packet was the final MOU.

7D

ROBOTICS PRESENTATION

Rachel Medrano presented an update on the status of the school district's Robotics. Since Robert Driscoll was going to be a STEM Academy School they would have Sphero Indi Robotics from Pk-2nd Grade, and from 3rd grade to 5th grade, they will have Sphero Bolt Robotics. A training will be held on April 30, 2022, to go over the basics so that teachers will be to use the robots in their classrooms for the rest of the school year. She reviewed the goals for Robert Driscoll and Seale Jr. High School. Seale Junior High School will have the Sphero Bolt and the VEX IQ robots. The high school will also have robotics, and they have received 5 VEX V5 New Team Grants offered by the Texas Workforce Commission, they have received a TWC Field Monitor and VEXnet Field Controller Kit grant, and received a TWC RET Specialist Grant. Marietta Saenz will be the sponsor of the Robotics Club at RECHS. She reviewed the STEM Challenges, RECHS Robotics, and goals. The school district will be hosting a local competition on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the RECHS gym. The school board members were able to interact with the various robots for several minutes at the meeting.

7E

FOOD SERVICE UPDATE

Chris Teager presented an up-to-date report to the Board on the Food Service Department. He reported that they had new food service staff at San Pedro Elementary School, Lotspiech Elementary School, Robstown Early College High School, and a new district chef. A Food Service Department competition was held

and San Pedro Elementary School was the winner. The culinary class held a Salsa competition, and the students voted the Salseros as the winners. The roving chef is ongoing, and they worked on preparing Calzones. They will soon start serving barbecue at Robstown Early High School, a farmers' market, a taste testing of a brand new recipe (Birra Tacos), and roving chefs. He reviewed a comparison between the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 revenues and expenditures. For the the 2020-2021 school year, they were in the red a total of \$270,736 compared to this school year of \$293,360.00. For next school year, they will not be offering summer options, an increase to costs to FSMC, and raises could cause a significant increase in expenditures. Mrs. Vanessa Riggs reported that for the next school year they will be receiving \$3.68 per meal instead of \$4.68 per meal. For breakfast, they will be receiving less revenue and the cut will affect the school district's revenues. The RFP's were due on March 24th, 2022, and they received four proposals. A winner has been selected and the next step is to forward the information to TDA for review.

7F

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

Vanessa Riggs reported that Governor Abbott had announced that the ADA would be adjusted for the 2021-2022 school year. The school district will see a significant increase in the attendance percentage during the four-six weeks because of the adjustment. She has already received the appraisal for all nine properties. The next process is to do a title search, and they have found a title company to do the title search. As soon as the title company does the search, they will move on to the next step. She would like to have a special called board meeting on April 7, 2022, to approve the welding equipment. The administration is looking into purchasing two vans and two trucks for the cafeteria and maintenance departments.

7G

BUDGET UPDATE

Vanessa Riggs reported that the campus budgets and special requests were due to the Business Office on April 14, 2022. She reviewed the budget preparation with the Board, the utility budgets for each campus, and the extra duty pay. The extra duty pay must be approved by the principal and deputy superintendent and must be included as a line item in the campus budget. She explained the maintenance, major repairs or renovations, budget entry worksheet, budget submittal, and transportation costs. She recommended changing the meal rate from \$30 to \$42 per day, the hotel reimbursement to \$130 for single occupant and \$140 for double occupant, and the mileage rate at .58 per mile. She also recommended changing the student travel for breakfast from \$7.00 to \$8.00, the lunch from \$9.00 to \$10.00, and dinner from \$10 to \$12. Also, she reviewed the account code structure, campus budget allocations, base funding, physical education, libraries allocations, gifted and talented, special education, bilingual/ESL, at-risk/state comp, CCMR, title funds, and the spending percentage requirements with the Board.

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended moving item 10E – Discuss and Consider Approval of Purchase Orders exceeding \$50,000 for Band Equipment up before the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion #6911 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:32 p.m.

10E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR BAND EQUIPMENT
Vanessa Riggs recommended approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for band equipment. She reported that Mr. Cabrera had been awarded \$63,000 from ESSER III funds for band and mariachi needs, and he was requesting to purchase \$57,500 for band equipment from Melhart Media Center. The purchase included four clarinets, two alto saxophones, one tenor saxophone, one barisax, six trombones, and four french horns. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the purchase order to Melhart Music Center in the amount of \$57,500.00.

Motion #6912 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:36 p.m.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8B APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS #7 – #15

8C APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

8D APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the following consent agenda items: Minutes, Budget Amendments #7 through #15, list of bills, and financial statement as listed on the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion #6913 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:37 p.m.

Consultants: First Public (Lone Star) Investment Pool, TexPool, Wells Fargo, Texas Term, and Texas Class as presented.

Motion #6916 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:43 p.m.

10C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DISTRICT'S AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT OFFICERS
Vanessa Riggs recommended approving a resolution designating the district's authorized investment officers as follows: Dr. Jose Moreno as the Chief Financial Officer and Norma Quintanilla as the Accounting Officer to act as investment officers for the school district, performing all required investment-related duties while employed in these positions. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving a resolution designating the district's authorized investment officers as presented.

Motion #6917 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:44 p.m.

10D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT (PFIA) TRAINING PROVIDERS
Vanessa Riggs reported that the Public Funds Investment Act requires the Investment Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the appointed designees to attend investment training sessions not less than once in a two-year period and receive not less than ten hours of instruction relating to investment responsibilities from an independent source approved by the governing body of the local government as provided in the investment policy of the local government. The school district employees currently attend the training at the Education Service Center Region II. The Board of Trustees needs to approve the following training providers for PFIA training for the school district's investment officers: TASB, TASBO, TAAO, GTOT, GFOAT, and Texas State University and Virtual Learning Concept. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the PFIA training providers as presented in accordance with board policy and Texas Government Code as presented.

Motion #6918 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:46 p.m.

10F DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASB RISK MANAGEMENT FUND INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
Vanessa Riggs reported that the TASB Risk Management Fund Interlocal Participation Agreement handles the school district's unemployment. This agreement is recommended for approval every 20 years. It allows school districts to purchase unemployment compensation coverage without having to go out for proposals for the same coverage. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the TASB Risk Management Fund Interlocal Participation Agreement as presented.

Motion #6919 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:50 p.m.

11.0 **INSTRUCTION**
11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REMOTE HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION WAIVER
Diana Silvas presented the Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver to the Board. She reported that this waiver was for counting students in attendance for FSP funding purposes, including weighted funding purposes, provided that several requirements are met. After discussion, Dr Jose Moreno recommended approving the Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver as presented.

Motion #6920 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:54 p.m.

