

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 13, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President (Video Conference)
Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Hector Lopez, Trustee

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

VISITORS: Lisa Persyn Christian Deleon Vanessa Alonso
Anisa Chavera Tessie Ledesma Pam Kwiatkowski
Erika Ramon Marilyn Saucedo Margie Villarreal
Melissa Chavez Laura Cueva Maribel Trevino
Carlos Elizondo Richard Gonzalez Lorena Ceballos
Ricardo Bosquez Joel Garza

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., Vice-President Larry Cantu 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, Ismael Gonzalez – Present, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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**

Vice-President Larry Cantu asked for a moment of silence for one of the school district's students that passed away last night. Their condolences and heart went out to the family. Trustee Bertha Roldan led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

Vice-President Larry Cantu 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 Bobby Marroquin read the following mission statement: "Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow."

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ricardo Bosquez expressed his concerns in reference to what happened in Uvalde. He urged the Board to coordinate with the City of Robstown to have a safety program in place. Joel Garza expressed his concern in reference to sex education for students in grades K-8th. He felt that parents should be having these conversations with students that young. He would prefer that it would not be passed at all.

For the record, at 6:14 p.m., Trustee Cezar Martinez was present for the meeting.

6.0 **SUPERINTENDENT'S CELEBRATION(S)**

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

Tessie Ledesma recognized Vanessa Alonso, a teacher at San Pedro Elementary School, for being the recipient of the Proud You're a Picker Award.

6B **RECHS BAND STUDENT(S)**

Miguel Cabrera recognized the students that earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd division at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contests. The students are judged by college professors. He also recognized Sonia Tobias, a freshman at RECHS, for receiving a special award for the soloist that are at the highest level (outstanding performer). She received a letter of congratulations and a gold medal from UIL. On Monday, June 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., a ceremony will be held so that she can perform her music.

7.0 **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

7A **RISD SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

Melissa Chavez presented the RISD School Health Advisory Council 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Board. She reported that the SHAC was very successful this

school year and that it was a group of people representing segments of the community and school district whose purpose was to advise the school district on coordinated school health (CSH) programming and its impact on student health and learning. She reviewed the following with the Board: SHAC members, state legislated SHAC requirements, 87th Legislative Session-Regular Session HB 1525, 87th Legislative Session-2nd Special Session SB 9, and 2020-2021 meeting dates. She informed the Board that all Texas Schools are required by law to implement a Coordinated School Health program in grades K-8. After reviewing the three TEA-approved Coordinated School Health Programs, the council recommended going with the CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health). The SHAC information can be found on the school district's website (robstownisd.org) by going to the Departments, Health Services, and then the School Health Advisory Council Services. She introduced Dr. Eric Baggerman, MD, who has been very instrumental in consulting the school district on health issues.

7B 2022 SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – JUNE 15-18, 2022, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Dr. Jose Moreno reminded the board members about the 2022 Summer Leadership Institute coming up on June 15-18, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas.

7C BUDGET/COMPENSATION UPDATE

Vanessa Riggs reported that, at the last board meeting, they went ahead and approved the TASB Compensation Plan. Since then, they have received a new spreadsheet from TASB where everyone's pay, and salary should be at. The administration will review the spreadsheet to verify that everything has been calculated correctly and adjusted accordingly. The manual trade salaries have already been finished, and they will start inputting the information into Skyward. The next step is to start coding the positions. Since the school district has a deficit budget, they are going to use some of the ESSER funds to help with the deficit. They will be using federal funds as much as possible and some teachers will be split-funded between the ESSER funds and the general funds. In July, she will present another update on this item, and she still has not received the certified property values.

7D FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

Delma Salinas reported that it was now required to inform the Board before they applied for any federal grants. She reported that she would be applying for the ESSA Consolidated Federal Grant Application and within that grant, it had the following three programs to apply for: 1) Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Program Orientation for \$1,917,758, 2) Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting for \$225,6071, and 3) Title IV, Part A – Student Support & Academic Enrichment for \$118,591. Pam Kwiatkowski informed the Board that she would be applying for all special education students in the amount of \$627,630 and also to IDEA in the amount of \$16,399.00.

7E SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMP PRESENTATION

Cage Perry reported that the numbers this school year have doubled compared to

last school year. They are serving around 115 to 120 athletes per day. The program is generally a strength and conditioning program for six weeks to help everyone to get better. He has around fourteen coaches volunteering, plus the trainer. This school year, he added the students in grades 5th, 6th, and 7th grade. These students do speed and agility training from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., followed by sports specific from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The students from 8th grade to 12th grade will work in the weight room from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., and then they will work on a specific sport depending on the sport for the week. They will take off the week of July 4th and return for two more weeks. The students are working hard, the trainer is available, and they have water stations available. The students are receiving the best that they have to offer.

7F CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the batting cages were completed at both the baseball and softball fields. The auction went really well. The locker room has been closed with cinder blocks at the welding lab and it will be used as a locker room with lockers on both sides. He reviewed pictures of the welding lab, new Vet-Tech program that will be taking place starting next school year at RECHS, and pictures of the restrooms at the band hall. The contractors have started on the restrooms for the boys and girls at the band hall. He is having weekly meetings every Tuesday on the school district's projects with the architect and contractors. Next month, he will report at where they are at.

7G RISD SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Dr. Jose Moreno reviewed a Safe and Secure School program with the Board. He reported that the program was in the following three tiers: 1) First Responder Partnership, 2) Emergency Response Protocols, and 3) Student Wellness Framework. He reviewed each of the initiatives under each of the tiers and stated that the district's safety coordinator, city police, fire department, EMS department, and First Responder Raptor Connect will be a part of the school district's first responders. Safety audits will be conducted once a year and every single campus will have the Raptor Connect program installed. The camera systems are being updated at this time.

7H NATIONAL GUARD – ORTIZ INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Dr. Jose Moreno informed the Board that he had been contacted by Nueces County asking for permission to allow the National Guard to use Ortiz Intermediate School for services for the community. The National Guard is going through different areas in the state, providing medical services to the community. He went ahead and approved it for the school district's community.

Motion #6969 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to move item number 11F - Presentation of 2022 Preliminary STAAR Results up.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:17 p.m.

11F PRESENTATION OF 2022 PRELIMINARY STAAR RESULTS
Lorena Ceballos presented the 2022 Preliminary STAAR results to the Board. She reported that the results were preliminary data. She reviewed the did not meet, approaches, meet, and masters for all subjects, Reading-Grades 3- English II, Math-Grades 3 – Algebra, Science-5th, 8th, & Biology, and Social Studies- 8th & U.S. History. For the preliminary district scores, she reviewed by content and grade levels, she reviewed the 3rd-Grade Reading, Math, 4th-Grade Reading, Math, 5th-Grade Reading and Math, and 5th-Grade Science for the elementary schools. Also, she reviewed the Spring 2021 preliminary STAAR scores for 6th to 8th Grade in Reading, Math, 8th-Grade Algebra I, 8th-Grade Science, 8th-Grade Social Studies, RECHS English I, English II, Algebra I, RECHS Biology, US History, and Salazar Crossroads Academy. She reviewed how the school district has been progressing over the last four years. Also, she shared with the Board a 2022 Preliminary STAAR and EOC scores for all grades by subject highlighting if the scores were the same or better, if the scores were five percentage points of 2021 scores, and if the scores were six percentage points or more from the 2021 scores.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8A APPROVAL OF ADVANCED CLASSES IDENTIFICATION NO PASS, NO PLAY EXEMPTION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

8B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8C APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT(S) #22, #23, & #24

8D LIST OF BILLS

8E FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #6970 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:31 p.m.

9.0 GOVERNANCE

9A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF POLICY DCE (LOCAL)
Vice-President Larry Cantu informed the Board that this policy has already

been presented to the Board for review and approval; however, they asked the administration to get further clarification from TASB on this policy. Diana Silvas has contacted TASB, and TASB recommended to add Policy DCE (LOCAL) as presented. Vice-President Cantu asked for a motion on this item:

Motion #6971 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the addition of policy DCE (LOCAL).

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:32 p.m.

9B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE FOR THE RENAMING OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT’S FACILITY ACCORDING TO LOCAL POLICY CW
Dr. Jose Moreno informed the Board that by approving this policy it was giving him the approval to proceed with this item. The buildings that would be considered would be the athletic facility and the main gym at the high school. The approval would permit him to continue taking the next step on CW (LOCAL). After discussion, the following motions were made:

Motion #6972 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee I. Gonzalez to table this item.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – No, C. Martinez – No, B. Marroquin – No, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion did Yes – 2 No - 3 Absent – 2
not carry
7:39 p.m.

Motion #6973 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the appointment of a committee for the renaming of the district’s facilities according to local policy CW.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – No, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – No

Motion carried Yes – 3 No - 2 Absent – 2
7:40 p.m.

10.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

10A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RFP#22-0003 FOR FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTRACT FOR SERVICES DURING THE

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, WITH OPTIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE EACH YEAR
Vanessa Riggs reported that last school year through an emergency procurement process, the district was able to hire Southwest Food Service Excellence; however, it was for only one year. After one year, TDA asked them to go through the formal process. She announced that they have gone through the entire process and the RFP has been approved by TDA. The RFP was published in the Caller-Times on February 9th and 16th. The school district held a pre-proposal meeting on March 2, 2022, and allowed any interested vendors the opportunity to visit two of the school district's cafeterias. On March 23, 2022, the school district received the following four proposals: 1) Aramark, 2) Sodexo, 3) Southwest Food Service Excellence (SFE), and 4) Taher. A committee of the superintendent and campus principals reviewed the proposals and determined that the most responsible and responsive vendor was Southwest Food Service Excellence. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6974 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee I. Gonzalez to award the RFP #22-0003 proposal to Southwest Food Service Excellence with the option to renew the contract for four (4) additional terms of one each year.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Not present during motion, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:43 p.m.

10B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY, BCBA/ABA, LSSP, ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY AND DIAGNOSTICIAN
Vanessa Riggs reported that last school year, the school district requested proposals for special education services for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, with the option to extend the agreement for up to four fiscal years through August 31, 2026. The companies are providing great service, and she was recommending renewing the following companies for one more year: Physical Therapy-Accelerate Contract Therapy, Occupational Therapy–Helping Hands, Speech Therapy – The Presence Learning, BCBA/ABA–Therapy Connections, LSSP- Dubois Psychological Clinic and Trinity Educational Services, Orientation and Mobility – Irma Cantu, and Diagnostician–Julianne Alegria. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6975 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to renew the contracts as presented by Vanessa Riggs.

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

Reproductive and Sexual Health Supplemental Materials as recommended by the SHAC Committee. The recommendation was to cover the TEKS as required by the Texas Education Code. The material can be found on the school district's website.

Motion #6978 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the CATCH K-8 and G-W Publishers for Health Textbook in Grades 9-12.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – No, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – No

Motion carried Yes – 3 No – 2 Absent – 2
8:01 p.m.

President Lori Garza joined the meeting on video conferencing at around 8:02 p.m.

11D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF G-W PUBLISHERS FOR HEALTH IN GRADES 9-12.

Lorena Ceballos requested the Board's approval of G-W Publishers for Health in Grades 9-12. This item was also to comply with the TEKS Health Textbooks. At the high school, Health is being offered as an elective and not all students take the course; however, since they offer the course, they must have the textbooks available. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6979 A motion was made by Trustee I. Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the G-W Publishers for Health Textbook in Grades 9-12.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 1
8:03 p.m.

11E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Diana Silvas informed the Board that the 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct had no changes because the legislature was not in session. The student code of conduct was the same as last school year. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6980 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented.

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

Motion did not carry 8:50 p.m. Yes – 2 No - 4 Absent – 1

Motion #6984 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Garza to approve all resignations, along with other reassignments and appointments.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Abstained, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – No

Motion carried 8:55 p.m. Yes – 4 No - 1 Abstained - 1 Absent – 1

13B DISCUSSION ON THE RECOMMENDATION FOR PRINCIPAL POSITION
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving Adan Botello as the new principal at Robert Driscoll Elementary School.

Motion #6985 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 – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried 8:56 p.m. Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1

13C DISCUSSION ON THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES AND INNOVATION POSITION
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving Adriana Tagle as the new Director of Instructional Initiatives and Innovation Position.

Motion #6986 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 – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried 9:57 p.m. Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6987 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to adjourn the meeting.

