

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

BOARD WORKSHOP OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 5, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Larry Cantu, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee  
Yvette Villalobos

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All board members were present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS: Ron Wheaton Ron Lawver

**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, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present, and Yvette Villalobos - Present

Present – 7

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.”

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Trustee Yvette Villalobos 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.”

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

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**BOARD WORKSHOP**

6A

**RISD FACILITY PLANNING**

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that they would receive Tier III training credit by using his Texas Education Training certificate for this workshop. He reported that they needed to solve the problem at the high school athletic facility. They will discuss the main problem with the athletic facility, what it looks like, and discuss a couple of solutions. They will look at costs for repairing/rebuilding it or building a brand new one. Ron Wheaton reported that the building had a lot of cracks on the floor and walls. Some of the cracks were large enough to see through them. The building had a lot of structural failures. The drawings showed that there were no reinforcements and they did not align up at all. He explained how the rebar had not been added for the building to be structurally sound. The drawings also did not show any rebar required or vertical joints. The worst damage was in the area of the boy's and girl's locker rooms and where the double doors were at. The center of the building was depressing by four inches, the pipes under the building were broken, and water was running into the coach's office. They also discovered that there was no reinforcement on the top of the doors. The solution to the problem would be to either repair/renovate for around \$6,000,000 or to build a new one for around \$8,000,000. They still had a lot of investigation to do to come up with an accurate amount for repairs/renovations or build a new one. Ron Lawver reported that the Carrillo gym had been transformed into an athletic facility at this time. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig announced that a meeting would be held on December 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., to visit the athletic facility.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7539 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried      Yes – 7      No - 0      Absent – 0  
7:10 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 12/05/24).

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 9, 2024  
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Larry Cantu, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee  
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All board members were present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent  
Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent  
Adriana Tagle, Assistant Superintendent

VISITORS:	Rachel Medrano	Melissa Mendez	Ruben Sanchez
	Rosario Hernandez	Lisa Spivery	Holly Bockholt
	Sandra Blanton	Anisa Chavez	Antonio Gonzalez
	Jaime Velasco	Candace Ramirez	Jessica Garcia
	Katrina Alejandro	Rusty Miller	Gage Perry

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**5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

**6.0 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion #7540 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to open the Public Hearing.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
6:02 p.m.

**7.0 PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FIRST (FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS) RATING**

Dr. Marc Puig presented the RISD Financial Integrity Rating System to the Board (FIRST). He reported that the primary goal of the audit is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district’s financial resources. He reviewed the scores for each one of the twenty-one indicators that the school district is rated on. The school district received an A-Superior rating and the school district can still get better because their score was a 94. The last part of the report is that the superintendent’s contract has to be published on the school district’s website and it is. They have to report reimbursements by the superintendent and board members. Also,

the outside compensation received by the superintendent is zero, and the executive officers and board members also had zero for gifts. He shared a list of major expenditures and pending major project expenses about being strategic with the school district's funds. The completed major projects are as follows: Stadium Parking Lot, new school buses, police vehicles, Seale painting, Picker Paths Program at Seale, Ortiz facelift, transportation lot, athletics/band resources, police equipment, police uniforms, and computer equipment, Seale backflow project, emergency panels, IT communication projects, and districtwide roof replacements. The total amount for the major projects completed was \$7,705,000. The pending major projects are: RECHS Field House, Districtwide Camera Solutions, Seale Gym, Campus Marquees, devices/technology, and campus fencing. The total for the pending major projects will be between \$6,775,000 to \$10,025,000. Dr. Puig opened the floor for any questions that board members and the audience might have about the Hearing.

**8.0** **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion #7541 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to reconvene back to the regular board meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
6:31 p.m.

**9.0** **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:**

9A EKG TECHNICIANS

9B SEALE JR. HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS

Katrina Alejandro announced that items 9A and 9B would be presented at the next regular board meeting.

9C PROUD YOU'RE A PICKER AWARD

Katrina Alejandro announced that Jessica Garcia, Special Education Inclusion Teacher, at Lotspeich Leadership Academy, was nominated for the Proud You're a Picker Award. Jessica exemplified the core values of service in her unwavering dedication to her colleagues and students. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that the student's needs are met.

9D LIFE SAVER AWARD

Katrina Alejandro announced that Candance Ramirez, Robert Driscoll Stem Academy was the recipient of the Life Saver Award. Candance performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a student who was choking on a quarter. Her quick actions ensured the student's safety.

**10.0** **MADAM PRESIDENT REMARKS:**

10A WELCOME NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES: LARRY CANTU AND YVETTE

## VILLALOBOS

President Lori Ann Garza welcomed the new board members: Larry Cantu and Yvette Villalobos to the Board.

- 10B WINTER GOVERNANCE CAMP – GALVESTON, TEXAS – MARCH 5-8, 2024  
President Lori Ann Garza announced that in the midst of saving money, the board members would not be attending the Winter Governance Camp in Galveston, Texas on March 5-8, 2024.
- 10C FACILITY LUNCH WALKTHROUGH – DECEMBER 19, 2024, 12:00 PM  
President Lori Ann Garza announced that on December 19, 2024, at noon they will be having a walkthrough of the school district's field house. An agenda will be posted for this item.
- 10D TEAM OF EIGHT WORKSHOP – DECEMBER 19, 2024, 6:00 PM  
(FACILITATED BY JUAN CRUZ AND ASSOCIATES)  
President Lori Ann Garza announced that a Team of Eight Workshop has been scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- 11.0** **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:**
- 11A SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE  
Dr. Marc Puig reported that they held their first Town Hall meeting on December 3, 2024, and the next one has been scheduled for December 18, 2024. The location will be announced at a later date. The administration has been collaborating with the RISD Education Foundation to create and align a strategic plan with Robstown ISD priorities. They have two more sessions to go. Tesla has invited community members and business representatives to their SPOD Day on December 12, 2024, at the Tesla Gulf Coast Lithium Refinery. As of today, the attendance rate was at 2579 and the attendance percentage was at 91.5%.
- 11B CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 23, 2024 – JANUARY 3, 2025  
Dr. Marc Puig announced that the school district will have a complete shutdown for the Christmas Holidays starting on December 23, 2024, through January 3, 2025.
- 11C BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH – JANUARY 2025  
Dr. Marc Puig announced that January was school board recognition month. The board will be celebrated at the next board meeting in January.
- 12.0** **PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
- 12A RISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT  
Tony Gonzalez presented the RISD Education Foundation Annual Report for the 2023-2024 school year. He reported that with the help of the RISD administration, they have started working on a strategic plan. The foundation's current account balance is at \$108,225, the operating budget for the year was \$71,000, and the current endowment was at \$51,324. From 2018 to 2024, the foundation has awarded a total

of \$230,327.39 to programs which include \$189,127.31 in teacher grants, and \$41,200 for scholarships. The foundation is working diligently to increase funding opportunities that will enable to support the teachers and students across the district. On October 8, 2024, they awarded ten teacher grants for a total of \$30,418.41, they awarded three scholarships of \$1500 to RISD employees who are pursuing higher education, and they also awarded \$50 to brand new teachers. They held a total of two fundraisers and the net profit for the banquet was \$32,328.00 and the golf tournament made \$15,769.00.

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#### ACADEMIC UPDATE/TIA UPDATE

Joshua Garcia reviewed the Academic Update/TIA Update with the Board. He reported that in December they will have the STAAR EOC retests in English I, English II, Algebra, Biology, and US History. They will also have the STAAR Interim Testing for Reading-3-8 and Math 3-8. In January, they will test the K-5 mClass MOY/Dyslexia Screener and PK Circle Assessment, in February they will test STAAR Interim/Benchmark testing in Biology, Algebra, English I and II, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, Reading 3-8, Math 3-8, and Science 5 & 8. In March they will have the TELPAS Testing for grades K-12 in Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and STAAR ALT 2 3-EOC. In April, they will test the Reading in grades 3-5 and 6-8, Science (5-8) and Social Studies (5-8), Math (3-5) Math (6-8), and Algebra I EOC. In May they will test K-5 mClass EOY, PK Circle Assessment, and in June EOC retests in English I, English II, Algebra, Biology, and US History.

Lisa Spivey reported that over the past four years, the number of students enrolled in dual credit has grown a lot. They have about thirteen face-to-face professors who teach courses that are offered at the high school; however, they still have students who take online courses. The face-to-face instruction helps the students understand how college works. In the fall of 2023, they had 319 college courses taken, in the Spring of 2024, they had 269 college courses taken, and in the summer of 2024, they had 106 college courses taken. Overall, the students did well, and they did have some students that did not pass. She informed the Board that they would be phasing out the Early College High School and phasing in the P-Tech Early College without having to change the name of the school. The reason for the alignment is that the high school currently has twelve CTE Pathways. The students will still be able to take dual credit courses and earn an associate's degree. The change for the students will be that they will have opportunities to expand and explore other interests by earning college credits, as well as courses in CTE, and receive industry-based certifications. With the alignment to P-TECH, they will be able to incorporate the 12 CTE courses. Overall, the students will still be able to take all of the same classes that they are currently able to take. There will not be so much focus on an associate degree which is great but it is not for all students. The idea of moving to the P-Tech will help students narrow down their focus on what they want to do when they graduate. Adriana Tagle stated that the TEA representative stated that it was still an early college high school with the exception that they are adding the pathway in technologies. They are providing more to the students by adding



pathway technologies. Maribel Trevino stated that they are excited about functioning as a P-Tech campus and the ECHP-Tech will still have the early college high school name.

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#### TRUANCY UPDATE

Ruben Sanchez presented the 2024-2025 no-shows. He reported that the high school had fifty-six no-shows and they were able to recover fifty-three and one was recovered after the snapshot date. Once the snapshot date is over, they still continue to recover students who are no-shows. At Seale Jr. High School, they had eighty-nine, recovered eighty-six and two after the snapshot date. At Lotspeich Leadership Academy they had two no-shows and they were recovered. San Pedro Fine Arts Academy did not have any no-shows, and Robert Driscoll had thirty-five, and all thirty-five were recovered. Overall, they had a total of 182 no-shows and recovered 176 and three after the snapshot date. The campuses will notify them when they have students who have been absent for more than ten days. After they are notified, they will follow up with phone calls, home visits, emails, texts, attendance letters are sent out, and conferences are held with students and parents. At present, they have six students at the high school, they don't have any at Seale, Lotspeich Leadership Academy had one and they withdrew, San Pedro Fine Arts Academy had four, and Robert Driscoll Stem Academy has eight students for a total of 18 that they have filed on. The court dates are decided by the judge. Also, he invited them to the Parent's Involvement Christmas party on December 18, 2024, at noon at Hattie Martin Cafeteria.

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#### M & O UPDATE

Mr. Ron Lawver reported that they have repainted the whole high school band hall and has been completed as of today. He has done a walk-through and it looks really good. On the HVAC project, they are probably about 85% done. He was hoping that it would be finished by the end of December or early January. The next project that they will be starting will be the roofing of the school district's roofs. Materials will be shipped in the middle of January and it will be a ten to twelve-week project. He lost a bus driver so he had to combine the special needs students into one bus. The good news is he has hired another driver so this week will be the last week that they will have to combine the bus route.

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#### UPDATE ON LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBSTOWN ISD AND NUECES COUNTRY

Dr. Marc Puig reported that he had received the final signed MOU from the judge. The commissioner's court did not approve any of the requests that were made by the school district to get some of the items fixed. The county did receive the request made by the school district but they responded that given the county's current budgetary concerns, the request was not approved therefore, they were not included in the MOU.

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#### RISD DONATIONS

Dr. Marc Puig reported that the Port of Corpus Christi, Texas donated \$20,000

to San Pedro Fine Arts Academy. The first payment of \$10,000 will be paid within ten days of the effective date, and the second payment of \$10,000 is to be paid on or before September 1, 2024. Also Elias Perez and Melissa Mendez with Apachez Motorcycle Club donated \$750 to the Cozy Cotton Christmas Kits. Robert Gonzalez, owner of MG's Pizza would like to help out the Robstown Early College High School Baseball Team. Rusty Miller informed the Board that Mr. Gonzalez would like to donate supplies and build a concrete wall where athletes can throw ten to twenty pounds of medicine balls into a wall to build strength.

12G LIST OF BILLS  
President Lori Ann Garza let the Board members know that the bills were included in their board packets for their review.

12H FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT  
Dr. Marc Puig reported that they are continuing to keep a close eye on all of the projections. This Friday, they are supposed to submit their enrollment projections. The enrollment projections need to be accurate because the school district does not want to get overpaid because they will have to pay the money back. At this point, they were doing well.

**13.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S):**

13A APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item as included in their board packet.

Motion #7542 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
7:53 p.m.

**14.0 ACTION ITEM(S):**

14A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESCINDING BOARD ADOPTION OF DIA, FB, FCC, AND FFH EXHIBITS  
Dr. Marc Puig reported that these are the previously adopted exhibits: DIA, FB, FCC, and FFH. The reason he wants them to be rescinded is that there are names associated with each one of the exhibits. The rescinding would allow the administration flexibility to change the name when an exhibit needs to be updated. After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the rescinding board adoption of DIA, FB, FCC, and FFH Exhibits.

Motion #7543 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
7:55 p.m.

14B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN WALSH GALLEGOS'S RETAINER PROGRAM  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the membership in Walsh Gallegos' Retainer Program. The membership is for \$1000.00. One of the benefits is that they specialize in special education cases and they won't charge unless they have to research a case. After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the membership in Walsh Gallegos' Retainer Program.

Motion #7544 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
6:58 p.m.

14C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBSTOWN ISD AND UPBRING HEAD START PRESCHOOL  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the lease agreement between Robstown ISD and Upbring Head Start Preschool. Dr. Puig reported that the grant for the previous Head Start program has expired. A company called Upbring has asked to be a part of the community and take over the program. Hopefully, Upbring will bring the current employees on board with them. The rent will be around \$3500 a month and they would be responsible for the electricity. The program will use five classrooms at the Salazar Building.

Motion #7545 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
8:03 p.m.

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

Motion carried                Yes – 7                                No - 0                                Absent – 0  
8:07 p.m.

Motion #7549 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, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried                Yes – 7                                No - 0                                Absent – 0  
9:04 p.m.

**16.0                OPEN SESSION**

16A                DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Personnel List as presented in executive session.

Motion #7550 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried                Yes – 7                                No - 0                                Absent – 0  
9:05 p.m.

**17.0                ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7551 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried                Yes – 7                                No - 0                                Absent – 0  
9:05 p.m.

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DECEMBER 19, 2024

MINUTES

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Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Larry Cantu, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee  
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lori Ann Garza, President

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VISITORS: Gerardo Hernandez  
Gage Perry  
Ron Lawver  
Rusty Miller

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

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

At 12:02 p.m., Vice-President Erik Gallegos called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Absent, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present, and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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## 4.0

Trustee Cezar Martinez 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.”

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## 5.0

Jorge Hernandez asked to address the Board; however, he was informed that if the item was not on the Special Board meeting agenda he could not address the Board. He could address the Board on any agenda item or other items at a Regular Board meeting.

## 6.0

## 6A

Dr. Marc Puig announced that they would be taking a site visit to the RECHS Athletic Facilities with Ron Lawver, Rusty Miller, and Gage Perry. He asked for a break so that they could have lunch before they started the visit.

**Motion #7552** A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to take a ten-minute break.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2  
12:05 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Bobby Marroquin arrived for the Board meeting at 12:08 p.m.

**Motion #7553** A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to reconvene from the break.

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

Motion carried                      Yes – 6                                      No - 0                                      Absent – 1  
12:20 p.m.

**7.0                      ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7554 A motion was made by Trustee B, Marroquin, and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried                      Yes – 6                                      No - 0                                      Absent – 1  
1:27 p.m.

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801 NORTH FIRST STREET  
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 19, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Larry Cantu, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee  
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All board members were present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS: Ron Wheaton

**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, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present, and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 7

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**

Dr. Marc Puig 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 Cezar Martinez 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 were no comments from the audience.

6.0

**GOVERNANCE**

6A

**BOARD WORKSHOP: TEAM OF 8 – TIER II TRAINING FACILITATED BY JUAN CRUZ AND ASSOCIATES**

Dr. Marc Puig announced that this was a required TIER II Training facilitated by Juan Cruz and his Associate Melissa Franco de Gonzalez. Mr. Cruz and Ms. Franco de Gonzalez covered the following topics with the board members:

1) What is Good Governance, 2) Good Governance Framework, 3) Where is the Team on Governance, 4) One Team, One Goal, 5) The Why, 6) To be unified not uniform, 7) Unified Board, 8) Roles and Responsibilities of the Board and Board Members, 9) Board Policies BAA Legal and Local – Status Power and Duties, 10) Board Authority: Board Policy BBE (Local), 11) Requests made by individual board members, 12) General Board Power and Duties-Board Specific Powers, 13) Superintendent’s Statutory Duties, 14) Board BJA Local, 15) RISD Board Policy DC (Local) Employment Practice and Board Policy DK Local-Assignment and Schools, 16) Reasons why superintendent-school board relationships fail, 17) Commissioner of Education Grounds for Action, 18) Possible Consequences and Liability Exposure, 19) Difference between a monitor and conservator and board of manager, 20) Examples of the possible consequences of becoming a district’s reality, 21) Best Practices to avoid TEA Investigation or Sanctions, 22) Understanding the difference between management and oversight of management, 23) Collaboration between the Board and Superintendent, 24) Importance of Board-Superintendent Relationship, 25) Understanding Roles and Authority, 26) Good Governance: Focusing on Strategic Governance, 27) Board/Superintendent, Communications, 28) Communication Form, and 29) Superintendent recommendations. Also, Mr. Cruz asked the Board to participate in a questionnaire.

## 7.0 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion #7555** A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried                      Yes – 7                      No - 0                      Absent – 0  
8:56 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 12/19/24.