

STATE OF TEXAS

(Minutes conducted via electronic voting)

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the **10th day of June, 2025**, the Board of Trustees of the Brownsville Independent School District met in a **Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting** at the Administration Building, 1900 Price Road, Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that came before the Board and with the following to wit:

PRESENT:

Daniella Lopez Valdez	President
Minerva Pena	Secretary
Carlos Elizondo	Board Member
Denise Garza	Member
Jessica Gonzalez	Member
Frank Ortiz	Member

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez	Superintendent of Schools
Eric Flores	Attorney for the Board

ALSO ABSENT:

None

WHEREUPON, a quorum being present and it appearing before the Board, it is hereby so found that notice of this **Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting** has been duly given in the manner and for the length of time as prescribed by law. The meeting was called to order and declared ready for the transaction of business with the following to wit:

- I. Meeting called to order by Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Moment of Silence led by Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent.**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent.**
- IV. Roll Call. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board Member announced that all Trustees were present.**
- V. Recommend approving the agenda of the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2025 with any corrections/deletions.**
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent stated the following amendment:

XIII. A. 1. As per grievant' s request, delete from agenda and backup

Motion made by Denise Garza, seconded by Daniella Lopez Valdez, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the agenda of the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of June 10, 2025 with the deletion as stated by Administration. (6-0-0)

VI. Recommend approving the minutes with any corrections:

- A. Special Called Board Meeting was held on Friday, March 14, 2025.

Motion made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Carlos Elizondo, and unanimously carried to recommend approving the minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting held on Friday, March 14, 2025. (6-0-0)

VII. Superintendent's Report: * SB1566

- A. Conference Presentations:

1. Recognition of 9th Annual Memorial Jason Garcia Scholarship.
Scholarship recipients are: Victoria Robledo, Elsa Raya, Natalie Skyy Sosa, Jacob Pardo, Ruby Sandoval, Montserrat Uvalle, Andrea Ambriz, Nia Sophia Ledezma, Karen Vizcaya, Juan Zuniga, Damaris Barrera, Layla Mora, Jared De Anda, Eduardo Perales
2. Recognition of Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation Grant for Elementary Schools
Brownsville ISD has been awarded a grant of P.E. equipment for all thirty-one elementary schools through the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation. This grant will provide the schools with the Elementary Outdoor Adventures curriculum and the equipment. There will not be any unit or lesson required to be taught at any school. There will be no annual fees required as long as BISD uses the curriculum. The approval of this grant is at no cost to the district.
3. Brownsville Independent School District Financial Report for the period ended May 31, 2025.

Ms. Mary Garza, Interim Chief Financial Officer stated, good evening, Board Members, Madam Chair, Dr. Chavez, audience. For our Financial Report as of May 31st, 2025, for our General Fund revenues and expenditures, those are Funds 101 through 199. It includes Food Service. We've generated \$392 million in revenues and our expenditures are at \$462 million. We have a shortfall of \$69 million. Our Special Revenue, which are our 200 funds, our Federal and State grants, as of May 31st, we have \$36.3 million in revenues and \$49 million in expenditures. Our Federal Funds are on a reimbursement basis, so right now we have \$12,692,000 that we need to submit for reimbursement. Our Debt Service Fund, we have \$21 million in revenues and we have \$13.2 million of expenditures. Our defeasance was paid last week on June the 5th for \$8 million. That's the reason it's 8.6. That's the reason why you don't see it here, but we don't have that money. It was to do the deficient. Our last report is the Self-Insurance Fund. As of May 31st, we've collected premiums from the employer and the employees in the amount of \$48.8 million and we have expenditures of \$55.5 million for a deficit of \$6.7. This concludes the report. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, yes, I have a couple of questions on two specific programs, specifically the OFSDP program and the ADSY program. Because I'm going to discuss revenues on this and maybe you can give me some answers. Obviously the OFSDP program is the Optional Flexible School Day Program. I believe that these two programs are to make up attendance. Is that correct? **Ms. M. Garza replied, yes, sir.** Mr. Ortiz continued, okay, I believe that the optional flexible school day program is for grades 1 through 12, and they're done after school, Saturdays and during the summer. The additional day school program, that's for elementary one five, is that correct? **Ms. Garza replied, yes sir.** Mr. Ortiz continued, okay, and I think we have 30 days on the calendar for that one that we've got, that we approved.

And those are done on Saturdays and during the summer as well. And my question is this, how much did these two programs generate this past year? And I believe that that money should have come in either in March or April of this year. Do we have an idea of how much these two programs generated? **Ms. Garza replied, they generated approximately between two to \$3 million.** Mr. Ortiz stated, each or together? **Ms. M. Garza replied, together.** Mr. Ortiz stated, I was under the understanding that they were generating a lot more than that. **Ms. M. Garza stated, this year because they expanded the program we should be generating a little bit more between those two programs.** Mr. Ortiz stated, and that was going to be my follow-up question. What are the projections for this year? Because the numbers it gave me were for last year. But for this year, we should get those around October if we file all the paperwork on time. What are the projections for this year? **Dr. Nellie Cantu, Chief Operations Officer replied, right now, Mr. Ortiz, we are in the middle of summer school, and so we hope to include all our summer school students. We're doing incentives so that they attend every day so that we can recapture that attendance. So I couldn't give you an exact figure. However, we do know that because we started the program earlier, the optional flexible school day, and the ADSY has continued during the year, and as you mentioned, during the summer. We do know that we are expecting an increase, at least double the amount that we got in previous years.** Mr. Ortiz stated, yeah, I know I've heard you mention that it's been phenomenal this year, the kids are really, really coming in. And now that money goes into the General Fund, is that correct? **Ms. M. Garza replied, yes, sir.** Mr. Ortiz stated, I was just thinking, Dr. Chavez and Ms. Valdez, since you're the Budget Chairperson, I know that we're talking about last night about the monies, you know, and I was just wondering if this money could be used to kind of offset the deficit and kind of get these other programs that we were saying that were very, very important to the schools and for our students, this might be a way to kind of help out with our budget process, unless this money is already earmarked. **Ms. M. Garza replied it is part of the budget already. Now, the additional revenue that it's going to generate because we expanded the program, then that would be new money coming in. But we won't see the outcome of the money until around November of 2025, possibly even February of 2026.** Mr. Ortiz stated, is that money already earmarked? **Ms. M. Garza replied, it's part of the revenue projection that we have in the budget for every year.** Mr. Ortiz stated, I'm just thinking that maybe in the future. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I appreciate your solutions-based approach Mr. Ortiz and thank you miss Garza, Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, yes real quick on the Self Insurance Fund do we know where the shortfall is, the \$6 million or the \$6.7 million. **Ms. M. Garza replied as far as the breakdown of the different types of expenditures?** Mr. Elizondo stated yea where are we seeing that expense at. **Ms. M. Garza stated, I would need to ask Ms. Zarate for the breakdown. We're looking at it at the finance level on the total expenditures against revenues, but in the specifics, the ones that keep tabs on whether it's pharmaceutical or whether it's the different types of claims, that would be with Ms. Zarate and the EBC when they present reports to them, but let me see.** Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, if I may, we're talking health insurance, right? Mr. Elizondo stated, yes. **Dr. Chavez stated, okay, and I'm not going to give you the maybe address the specific questions that you're asking, but just to explain the situation. Keep in mind that as we look back a number of years ago, we actually went down in the amount that we were paying and employees were paying towards the coverage. And so when that happened, then we stayed the same and or maybe a little higher on**

usage of health services. And so as a result then, our figures went up. And so we've stayed at that lower number for three years. Hence, again, the shortage of dollars that we have. I know that we've been working very closely with our insurance committee, which includes educators, and obviously our point to them is, we've got to move back to where we were with regards to paying a little bit more. And so part of what you're going to see again for next year is that yes, there's going to be an increase in two ways. One there's a increase for the district that we would provide additional funds to cover. But then in addition to that yes, you know the the 15% increase to employees now. Let me say that Right now we have the lowest rate across the valley. And I wouldn't be surprised if we've got the best, maybe we're close to one or two districts, but we have one of the better rates as it relates to how much people are paying, hence the need for us to go up a bit here over the next three years so we can balance that situation. So that's the basic information that I wanted to present to you. We'll provide here in the Friday update kind of where we are with the insurance recommendations. That way you have that as well. Mr. Elizondo stated, thank you, thank you for the explanation. But my biggest concern is that we still have a negative, and it gets even bigger, but we have a lot less employees, right? So is it because of use, or is it because a particular employee is using it more than others? So if you can bring that information to us and maybe put it down and see where those negative 6 million dollars are going or where we're, you know. **Ms. M. Garza replied, yes, we'll put it in the Friday letter.** Mr. Elizondo stated, thank you. Ms. M. Pena stated, and if I may, I appreciate that we have one of the lower one, Dr. Chavez, and I want to make sure that we continue at all costs to take care of our, you and I know, because we've been hospitalized and we've needed our insurance to stay alive. And there's people that didn't stay alive because they didn't have the insurance. So please make sure that we continue to provide every employee with what they need, because their life is more valuable than our money, so please make sure we stay on that. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Ms. Garza remind me when our next defeasance payment is. **Ms. M. Garza replied, the defeasance payment was done on June the 5th.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, but the next one. **Ms. M. Garza stated, no, that's the one that was approved for this year.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, that's the one we were waiting, or pending I guess. **Ms. M. Garza replied, yes.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, got it. Thank you.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adina Alegria - Good evening President Lopez Valdez, members of the Board, Dr. Chavez, administrators, and those joining the Brownsville ISD YouTube channel. My name is Adina Alegria, Executive Director of Texas Valley Educators Association affiliated with Brownsville Union's coalition. This evening I am addressing the appointment for the vacant position on this esteemed board. The role of a trustee is not merely a title, it's a commitment to serve the best interest of our students, teachers, parents, and the community at large. It is a leadership position requiring vision, integrity, and the courage always to put public education first. As you deliberate on filling the vacancy, you must ask yourself, what qualities are essential in the person taking on this responsibility? What kind of leadership will ensure that our district thrives and becomes a beacon of opportunity, inclusivity for all? Let me begin with the first quality, being unequivocally and irrevocably pro-public education. At its heart, public education concerns equity, empowerment, and opportunity. It is the great equalizer, as President Lopez Valdez often mentions. Allowing every child to dream, aspire, and achieve regardless of background. We

need a trustee to champion and defend this cause against any challenges, no matter how difficult they are. Someone who will advocate for policies that strengthen the public school district and ensure that resources are allocated to serve every child fairly and effectively when those decisions are hard. Secondly, we must seek a trustee who embodies exceptional leadership skills. Leadership in the context is not about commanding, it's about inspiring, guiding, and uniting. It is about listening with empathy and acting decisively no matter how hard the decisions are. This individual must rally the Board, the district staff, and the community towards shared goals. They should be leaders who see obstacles, not as roadblocks, but opportunities for innovation and for growth. Thirdly, the trustee we appoint must be committed to moving our district forward. Progress is not passive. It requires action, vision, and persistence. This trustee may be able to address the challenges facing our schools, from academic performance to funding, while keeping an eye firmly on the future. They must be willing to implement forward-thinking strategies, embrace change when necessary, and ensure that our schools are places of excellence and inclusivity. Finally, and perhaps most critically, the trustee must be a collaborator. A Board of Trustee is a team whose strength lies in members' ability to work harmoniously. The chosen person must value diverse perspectives and understand the importance of consensus building. They must work effectively with educators, parents, students, and fellow board members, creating an environment where every voice is heard and respected. The decisions we make today will have lasting effects on our district. It will shape our school's trajectory and influence countless students' lives. By appointing someone who is pro-public education, a strong leader committed to progress and skilled in collaboration, we can ensure that our schools remain places where dreams are nurtured and futures are forged. I urge you to reflect deeply on the weight of this decision. This vacancy is not merely a gap to be filled, but an opportunity to strengthen our board and district. May God give you the discernment to choose wisely with the needs of our students and the future of public education guiding your judgment. And as we come upon Juneteenth that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, I quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". Thank you for your attention this evening.

Denise Chavez - Hello everyone, good evening. I just realized I also failed to mention which action item I'm discussing. It's the appointment of trustee as the previous speaker. And I just wanted to say, first of all, like I said, good evening to the board members, the administrators, and the audience that took the time to be here today. Although a lot of you are well, I'm well acquainted with many of you here today. I want to provide you with some quick information on my background to establish the context of what I'm going to say and to hopefully persuade you to consider my advice. I'm a product of BISD. I grew up in the Southmost area. I attended Del Castillo. I attended Faulk Middle School, and I'm a proud graduate of the fourth class of the Hanna High School Medical Program. Thanks to some great BISD educators, I was able to attend Baylor University and obtain an economics degree. In 2008, I decided to move back home. When I decided to move back home, I decided to give back to my community. I also started a 17-year career at that point that allowed me to learn quite a bit about how school districts work, how cities work, how counties, institutions of higher education work, and how to work with state and federal funding, grants, budgets, etc. It was funny that I really felt it necessary to get involved in politics a few years after I was back here. And the pivotal moment, and ironically, I think it was a post on Erasmo Castro's page where someone inquired on the circus that was in town and asked how much the tickets to the circus cost if anybody knew how much was the cost of the circus tickets. And there was a comment made that stuck with me. The

comment was, the last time that I checked it is free to attend any school district or city Board meeting and commission meeting. And that really stuck out in my head. It really made me think about how we had to better our community and its image. So I got more involved in politics and I decided to back good candidates and good causes. I will tell you today that through my experience I know school districts are very complex entities, especially the larger ones like this one. And so, I urge you, I'm here today because I'm very concerned about the qualifications of who will fill the seats left vacant due to the unfortunate, unfortunate passing of Erasmo Castro. Our nation is divided and unfortunately it seems that our community is as well. Therefore, this is not the time for any of us to remain silent if we have certain opinions. And my opinion is that while there are great leaders in our community that I have the privilege to call friends, there is also no question, and that's really not an opinion at this point, there is no question that there have also been people that through big money and special interests have been able to get themselves elected or appointed to fulfill personal agendas. This holds true at BISD and at the city, unfortunately. In the past, tonight I urge you to really vet the people that applied to fill Erasmo's spot and I will emphasize that I urge you to vet those that applied for the spot. I please do not appoint people that didn't bother to apply. People should be qualified and knowledgeable in order to properly fill this seat. Please do the right thing and prove to those who say our community is a circus and a wave of corruption wrong. Please carefully consider this decision. Thank you for your time.

Celia Saiz-Broussard on XII. A. 3 - Good evening, Board President Lopez-Valdez, Dr. Chavez, members of the Board. My name is Celia Saiz, and I'm speaking as the president of BEST AFT Union Local 3877, and a pre-K teacher at Skinner Elementary. I will be speaking on agenda items XI. A and XII. A3. BEST-AFT strongly encourages the Board of Trustees to come to an agreement on appointing a Trustee. It is now four months since BISD Board President Erasmo Castro passed away. The Board needs to do what's best for the community and for the district and appoint an interim trustee. BEST-AFT has concerns on agenda item XII. A. 3. in developing rules, regulations, and policies in allowing all students to join and maintain membership at all extracurricular activities. This is a participation award, and where it might be okay for elementary schools and programs, we oppose it at the secondary level. We believe competition is a good character builder. Athletics, band, choir, and dance programs have tryouts in which everyone has the opportunity but not everyone is chosen. The same is true for other programs. It also makes it more difficult for teachers and coaches to maintain discipline, build excellent programs, and maintain those programs. Most of us learn life lessons through failure and we learn to overcome them. If everyone is allowed to participate, how do they know what they have learned or if they have learned anything? We also believe it will drive teachers and coaches away because they have little or no control over the programs. Please keep in mind that not everyone gets to be an EMT, a state trooper, a nurse, a professional athlete, etc. It takes dedication, perseverance, pride, and worth ethic to excel in any endeavor. Why would you want to remove that? As the President of Best AFT, I need to follow up briefly on last night's budget meeting. BEST AFT is reminding the administration and the board of our request from last night's budget meeting. BEST-AFT is reminding the administration and the board of our request from last night's budget meeting to please move everyone back onto the teacher hiring schedule. Everyone is or has been a teacher, with few exceptions. While teachers are grateful for the increase from the state, all educators should have received a raise. It is a concern that our librarians who are on the teacher's hiring schedule were exempted from the \$5,000 raise. And everyone who is on the professional instruction pay scale should have also received it. We appreciate your consideration and we wish you the best evening. Thank you for your attention.

Patrick Hammes on item 13 B4. Good evening, Board President Lopez-Valdez, Dr. Chavez. Patrick Hammes speaking for self, tonight. And so for the other agenda item XII. A. 3 that was spoken to, and for the vacancy on that, I echo the words of the previous three speakers, do your due diligence and select the person that's going to be an excellent fit who's going to be able to work with all people if there is such a candidate available tonight. On XII. B4, which is a personnel decision, I'm going to speak to my 40 years of experience in and around BISD. And over the 40 years, we have heard conversations at all levels about people who have applied for positions, whether it be administrative or at a lower level, who did not get that position because they felt that the decision had already been predetermined. Right? And so we have heard from people who applied to be principals who didn't get it, who might have interviewed first, second, third, fourth, and yet somebody down the line, sixth or seventh, might have gotten it. We have seen the same thing in different departments where people have applied for a position, thought they were most qualified, and did not get it. Last night we heard an administrator speak to the virtual arts director position that there were no other viable candidates in the district. We know of at least two employees who met the job criteria that applied for it. So, we don't understand where these comments come from. And so, in your determination tonight for that position XIII. B 4 please make sure that the you're selecting the most qualified the most competent and the best candidate that should be the system that we use for all positions in the district it should be on merit shouldn't be on who you like. Thank you.

The Board may deliberate or take action regarding the following agenda items.

Board policy BE (Local) and Robert's Rules limits debate to two opportunities. A Trustee may debate a motion for three minutes on the first speaking opportunity and two minutes on the second opportunity.

IX. Recommend approving the Consent Agenda. The Board has agreed to discuss the following items. All of the items below that are not called out will be approved by consent.

Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, I motion to approve. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, question. I know that we have the Board member's item request on Page 5 and I was just wondering because we have some people here to speak that I asked, remember, is it possible to move it up a little? Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, Ms. Pena, that's out of consent agenda, so we're fine with that, right? Ms. Pena stated, yeah. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, those are board member requests. Ms. Pena stated, okay, but do you see what I'm asking? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, yes, since those are board member requests, we can approve the consent agenda first. Ms. Pena stated, and then do the other one? Thank you, dear. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated second.

Motion was made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, and unanimously carried for approval of the General Function Items as reflected on the Consent Agenda. (6-0-0)

X	A.	General Function	1, 3, 6, 7
	B.	Payments	1
	C.	Budget Amendments	1, 2
	D.	Contracts/Agreements	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10

Note: Jessica Gonzalez abstained from agenda item X. D. 4

Ms. Pena stated, so the items that we circled, we discussed, everything else that was not circled is considered approved and passed. *Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney replied, that is correct.* Ms. Pena stated, thank you, I just want to make sure because it's not under consent but consent the way we do it this way so that means that everything's already approved unless it was circled. *Mr. Flores replied, that is correct yes ma'am.*

(All presentations limited to five (5) minutes)

X. Consent Agenda:

A. Recommend approval of the following General Function Item(s):

1. Recommend approving the endorsement of Dr. Sylvia Sanchez Garza for the nomination of the TASB Board of Directors, Region One, Position B. **(Consent Agenda)**
2. Recommend approval for Region One Education Service Center of Edinburg, Texas, to provide professional development contracted services to BISD Teachers. Categorical Fund: 167 - Teacher Incentive Allotment \$49,200.00.

Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Motion to approve. Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, Second. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I have a motion and a second, Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, yes, just a question and a comment on this particular training that's going to take place. Region one is going, I don't know who I could address. **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, Dr. Gallegos can respond to this.** Mr. Ortiz continued, okay, Dr. Gallegos, just a question here. I'm looking at the training. It's going to take place in July 28th through the 31st, two cohorts, I believe for 80 teachers a piece for 160 teachers. Is that correct? **Dr. Linda Gallegos, Chief Human Resource Officer replied, this is an additional two cohorts because the previous cohorts filled up within 24 hours, so yes, sir.** Mr. Ortiz stated, okay, so we're servicing about 160 teachers, is that correct? **Dr. Gallegos replied, 80 teachers per session because of the fact that it's hands-on.** Mr. Ortiz stated, right, so it's 160. **Dr. Gallegos replied, yes.** Mr. Ortiz stated, 80 and 80 is, yeah, okay. So my question is, they're going to be concentrating on domains two, which deals with instruction, and domain three, which is the learning environment of the T-TESS. Are they also going to address SLO? I don't see it on the back up here, but I don't know if they're going to be also addressing SLO, or is it just going to be T-TESS, Domain 2, and Domain 3? **Dr. Gallegos replied, on the first session, they'll be doing an overview, and they'll be doing an overview of the whole framework. So yes, sir, they will be addressing a little bit of the SLO, but they are going to really, really dive into domains two and three.** Mr. Ortiz stated, very good. **Dr. Gallegos stated, and then at the very end, they'll do a complex overview again.** Mr. Ortiz stated, okay, so we do have a lot of interest from our teachers, obviously. **Dr. Gallegos replied, oh, yes, it filled up right away.** Mr. Ortiz stated, okay. I did like this also, where our teachers, since they're going to be coming in during the summer, during their own time that they are going to be compensated for the professional development. **Dr. Gallegos stated, they sure will.** Mr. Ortiz stated, and that is really, really great. I'm glad to hear that, okay. And it's all being, of course, paid for by fund, let's see, TIA Funds 167. **Dr. Gallegos stated, yes, sir.** Mr. Ortiz stated, okay, thank you. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, question, where would this take place, ma'am? Where is the training going to be? **Dr. Gallegos replied, one training will be at CAB and the other training will be at Vela.** Ms. Pena stated, but they're not going to be running at the same time, are they? **Dr. Gallegos replied, no.** Ms. Pena stated, thank you.

Motion made by Jessica Gonzalez, seconded by Denise Garza, and unanimously carried to recommend approval for Region One Education Service Center of Edinburg, Texas, to provide professional development contracted services to BISD Teachers. Categorical Fund: 167 - Teacher Incentive Allotment \$49,200.00. (6-0-0)

3. Recommend approval for Patricia Valenzuela – Human Development, of Brownsville, TX to provide consulting services for BISD parents and parent liaisons for the 2025-2026 school year. Categorical Funding: 211 for \$10,000.00 for 20 one-hour sessions. ***(Consent Agenda)**
4. Recommend approval to declare surplus/obsolete vehicles, supplies and equipment to be disposed in accordance with Board Policy CI (Local) School Properties Disposal.

Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated Motion to approve. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Second. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, we have a motion and a second, Ms. Pena? Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, yes I'm trying to make it a little larger so I can read it. And I'm looking at Dr. Chavez if you see where it says obsolete equipment for auction not previously approved and we've got some vehicles there that are 2004, 2001 Dodge, 2001 Dodge, 2006 Ford, one, two, three, four, 2006 Ford, Crown Victoria 2009 and the auction, the minimum auction price they're starting at \$1,000 each, am I correct? **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, yes ma'am, and I'll have Dr. Cantu to address this item. Dr. Nellie Cantu, Chief Operations Officer stated, yes ma'am.** Ms. Pena stated, I guess who decides what the minimum, who comes up with the value of that vehicle? **Dr. Cantu replied, so let me explain a little bit about the process for the auctions. We hire a professional auctioneer, and what the auctioneer does is he meets with our staff, our warehouse staff, and they discuss the regulations, the maximum of return that they want, the obsolete items. Do we have parts that are, are they able to get parts? Are they able to replace parts? So they look at the fare and the consistency and they start with a price. That price is a beginning price. The auctioneer will always push for a higher bid and will continue to push until he gets the highest bid.** Ms. Pena stated, so do we have a list of what they are worth? This is just a minimal. So what are the value of, for example, 2009 Ford Crown Victoria right now? Did somebody look at that before we turn around and put \$1,000 as a minimum? **Dr. Cantu replied, I don't have that in front of me, but I can certainly get that for you in the board weekly if you'd like.** Ms. Pena stated, please forgive me, but it's just, it's very disheartening that we come and we don't have answers for anything. Everything is so and so has it, so and so has it, so and so has it, so and so has it. Dr. Chavez, when we put something on here, we need to make sure that our employees have every detail of everything they're presenting so that would make it a lot easier and not be able to get answers and then have to give them more work to come back where they can just easily have these people send the documentation. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Gonzalez. Ms. Pena stated, let me finish please. And so, if we can turn around and find out and before this auction if you can get me the, I already have them but I want to see what you guys come up with the real book value and the value of these vehicles in the condition of these vehicles please as the ones that that are going to be auctioned off at like a thousand, please. **Dr. Chavez stated, yes, ma'am, we'd be happy again to get what we would anticipate and what we would sell it at and what we would say, no, we're not going to sell it because there's not enough money. We're happy to look at that.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Gonzalez? Ms.

Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, thank you, I would just like to take this moment and thank staff for answering all my questions that I had about the agenda ahead of time, like our Board Operating Procedure states us to do. I think my email was maybe about two pages worth, sorry guys, of questions that I had on regarding on the agenda, which means I don't have anything circled today, so I just wanted to take advantage and thank you guys. Ms. Pena stated, Ms. Daniela, let me finish with this, that the reason that I say it in public, because I'm a very transparent person and I don't like to go and ask the question to person A and then go repeat it to person C. I'm the kind of person that's going to ask the question in public so you can hear it directly from them. That's how I work, that's how I was raised, I always do it. So please forgive me if you feel uncomfortable, but I need the public to know because this money that we are using belongs 1000% to the public. This is why I ask the questions here, because I want the public to hear the answers directly from the people responsible and not have me repeat an answer because I don't want to repeat the wrong thing. Thank you. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, Ms. Pena, next item

Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to recommend approval to declare surplus/obsolete vehicles, supplies and equipment to be disposed in accordance with Board Policy CI (Local) School Properties Disposal. (6-0-0)

5. Recommend approval to revise the 2024-2025 Employee Compensation Plan to include a Folklorico sponsor and two S.O.A.R. sponsors to the 2024-2025 Employee Compensation Plan for the amount of \$4,000.00. Hanna ECHS received a generous \$70,000.00 donation from the Hanna Class of 1979, designated as the Expanded Learning Opportunities Fund.*

Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, Motion to approve. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, Second. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, we have a first and a second. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, I would like to read, I recommend that we, we recommend approval to pay the stipends to pay for a Folklorico Sponsor and two SOAR sponsors for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$4,000, which yes, was paid by the Hanna Class of 1979, Expanded Learning Opportunities Fund.

Motion made by Denise Garza, seconded by Minerva Pena, and unanimously carried to recommend approval to pay a Folklorico sponsor and two S.O.A.R. (sponsors for the 2024-2025 in the amount of \$4,000.00 paid from Hanna Class of 79 Expanded Learning Opportunities Fund.

Ms. Pena stated, and thank you very, very much, Hanna Class of 1979. Please keep this up. This is outstanding.

6. Recommend approval for payment of annual renewal and software maintenance fees not to exceed \$1,308,674.26 for eSchools K-12 Education, Bethlehem, PA, and Business Plus, Chico, CA, Public Sector through parent company PowerSchool Group LLC Folsom, CA for the 2025-2026 school year. **(Consent Agenda)**
7. Recommend approval to renew annual 2025-2026 for several District Membership Fees in the approximate amount of \$86,500.00. **(Consent Agenda)**

8. Recommend approval to accept the \$87,000.00 2024-2025 LASO Cycle 3 Instructional Leadership Grant from TEA to provide training implementation support and one-on-one coaching to campus and District leaders at Brite Elementary, Canales Elementary, and Del Castillo-Morningside Elementary. Grant period from March 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 at no cost to the District.

Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, Motion to approve. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Second. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board Member stated, we have a motion and a second; Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, I guess this question goes to Ms. Hernandez; Ms. Hernandez, what specific criteria was utilized to select these schools? And as they go through the training, so a little synopsis of what they cover? **Ms. Beatriz Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer replied, there is a list of specific professional learning sessions that not only the campus leadership team will go through, but also the educators. As it relates to the application for this grant, there are specific criteria to apply for this grant. And Dr. Rentfro, if we can come up to share that criteria. Dr. Roni Rentfro, Director for Assessment, Research, Evaluation GT stated, good evening, Board, President Lopez, Superintendent, our esteemed Board Members, and our amazing audience of BISD stakeholders and staff. This grant was pre, the campuses that could apply were pre-selected by the state of Texas based on their federal accountability status. And so these three campuses were identified for federal accountability, so those were the only ones that we could apply for this grant.** Mr. Ortiz stated, okay, yeah, that was my question. Was it open to all campuses? **Dr. Rentfro replied, no.** Mr. Ortiz continued and these were the ones that specifically got selected, but you just mentioned these were identified through their accountability ratings? **Dr. Rentfro replied, yeah, through their federal accountability ratings.** Mr. Ortiz stated, okay, federal accountability ratings. Okay, all right, thank you.

Motion made by Carlos Elizondo, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to recommend approval to accept the \$87,000.00 2024-2025 LASO Cycle 3 Instructional Leadership Grant from TEA to provide training implementation support and one-on-one coaching to campus and District leaders at Brite Elementary, Canales Elementary, and Del Castillo-Morningside Elementary. Grant period from March 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 at no cost to the District. (6-0-0)

B. Recommend approval of the following Payment(s):

1. Recommend approval of payments for construction services and/or engineering services throughout the District in the total amount of \$262,370.03. **(Consent Agenda)**

C. Recommend approval of Budget Amendments:

1. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #019 in the amount of \$46,034.00 for Debt Services. (Additional Funding) **(Consent Agenda)**
2. Recommend approval of Budget Amendment #020 in the amount of \$25,999,759.00 for Local Funds. (Reallocation of \$7,649,759.00, Fund Balance of \$1,350,000.00 and Additional Revenue of \$17,000,000.00) **(Consent Agenda)**

D. Recommend approval of the following Contract(s)/Agreement(s):

1. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement of understanding with Brownsville ISD and The University of Texas at Arlington. The agreement shall continue from year to year unless one party shall give the other sixty days (60) notice of intent to terminate. At no cost to the District. **(Consent Agenda)**
2. Recommend approval to renew the AVID Memorandum of Agreement for all Early College High Schools for \$37,163.00 from budgeted local and categorical funds for the 2025-2026 school year. Services and items to be purchased are subject to the District's needs and funding. * **(Consent Agenda)**
3. Recommend approval to update the existing Workforce Solutions Cameron/Texas Rising Star Provider agreement for Brownsville Independent School District to receive the reimbursement funds of up to \$80,000.00 for Daycare Services at Lincoln Park High School. * **(Consent Agenda)**
4. Recommend approval to enter into contractual agreement with come dream. come build./YouthBuild Brownsville, to begin providing High School Equivalency instructional services along with Career Pathways and certification to adults in the Cameron County area in the amount not to exceed \$84,224.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. * **(Consent Agenda)**
5. Recommend approval to enter into contractual agreement with Texas Southmost College (TSC), to begin providing High School Equivalency instructional services along with Career Pathways and certification to adults in the Cameron County area in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. * **(Consent Agenda)**
6. Recommend approval to enter into contractual agreement with Texas State Technical College (TSTC), to begin providing High School Equivalency instructional services along with Career Pathways and certification to adults in the Cameron County area in the amount not to exceed \$19,600.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. * **(Consent Agenda)**
7. Recommend approval to enter into Agreement with Cameron County Community Service Centers and School Districts to provide Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education, High School Equivalency, English as Second Language and, certification for in demand occupations classes for the 2025-2026 school year at no cost to the District. ***(Consent Agenda)**
8. Recommend the continuation of the current contract with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, of Austin, TX, to provide Board Legal Advisor Services for a one (1) year term beginning July 1, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$240,000.00 from Local Maintenance Funds.

Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, Motion to approve? Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, Second. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I have a motion and second. Any discussion? **Ms. Patricia Perez, Executive Assistant stated, please vote; Motion failed, three yes, three no.**

Motion made by Denise Garza, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, to Recommend the continuation of the current contract with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, of Austin, TX, to provide Board Legal Advisor Services for a one (1) year term beginning July 1, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$240,000.00 from Local Maintenance Funds.

The following vote was recorded

Yea: Ms. Lopez Valdez, Ms. Garza, Ms. Gonzalez
Nay: Mr. Elizondo, Mr. Ortiz, Ms. Pena
Abstain:

Motion Failed: 3-3-0

Ms. Lopez Valdez, stated, Ms. Perez for the record, I would like to thank O'Hanlon Demerath-Castillo for their services. I know we have a, they've saved us quite a lot of money. They've really helped provide quality services to our district and special education, especially the all of the work that I know that helped with Mr. Salinas, and as well as making sure that we provide the quality that we need for a district this size and a firm that specializes in education. So, thank you. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, may I. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Elizondo continued, I want to agree and thank you so much for the help that you've given us. And I know that we've been cutting down a lot of things and I know that Mr. Miguel Salinas can burn the task and save us \$240,000. ***Mr. Miguel Salinas, Staff Attorney stated, I'll certainly try.*** Mr. Elizondo stated, we have faith in you, Mr. Salinas. ***Mr. Salinas stated, it will be difficult as the advocate for administration to also serve as Board Counsel. But if the Board, there's certainly options that the Board can consider, perhaps hiring attorneys just to sit in the Board Meeting to represent Board council. Mr. O'Hanlon is representing the district as the attorney of record on several cases, and I personally want to thank them. Every appeal that they've engaged in, they have won. They've done outstanding work for the district and I appreciate their work. But anyway, they will continue as the attorney of record until they're excused by the court. So I anticipate we'll have to come up with an hourly fee for that work.*** Mr. Elizondo stated, so I agree with you sir. Just because of the budget and where there's a lot of cuts being done especially on the backs of our employees. I see that this is another way of being able to supplement those cuts that this administration has on some of their employees including counselors and administrators and including counselors, nurses and police officers, security officers and especially our, you know, assistant principals. So, this will be added as duties assigned, Mr. Salinas, maybe you can help us out and save those \$240,000 so we don't have to cut those positions or those or give the raises where they need to go. ***Mr. Salinas stated, I'll do my best.*** Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, Ms. Daniella. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, I have Dr. Chavez and then Ms. Gonzalez and then Ms. Pena. Okay, I'll let Ms. Gonzalez and then Ms. Pena. Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated, thank you, I would just like to remind the community of how much we are actually saving with the law firm that we have right now. The last time, it's important that you guys know, but the last time we paid this amount of money for attorneys, yes, 240,000 for a huge law firm was 2014. After 2014, it went up and up and up until we finally brought it down to 240,000 which is where we have been since 2021. No, yes, I'm sorry, 2021. So it's just important to note that yes, of course, we can always go out and look for different attorneys, but I can guarantee you we're not

going to find a law firm for this price. So, it's just important that yes, we, granted, we are trying to save money, but let's also consider what it will cost us in the long run. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, yes, and I want to thank you, and Eric. You're wonderful. You're outstanding. So are your other partners. But if we're cutting teachers, we're taking the money away from dual enrollment teachers. We're not going to pay them stipends. We don't have any money. Please forgive me. Nothing personal. Because if we don't have money to give the teachers, then we don't have money to pay for extra stuff like this because my priority is giving the money to the teachers, not to the people at the top that don't need that. Please forgive me. They're making 120,000, and they think they're broke. No, they're not. We just misuse our money, but you are outstanding and I really, really like you. Your partners that come but I want to find a way to save the money so we can put these stipends back to the teachers because I cannot sit here and say, oh yes, I'm going to pay \$275,000, but let's take away this \$100,000 from the teachers. I can't in my mind and my soul do that, but thank you because you're outstanding and you're a beautiful person. God bless you. *Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney stated, thank you, Ms. Pena.* **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, so let me first of all thank our attorneys because they have been great attorneys and to our community you know when you think of the attorneys and the attorney firm they are among the best in the state and so I wanted to start with that. Secondly, I wanted to say that this is not a recommendation or a suggestion that I made. As a matter of fact, I would go in the other direction and say we need an attorney firm. And yes, you know, I was very happy to work with this attorney firm, particularly as you think of the work that they've done, not only for us, but across the state. In addition to that, if you take a look at the expense that we have for them, they are lower than what one could look at out there and say, hey, yes, we can hire this person, it's going to cost us more. I understand and appreciate the Board Members' comments with regards to the shortage of funds that we do have. And we are going to have those. Here, again, that goes back to how much the state is providing. Three sessions late, right, from the standpoint of they didn't do anything in 2019. They didn't do anything in 2023. And finally, in 2025, yes, they took action around that. So here, let me say that, again, my preference as Superintendent is to have a separate attorney firm that supports the Board, that supports the District, and that's not what we're going to have here. I don't know that I've been in any other district where the Board has taken this kind of action. Even, and I'm going to mention this, even in 2011 when there were great shortages across the state. So here, again, my recommendation to this Board is that yes, we move forward in getting somebody from the outside to represent the Board. Here, we are already as busy as we can be, if not busier, over with our local firm, our own person that we hire. So, I just wanted to make those comments up front. Here, again, I'm not supportive of not moving forward with an attorney firm that is out there. Apparently, one the way we currently have today. I just wanted to make those comments. And I know, again, each of us up here has the opportunity to take a position and take action. And I certainly understand that. And so I certainly understand the action that the Board is taking.** Mr. Elizondo stated, may I real quick. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Elizondo and then Ms. Gonzalez. Mr. Elizondo continued, yeah, just real quick. I agree with you. We do need a lot of people, but we also need supplemental duty paid for teacher, librarians, and head counselors, and your suggestion yesterday was to delete it. I see us putting more emphasis on stuff like that. Audience-you didn't event come to the meeting, please. Mr. Elizondo stated, does anyone want to stand and speak? Ms. Pena interjected, please be

respectful. (Audience – look in to mirror). Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, are you done Mr. Elizondo or? Mr. Elizondo stated, no I am not, I was rudely interrupted by the audience. Audience – that's right. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay, you can continue. *Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney interjected, if we could just maintain decorum, that would be great, so that the meeting can be facilitated efficiently. Thank you everybody.* Mr. Elizondo continued, so, that's what I'm talking about, you know. We do need a lot of things. But taking away from the actual teachers actually are doing the work, I don't see that as a priority. I see that that needs to be the priority is to continue to pay them so they can continue doing the great work that they've been doing. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, yes, Dr. Chavez and then Ms. Gonzalez. **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, just to respond to the comment, let's keep in mind here that you mentioned teachers. Teachers are getting a \$1,200 increase, they're getting a \$2,500 increase, they're getting a \$5,000 increase. So, I just wanted again just to be, you know, very pointed with what we're giving our teachers.** Mr. Elizondo stated, we're going to save money there. We should put it into our Assistant Principals, our Counselors, anybody that's not going to receive that pay who are not teachers. That's what I'm talking about. We're not, we're forgetting those individuals. Your assistant principals do a lot of duty work. They come in here on summer and winter breaks to continue to push the school. We're forgetting them. That's what I'm trying to tell you. Save the money so we can give it to those people that we are not giving a raise to. That's what I'm talking about. *Mr. Miguel Salinas, Staff Attorney stated, may I just make a comment, Ms. Valdez?* Ms. Lopez Valdez replied, yes, I have Mr. Salinas then Ms. Gonzalez? *Mr. Salinas continued, thank you and we are talking about cost-cutting measures. And there is a point of diminishing returns. At \$240,000, it was a bargain. If they had billed us the amount of work they did, I think their bill would have been twice that, probably \$500,000 or \$600,000 at an hourly rate of \$250 to \$300 an hour. I certainly will do the work, but I remember before O'Hanlon, Demerath, and Castillo where I was working 80 and 90 hours a week, there is a point of diminishing return. I will certainly do my best, but at that pace, not only doing all the administrative work and the number of grievances we have, and doing the litigation, there is a point where I can't do both. And there is going to be a point of diminishing return where the quality of our legal services are going to suffer. And this is an issue of cost cutting. You know, when I started with the district and I was working those 80, 90 hours a week, I was thinking, man, I wish I was getting paid by the hour. But I've adjusted. This is what I do. I'll certainly do the best I can. But I don't know and I'm telling the Board, I don't know if I can do it all and, you know, if Pennywise pound foolish, that may be where we're heading. Thank you.* Ms. Gonzalez stated I just wanted to correct my comment when I had mentioned that the last time we paid was 2014. It was actually 2013. That was April 2013 was the last time that we paid \$240,000. Since then it went up all the way up to \$300,000, and then because of the O'Hanlon Law Firm we've brought it back down for the last five, since 2021. So, I just wanted to correct my comment. And actually, Miguel, I'll correct you a little bit. We've actually, we do have a report, I'm sure it's somewhere in our emails. I believe they saved us millions of dollars because they do professional development because they are, oh God, I blanked out on the word. No, they're a retainer, they're, oh God I blanked out on the word, no they're a retainer, they're on the flat rate, thank you. They are on a flat rate. So anything and everything we pretty much ask them to do legally, they will do it for that one rate and the entire firm. So yeah, they've saved us millions. I do know that we have, we have a report somewhere through our emails. But mainly I just wanted to correct my comment that the last time that we paid

this amount was April 2013. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, again, amazing firm, great quality. This is an essential job for a district our size to operate. And we will figure out a way to move forward. And thank you all very much. *Mr. Flores stated, thank you guys for the opportunity to serve.* Ms. Pena stated, thank you for your service, you did a great job. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, and the board watches over the community and protects our Board and that is why we have a firm, thank you.

9. Recommend approval of the MOU between BISD and Good Samaritan Community Youth Development Services to provide support services, including after-school programs, recreation and leadership services, to BISD students for the 2025-2026 school year at no cost to the District. * **(Consent Agenda)**
10. Recommend approval to accept the \$250,000.00 Texas Reads & Leads Initiative (TXRL) Grant to develop and implement science-based TXRL K-3 Literacy Plans which detail strategic moves, decision points, and District investments to meet ambitious academic outcomes goals for early reading proficiency. Grant period from June 2025 to June 2027 at no cost to the District. * **(Consent Agenda)**

XI. Action Item(s):

Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, question. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board Member stated, we need a motion. Ms. Pena continued, I know we're going to make a motion, but I was wondering if we could do the presentation because I have some people that are going to present before we do this. Remember I asked you? If I could move VII. A. 1 in front of this. In fact, because we have some people here that we're going to ask to have from Spectrum. I'm just wondering, so, I mean, I don't want to delay them more than I have to. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, is Spectrum in the room? I'll go ahead and let this item and just this one and then we'll move on to the other one. Ms. Pena stated, no, just this one. I give you my word. Thank you so very much. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, hold on, we're in the middle of a motion so. **Ms. Patricia Perez, Executive Assistant stated, we didn't have a motion.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated okay. **Ms. Perez stated, we can just change the order of the day.** Ms. Pena stated, please. *Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney stated, so long as you consent, Madam President, to moving the item up, there's no motion and vote needed.*

CHANGE ORDER OF THE DAY – MOVE AGENDA XII. A. 1 TO BEFORE AGENDA ITEM XI. A.

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the appointment of Trustee Place 7 (Unexpired Term).

XII. Board Member Request(s)

A. Action Item(s)

1. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Reconnecting KBSD Spectrum Channel 1301 to the TV Studio at Porter High School to Showcase BISD's Achievements at No Cost to the District. This item addresses the opportunity to bring back KBSD Spectrum Channel 1301 to the Porter High School TV studio. Reestablishing this connection will enhance the district's ability to highlight the accomplishments of BISD's students, teachers, and administrators, providing valuable community exposure at no cost to the district. (Board Member Request Minerva Pena/Board Support Carlos Elizondo)

Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated yes, thank you. Dr. Chavez, if I may, please call up Mr. George Antuna to the podium. And I've been speaking with him for a while, very nice, and I thank you so much for giving me your time of day. I know you're very busy. And the reason that very nice, and I thank you so much for giving me your time of day. I know you're very busy. Thank you. And the reason that I brought and asked him to be here is because I want him to present like what it would cost or it would for us to go back on the TV station and have like I was having people text me right now, and I don't answer text, but I mean, there were like coming like 100 they couldn't get on because the channel Facebook stops or YouTube stops. So I was wondering, you know, if we can get back on the TV station, the 1301 at no cost to the district, so people can sit comfortably at home and turn on the TV and see stuff and we can even do reruns of graduations and stuff the way we all used to do. So if we have any questions I'd like to ask him if I may address him Dr. Chavez. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, yes, legal is it okay for us to allow for a presenter from the outside? *Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney stated, to ask him questions?* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, just want to make sure that we're okay and compliance. *Mr. Flores stated, we're within the realm just to ask him general questions.* Ms. Pena stated, yes, just specific here, yes like we've done in the past with other outside presenters. *Mr. Flores stated, yeah, no, absolutely.* Ms. Pena stated, yeah, we've done this a thousand times, but thank you. And Mr. Antuna, I wanted to ask, because we used to have that station, and it was taken off. I wanted to ask for BISD to come back and get that station back on the air. Would there be any cost or expenses to the district to have that station come back onto the same channel that we had with 1301? Could you give us a little bit of information on that? Mr. George Antuna, Spectrum Representative stated, so public access channels are very standard, whether it's the city or school districts or community colleges or whatnot. But at the end of the day, they are disposable, they are available for you, right? So, it just depends. I mean, it depends what kind of improvements you want to do. So, if you want to stay with a standard definition. Ms. Pena stated, yes, sir. Mr. Antuna continued, which is what a lot of other public access channels do and then you know you just stay with what you have. If you want to upgrade to high definition, well then of course it's going to cost you more, right? So, but, but or if you want to go from one location to the next location, yeah, of course, that's going to cost you more as well. *Mr. Flores stated, sir, so I think the question is, what's the cost of the district standard definition to get back on?* Mr. Antuna replied, so, sir, for standard definition, as we are now, if you stay where you're at now, and then you send the feed to a new location, then the cost will be, we won't charge you for that. But if you move to a new location... *Mr. Flores interjected, and when you say new location, can you kind of help me there? What does that mean?* Mr. Antuna replied, well, let's just say you go from point A to point B... Ms. Pena interjected, if I can be a little more clear on that, it's what I'm hearing him say. You're saying if we can get the signal from this location, point A, send it to B, it stays the same, but if we remove all the equipment from point A to another location, that's when it's going to cost us because we're moving it? Mr. Antuna replied, yes, pretty much. So if we, let's just say we go, we move everything from point A to point B, yes, there's going to be charges for that, right? But let's just say you stay at point B, A, excuse me, and then you want to just go ahead and go send everything to point B. Ms. Pena interjected, the signal. Mr. Antuna continued, the signal. And so at that point, then yes, as long as you stay with standard definition, we're not going to charge you for that. Ms. Pena stated, so it'll be free for us to run that particular station. And I know

standard definition, high definition, because I have a TV at home and I've seen the difference and it's no big deal, sorry. I just want to see the person's face. I don't want to see how beautiful and less wrinkles they have. I just want to see the show. So that's what standard definition, higher definition does. So if we don't do that, then the district can operate that particular station at no cost to the district and have a TV station for the public to be able to turn on and see what we're running on those day on that station am I correct? Mr. Antuna stated, yes so I'm on the government affairs side so your account executive park attendant has been speaking to your I guess your TV production director in reference to this. And so, I have spoken to him and he does tell me that if in the event that you want to stay where it's at now in your standard definition, which is in the 480 realm. And so, if you want to stay in standard definition and you want to transmit it to a different location, you can do standard definition and stay as is with no additional charge. However, in the event that you want to move everything, like the gentleman was talking to me asking a while ago, if you want to move everything into a new location, yes, there are fees, and there are setup fees, and there are, moving forward, there are going to be monthly fees. Yes. Ms. Pena stated, but again, that's something that you could choose to do. It's like saying, I'm going to use a word example. It's like saying, I want to buy a Cadillac, or I want to buy a Ford. I choose what kind of classic car I want. When I'm driving a Cadillac and pay, you know, 100,000, I'll just buy a little simple Nissan and pay 23,000. So that's the choice that the district can make. And Dr. Chavez, because of the times that we were in that we're short on funds, it would benefit and behoove us to stay with a standard definition so somebody can turn on the TV and be able to see what we run and we rerun the graduations, the games, whatever that we need at no cost to the district so we can have a backup because I know you know, sir, that Facebook, YouTube, all of those are falling apart. They're freezing and everybody is just hold still. And the TV stations are right now the most accurate that we can have to be able to make, you know, see something and not worry about it just goes offline. And that's why I like that particular because not everybody can afford to buy a cell phone or to buy an iPad to be watching the show. Not everyone has that kind of money. Mr. Antuna stated, I mean, it's obvious that we want to make sure that as much as these meetings accessibility are available, the better, right? Whether it's YouTube, whether it's Facebook, whether it's Instagram, and in our case, you know, public access channels. You want to be able to offer that as much as possible, yes. Ms. Pena stated, thanks. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, may I real quick. So just to finalize it, there's no cost to the district if we continue the KBSD channel? If we leave it at the place that was there before? Mr. Antuna replied, if you're able to go ahead and feed it into the new location from where you're at, we're not charging you. But if you move everything into your new location... Mr. Elizondo interjected, there's fees. Mr. Antuna stated, there are fees. Mr. Elizondo stated, so right now there is no fees. Mr. Antuna stated, and I think your Parker tenant, who is your account executive, has already conveyed that to your TV director. Mr. Elizondo stated, and another question, I was told, and I can see Mr. Martin in the background, that Mr. Martin, I had a conversation, he said that SD is being done away with? Mr. Antuna stated, no, Standard definition is still alive and well. And so, as is high definition. Eventually, we would like you to do that, but at the end of the day, it's still very alive and well. Mr. Elizondo stated, alive and well, okay. Thank you, sir. Mr. Antuna stated, yes, sir. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, I know that I've always been harping on promoting and marketing our district And I think that this is another way

of doing it. It's another we just have another avenue to continue to do that. And if it's free to the district, I mean what more do we want to ask for that's just my comment. Mr. Antuna stated, yeah, the Federal Communications Commission has made it very clear to us AT&T and others, that this is something that they want us to provide, right? Obviously at minimal to no charge. And so we are able to do that. Cities up and down the state are able to use it. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Gonzalez? Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Board Member stated,, thank you. I have a couple of questions because it's a little off. I'm going to start. Sir, your name and position? Mr. Antuna replied, George Antuna. I am the Director of Government Affairs for Charter Communications, Spectrum Cable. Ms. Gonzalez stated, have you directly dealt with our staff besides a Board member? Mr. Antuna replied, so I've dealt with Ms. Pena, yes for sure. Ms. Gonzalez stated, she's not staff, she's a Board Member. Mr. Antuna stated, yes. Ms. Pena stated, he has only dealt with me, Ms. Gonzales. Ms. Gonzalez stated, that was my question, if he has actually dealt with staff. Ms. Pena stated, yes so that he could come here and then get permission to do that. Ms. Gonzalez stated, okay, great. If you don't mind sir, if we could have actually our staff is here and so that I can ask them some question. Mr. Sandoval and Ms. de la Cruz, if you could come up I have some questions for you please. Sir, if you could just give him a chance at the podium I'd appreciate it. Mr. Antuna stated yes of course.

Handout #1 added to official minutes

Ms. Gonzalez stated, thank you, Mr. Martin, remind me, well I know the answer, but the Spectrum Channel 1301, can people see it on the app or do you need a box to see it? **Mr. Martin Sandoval, Director for Instruction TV Studio replied, hello, hello. Good afternoon, Board Members, President Valdez, Superintendent. You would need an HD box to my understanding.** Ms. Gonzalez stated so pretty much it's just not free for everybody. **Mr. Sandoval replied correct.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, and if I remember correctly, it could be here. The reason that we dropped this was to save money, correct? **Mr. Sandoval stated, correct.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, do you happen to remember, I'm sorry I should have asked before, but do you happen to remember what that amount, is it here? **Mr. Sandoval replied, yes, the amount that they quoted us was for a three-year contract, \$42,263.00. And here...** Ms. Pena interjected, do you have that in writing? **Mr. Sandoval replied, yes, ma'am, I do, right here, ma'am.**

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Now this price also includes an ENCO A-list subscription, which is not part of Spectrum, but is needed to keep the loop of videos going on all day. And that we paid \$2,800 within that last year that we had it. So, when it says that it's no cost to the district, it is costing us \$2,800 a year in order for us to keep these videos. And I have their purchase orders here for that subscription for the Board Members. Ms. Gonzalez stated, thank you, sir, for coming prepared. And also, if I remember correctly, and this was a couple of months back when we moved the TV station out of Porter, one of the main reasons that we moved them out was for safety reasons, correct?

Handout #3 added to official minutes

Mr. Sandoval replied, that is correct, that is what was addressed to me. Ms. Gonzalez stated, so yeah, because if I understand correctly, neither the staff or some staff, maybe some did, but to my understanding, some staff and especially the students did not want BISD TV station there because they have their own TV station, correct? **Mr. Sandoval replied, correct.** Ms. Gonzalez stated, perfect, I think for now, this is all I have. Thank you. Ms. Pena stated, question please, I have a follow up. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, I know

I have Ms. Garza, because she had raised her hand first. **Mr. Sandoval interjected, ma'am, one thing, our Facebook and YouTube are actually actively streaming right now and haven't been taken down yet?** Ms. Pena stated, no, it just failed to stream, sir. Yeah, they're running right now good, I got three calls, when they failed, because I just saw that, please sir. **Ms. Sandoval stated, ma'am.** Ms. Pena stated, yes, they are running right now, yes they are running right now, I just saw them, but a little while ago, they went down. **Ms. Isabel de la Cruz, Director of Public Relations stated, with all due respect, ma'am, it could be the internet.** Ms. Pena interjected, no it was... **Ms. De la Cruz continued, I actively have it open.** Ms. Pena interjected, no it was the internet, it was the internet, correct. **Ms. De la Cruz continued, so it wasn't our fault, it's not, it was actually streaming.** Ms. Pena interjected, nobody is blaming you, don't take the blame. **Ms. De la Cruz interjected, no, I'm just letting you know, that as of right now.** Ms. Pena interjected, no body is blaming you. **Ms. De la Cruz continued, that is, as of right now, we have 101 people on our Facebook and 111 watching on YouTube. Thank you.** Ms. Pena stated, yes ma'am, it just went down because of the area they're in. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Garza. Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, thank you, Ms. Lopez-Valdez. And I know we don't have the Porter High School Principal here, but you were here at that meeting, Mr. Sandoval. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes, ma'am.** Ms. Garza continued, and just as we always praise our students for coming up here and speaking to the Board Members when they're advocating for, you know, certain things, they came up here and they advocated that they were utilizing what was once KBSD, they have their own TV station, and I as a Board Member, we always say children first, and I would really hate to take that away from our students, those two students that had the courage to come and speak on behalf of the rest of the Porter students. **Mr. Sandoval stated, that is correct, ma'am. One of the students, Mr. Christopher Cardona, I want to applaud him for having the courage to come up here and talk about the beautiful things that they're doing at that location currently.** Ms. Garza stated, thank you, Mr. Sandoval. Mr. Lopez Valdez stated, stated, thank you, Mr. Sandoval; Ms. Pena and then Dr. Chavez. Ms. Pena stated, yes, and Mr. Sandoval. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes, ma'am.** Ms. Pena continued, and the question is, they can get that signal and send it to another location and the students continue to be there and use that place, am I correct? **Mr. Sandoval replied, we are no longer a Porter, ma'am.** Mr. Pena stated, I'm asking a question. **Mr. Sandoval replied, yes, ma'am.** Ms. Pena continued, they can get that signal from there and shoot it to another place and it would work. Am I correct? **Mr. Sandoval stated, who can get that signal?** Ms. Pena replied, the KBSD people who are running, who does the actual the filming and all that? Do you actually go out and do all the filming and all that? Do you do that? **Mr. Sandoval replied, I go with my staff, they do the filming (inaudible)...** Ms. Pena interjected, no, no do you actually do... **Mr. Sandoval continued, there's been several times in several occasions where I've had some...** Ms. Pena interjected, yea so... **Mr. Sandoval continued, some of my people that are actually sick...** Ms. Pena interjected, the signal... **Mr. Sandoval continued, I have done the filming myself.** Ms. Pena interjected, okay but the signal. **Mr. Sandoval continued, what happens is we upload our videos to a program called A-List and that program then sends the signal to the spectrum.** Ms. Pena stated, and that's what I'm saying, we can get that signal from that location and send it to another without cost to the district. And if I'd like Mr. Jorge Antuna to come up please? Because Mr. Martin, Mr. Martin says that there is a cost where Mr. Martin says there is a cost and where Mr. Antuna said there isn't a cost. Can you clarify what exactly the cost that Mr. Martin says that there is definitely going to be a cost, or is that something different that

we're talking about? **Mr. Sandoval stated, our equipment is no longer at Porter.** Mr. Antuna stated, so, okay, that's a very good point. So, if the signal or equipment is in point A, and I don't know where point A may be, right? And then we want to send it to point B, all right? We're not going to charge you for that. But if we move everything from point A to point B, I'm being told that there will be a charge. Ms. Pena stated, so as long as we don't move the signal, Mr. Martin, there will not be a charge, am I correct, Mr. Martin? **Mr. Sandoval replied, ma'am, we moved the equipment to CAB ma'am.** Ms. Pena stated, and we did that why? **Mr. Sandoval replied, because that space was going to be utilized by the Porter students.** Ms. Pena stated, okay and they said that there was a safety reason about that? **Mr. Sandoval replied, yes ma'am.** Ms. Pena stated and let me elaborate on that safety reason? Let me elaborate. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Pena you have actually ran out of your time. Ms. Pena stated, yeah, but I need to say this. That people were going in to the TV station and some people were taking your parking space and it was uncomfortable, where all the people had to do was go through the main office at Porter to get clearance to walk over to the TV station. But for some reason, there was a disconnect there. And I don't know why they didn't connect and fix that and just simply tell people you must go get cleared by the school office, the principal's office, and then come on back to our TV station, so we wouldn't have that. Why didn't that happen? **Mr. Sandoval replied, ma'am, there was also a safety concern for my staff as well.** Ms. Pena stated, in what sense? **Mr. Sandoval stated, and let me elaborate on that. Whenever they have a school lockdown, they announce it over the PA, over the speakers. KBSD did not have an intercom system because we did not want the intercom to interfere with any recordings that we do there. There was two occasions, and one occasion was that they had a subject that had a gun in the vicinity of KBSD. We did not hear about the lockdown. Nobody notified us and one of my staff members walked out to get into his vehicle to a shoot. That would have been a real safety concern for my staff. The second incident was there was a gentleman along the baseball field that nobody knew he was there. They put the school on lockdown. Once again, we did not hear it because we do not have an intercom system there. Two of my staff members went to their vehicles because they had a shoot. Again, that was another safety reason. I do care about the safety of my staff and that is the most important to me, not just my staff and the students and everyone at Porter.** Ms. Pena stated, and I'm into safety 100%. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Pena your time has expired and we will no longer allow disrespectful comments to staff. Ms. Pena interjected, no I am Ms. Lopez Valdez continued, Dr. Chavez, could you please finish with your final comments? Ms. Pena interjected, please forgive me, sir, I just want us to do the best, thank you. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Pena. Ms. Pena continued, and I don't mean to be upset when my colleagues here interpret what they want, I apologize. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Garza. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you Ms. Lopez-Valdez. And I just want to remind those here today and the viewers, cable isn't free. So, either way they would have to pay for cable if they wanted to view us versus if they had their cell phone, their iPad, you know, everyone has their internet with their phone. It would actually be cheaper for them to just watch it through Facebook or YouTube because that is free. So, we cannot say that some people will see it, some people don't because either way right now, the viewers would have to pay Spectrum in order to have Spectrum services. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes, ma'am, that is correct.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Dr. Chavez. **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, thank you, Madam President. I wanted to make some comments with everyone here as it relates to this specific topic and the concern, again,**

that's been raised. First of all, let me say, and a lot of you know this, I went to Brownsville High School, which is now Hanna, and yes, I actually moved over to Porter in 1974 with a class that was there. We were by ourselves as juniors at Porter High School. Now I mentioned Porter High School, and yes, I graduated from there, but all of the high schools, right, are very important to me, and so I also wanted to mention that. Here, as I thought about this situation, you know, for me, student safety is always something that comes to the very top, right? I want that at the very top of our list to say, yes, we're keeping our students as safe as possible. So, when we started talking or the idea of, yes, let's return this space to students, not only were we doing that, but in addition to that, again, we were removing our adults who work for us. But I would imagine, and I know I've been there, right? Actually, I got interviewed there last year. And in addition to that, I also invited a person who had worked for TV. Now, I mentioned that from the standpoint of there were other adults who, again, were being invited, and I was one of them. Now, obviously, I'm going to I'm going to be a safe individual who isn't going to in any way hurt our students or staff. But I mentioned that with regards to our first priority is safety for students and safety for our employees as well. Additionally, one of the things that I always want to do, and here you go back to what's your plan, what do you want to teach, and do you have the appropriate facility for that. And here, that space was designed for students. And yes, that's a high interest that we had. We want to place our students, we want to afford that space to a teacher so that we can have continued success and opportunities for our students. So that was the second piece of this. Now here, you know, as it relates to providing, whether you think of this meeting or other featured, featured presentations of our students performing, whether it be dance, whether it be choir, whether it be band, yes, we want to continue that, right? And so we're very committed to that. Let me say in here, I love our parents, first of all. Let me begin with that. In addition to that, we involve them in a great number of ways. And so, you know, yes, that's a focus, but as it relates to student safety, our student safety is primary. And so, yes, that's a reason, you know, I decided I'm going to take this action, move our folks out, provide that space to our students, let them succeed from an instructional standpoint, let them be in a safer situation. So I wanted to give you that background as it relates to myself as superintendent. And also, I mean, I don't know whether Board has any other questions or staff would like to provide more information may be that we haven't covered, but I would like to provide them that opportunity if possible. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, Dr. Chavez, Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, yeah, I just have a comment. And I know it's been brought up just a little while ago. I know Dr. Chavez brought it up. Mr. Martin, you brought it up, safety, obviously, our students and our employees, wherever they're at, doesn't matter if it's a school, even here, a department or anywhere that we're at, safety is number one. And what concerns me is that you indicated that it didn't have an intercom in that room. It just makes me wonder then, how many other schools or departments don't have intercoms that are up and running? And I mean, that's a big, big concern if that's the case because of the things that you mentioned a little while ago as to what was happening. But in addition to that, here's my question. Is there an app that can be given to our employees that announces these lockdowns? Is there an app called Raptor that can announce these lockdowns? **Mr. Sandoval replied, there are many apps sir and I am not proficient in what apps school districts have. I'm not in that technology side.** Mr. Ortiz stated, I'm just concerned Dr. Chavez because if that happened here, it could happen anywhere, especially when we get

reports that intercom systems are still being worked on. OK, so maybe an app that our employees can have. And if something like that happens, because safety, yes, absolutely. It's number one. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Dr. Chavez. **Dr. Chavez stated, let me say this with regards to one of the questions that's come up, and that really relates again to the safety piece, right? And yes, we must continue to work in that area. Here I would say that one of the things, and I've started talking to Board Members about this, by the way, I've reached three, so the other three I still need to get a hold of you. But here the idea that we need safety and security in all of these facilities. And here we're talking about Porter High School, we're talking about a classroom, and we need to continue working in that area. And so here I hope everybody would agree yes let's move forward with the things we need to do in our schools to make them safe schools and so I'm happy to work with everybody towards that.** Ms. Pena stated Dr. Chavez? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated Ms. Gonzalez? Ms. Gonzalez stated, I have a question for legal. Mr. Flores is it recommended for us as Board Members to go out to vendors, businesses, in our official capacity to start negotiating costs, talking about costs, prices? Is that recommended? *Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney stated, so our advice would be that Board Members are policy makers, right? We don't, we discourage individual Board Members who are policy makers to engage someone in that capacity and we advise that specifically because that person or entity could take that as an engagement and we would not want to put any of the trustees in that position.* Ms. Gonzalez stated, thank you. Ms. Pena stated, may I ask legal a question? Sir, is it okay or normal as a citizen of the city to go find an expert in an area and ask them information as a community member, not as a Board Member, which is because if somebody knows the law, it's me and I follow it directly and you go and you ask, I mean, I can't believe those teachers are being real rude, God forgive us. Anyway, I want to make sure, sir, that I can go and ask a question as a citizen on something that I have an interest in, not in my official capacity, but as a community member, because so many people have cable and they're paying for cable, but they can't get it out. I know like Denise mentioned, well you got to pay for it. A lot of people are paying for it, but they can't get that channel. So in my community status, I can go and ask information and ask them could you help us define this only as general information. Nothing but general information. *Mr. Flores replied, yes ma'am, I understand that the trustee Pena, the intention may be well placed. However, when a trustee and elected official engages somebody, you cannot divest yourself of your elected official capacity and say, I'm only coming in as a community member. The perception will always be that you are a trustee of the governmental entity.* Ms. Pena stated, the perception, but yes you can. *Mr. Flores stated, well, it's not perception; it's reality, right? You are an elected official.* Ms. Pena stated, you're an attorney, I was going to be one too. *Mr. Flores replied I am.* Ms. Pena continued, it is perception, and I know for a fact that we can go and do that, we can take it to a court of law, and we end up winning it. My thing is, I make sure that I do it in a position to help the community. I have no vested interest in this. And for anyone to accuse me of that, it is very hurtful because then they come and ask you for help, but then they turn around and they go after you for something you were doing clean to really try and do a difference. But I'm glad that I can learn and I can see how we say we're for kids and then we're not because we don't do right by children because we don't give them what they need. And a lot of people are already paying for cable, and they're asking me, why isn't that channel on there? And they took it off. **Mr. Sandoval interjected, if I may? Madam President, if I may.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, yes, Mr. Sandoval. **Mr. Sandoval continued, according to Spectrum, there's...** *Mr. Flores interjected, just one second, Ms.*

Pena, did you have a follow-up question? I am not sure I didn't catch it at the last (inaudible). Ms. Pena stated, no I am just saying that like when I went and asked, I asked, like I said, as a citizen, because I want to see it on TV too. I have cable, I have the boxes. I want to see it there. *Mr. Flores stated, yes, ma'am.* Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Sandoval. **Mr. Sandoval continued, yes ma'am thank you. According to Spectrum, there are 58,633 cable subscribers in Brownsville. Out of those, 958 watch Spectrum last in the year of August 15, 2023 to August 15, 2024. That tells me that only 1.63% of cable subscribers watch Spectrum, at 1301.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Garza just asked me and then Mr. Elizondo and then let's please wrap it up. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes ma'am.** Ms. Garza stated, thank you, Ms. Lopez Valdez and this goes to you Mr. Flores I know you mentioned you know about the our official capacity and what the you know how it looks out there so maybe moving forward if there's anything like that then it would be best for Board Members not to place it on the agenda and maybe just set up a meeting with you know that vendor and the Superintendent and just step away completely from those talks and conversations. *Mr. Flores replied, the legal advice on behalf of us, right, legal would be the appropriate measure would be for the Board Member to direct Dr. Chavez to then ask the appropriate staff member to engage in those conversations, right, and that is a governance which TEA themselves asks to implement.* Ms. Garza stated, so we can't play double, right? We can't say, oh, we're going out there as a, you know, a citizen of the community and then place it on the agenda as a Board Member. Ms. Pena stated, I did not place Spectrum on the agenda. It is not on the agenda. Make sure you note that, attorney. *Mr. Flores stated, I would just advise that, again, any Trustee not engage a vendor. That would be my advice, of course, that is not a mandate or a requirement. It is just our advice to appropriately protect the entity.* Ms. Garza stated, thank you Mr. Flores and for always looking out for us. Thank you. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Mr. Elizondo. Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, yes, thank you. Mr. Martin, the stats that you were given, is that for a PEG channel or what? **Mr. Sandoval replied, yes sir, that's for Spectrum.** Mr. Elizondo stated, PEG channels don't promote commercials, do they? **Mr. Sandoval stated, can you hand them that one?** Ms. De la Cruz, Director Public Relations stated, oh yes. **Mr. Sandoval stated, this is the current viewership.**

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Mr. Sandoval stated, okay what we're going to hand you right now is the current subscribers that we have. And the other one is an email from Mr. Tenant advising me that this is how many we had what how many people watch spectrum 1301 so that is coming straight from Spectrum these are not numbers that we're making up. Mr. Elizondo interjected, that is not my question sir; my questions was is it a PEG Channel. **Mr. Sandoval replied, yes it is.** Mr. Elizondo continued, then do we run commercials on PEG channels. **Mr. Sandoval replied, we do not run.** Mr. Elizondo stated, so then you would think that that would be a lot lower than your HBO's your CBS or CBS or whatever channels they are right. **Mr. Sandoval replied it could be sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated I mean unless you're bringing in the audience right then that the numbers would be higher; we don't do commercials. **Mr. Sandoval stated, we don't we don't do commercials.** Mr. Elizondo stated, we don't advertise. **Mr. Sandoval stated, no sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, all we do is put up a you know Educational material or promotional materials on our kids? **Mr. Sandoval replied yes, sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, right, so that's the thing, what I'm talking about. Okay, so that's probably why our views are very low. Another thing is the contract they gave us and then the cost, which you have over here, right? **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes, sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, that is for that contract that you gave them? **Mr.**

Sandoval stated, the three-year contract. Mr. Elizondo stated, and that contract that you're asking for, the reason that there's a cost is because you're asking for high definition, right, on fiber optics? *Mr. Flores stated, did you mean standard definition, Mr. Elizondo?* Mr. Elizondo replied, no, I meant exactly what I read. Mr. Flores (inaudible). Mr. Elizondo, high definition (inaudible). **Mr. Sandoval stated, okay what I have, what the next page that I have is another email from the same person, Mr. Tenant.** Mr. Elizondo interjected, that is not what I asked. **Mr. Sandoval stated, I am trying to put you into context Mr. Elizondo?** Mr. Elizondo stated, that is not what I asked, what you... **Mr. Sandoval continued, that is stating that the cost...** Mr. Elizondo interjected, sir don't interrupt me, let me finish my question please. Ms. Lopez Valdez, interjected Mr. Elizondo and Mr. Sandoval, Mr. Elizondo you can finish your question. Mr. Elizondo interjected, yes that is exactly what I (inaudible). Ms. Lopez Valdez continued, lets just maintain a respectful tone. Mr. Elizondo interjected, I am, my question is, because it says here, I didn't write this, you gave this to me. **Mr. Sandoval interjected, yes, sir.** Mr. Elizondo continued, it says, proposing HD PEG channel. **Mr. Sandoval interjected, yes, sir.** Mr. Elizondo continued, that's what I'm asking you. This is the reason that you gave us this, and it incurs a cost, am I correct by saying that? **Mr. Sandoval replied, the cost would be the same, sir, basically the same.** Mr. Elizondo stated, do this 42,000 is what we're paying for a standard definition? **Mr. Sandoval stated, that is what we would pay, sir. I'm not saying that's how much we were paying, that is what we would pay.** Mr. Elizondo stated, for the SD channel? **Mr. Sandoval stated, according to the email, yes sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, the gentleman that just told us it's a zero cost to the District. **Mr. Sandoval interjected, I've never speak...** Mr. Elizondo continued, this is why I'm confused. When you gave me this, I asked a question if there was a cost. If there is no cost, if we leave it where it's at, no, zero cost to the district is what I'm asking. But then you present this and you say there's a \$42,000 charge. But I read the rest of the information that you gave us and you're asking for an HD channel. Yes, there is no cost because you want something better, and I understand that. But what I am gathering is that there is no cost to the district if we stay the same. Why would you want to take that away from the viewers even if it's two? If it's costing a zero? That's my question. **Mr. Sandoval replied, may I answer now Mr. Elizondo?** Mr. Elizondo replied, yes sir, thank you. **Mr. Sandoval stated okay, there is a cost to SD. That other, that last piece of paper that I gave you is an email from Mr. Tenet stating that the cost of SD and HD are no different. It's very minimal and that is why the quoted cost was HD.** Mr. Elizondo stated, right, but if you move it from the existing area there will be a cost. This gentleman just explained that to us. If you move it from where it's at to somewhere else, we will incur a cost and a future cost every day because you've changed the dynamics. If it would have stayed there and if it stays there, it would be zero and they would honor that contract or that amount. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, yes Dr. Chavez? Mr. Elizondo stated, that's what I'm talking about, zero cost. If it stays where it was. **Mr. Sandoval stated, we still pay A-list, sir.**

Carlos Elizondo stepped out at 7:26 p.m.

Dr. Chavez stated, let me speak to the questions and the responses that were given. Again, just to give my perspective on it right from the standpoint of we made a change, why do we make a change, and where are we now? We made the decision that our focus is education for students. And yes, we didn't have that space to provide our students the education that we wanted to provide. Hence the request to, yes, let's move you away from the school. Now remember the other thing that was mentioned again was, you know, safety and security, right? So I want us to keep that in mind. I mean

the main reason this change was made is to offer appropriate education to our students and give them the opportunity and that's the way the school was built and designed for that purpose. So, I just wanted to clarify that piece. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you and thank you for this presentation. I move to the next item. Ms. Pena stated, may I just finish with the attorney one thing? Mr. Eric, yes and I also want to Mr. George Antuna, I want to apologize because I wanted to bring you here as a citizen and for, you know, you can turn everything, we're in a horrible 2025, Merrick, I know. My intentions are to turn around and just do it as a citizen to bring in, like we've had other presentations. *Mr. Flores stated, absolutely.* Ms. Pena continued, and that's why I want to thank him for giving up his free time to come over here and sit and give that explanation. Because I'm always going to be the kind of person that I go to the expert to give me the information. I've always been trained like that. I always work like that. That way I'm okay that I did and I found the information that was correct. And that was my intention. I wasn't looking for a vendor. I'm not doing anything. I just want a clarification on something that was going to be free, but I keep forgetting that we're in 2025 and when people do things, people misconstrue them.

Carlos Elizondo returned at 7:27 p.m.

And that is not what I meant. I meant for it to be something, and again, thank you for taking your free time to come here and try to explain. And if anything, here was done where it's insulting or step on your toes, I apologize because that was never the intent, but I learned a very valuable lesson. With this group, I cannot do things that seem right because it can be turned bad, and I'll never do that again. So, thank you, Merrick. Mr. Antuna replied, thank you. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you. Let's move to the next item. **Ms. Patricia Perez, Executive Assistant stated no action. No Action Taken**

CHANGE ORDER OF THE DAY – MOVE AGENDA XII. A. 1 TO BEFORE AGENDA ITEM XI. A.

XI. A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the appointment of Trustee Place 7 (Unexpired Term).

Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney stated, all righty, Madam President. Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez stated, yes, Mr. Flores. Mr. Flores continued, Members of the Board, as we know, this item is now back on the agenda as we did not reach a conclusion at our last meeting to either call an election and we have missed those deadlines so we our option is to now appoint. We have taken a different approach than we did last time as I sent you all those emails. If you all do have questions for me legalities of the appointment process, a certain individual in regard with background, potential conflicts of interest, someone may motion to have a discussion with me in executive session. If there is no motion, the item will remain in open session. The intention is to facilitate a transparent and healthy discussion. We can start from either right to left or anybody can make a motion as to their specific nominee. After the motion and the second, hopefully have a discussion as to these persons accolades as to why you all see they are the right person for the vacancy. Any questions? Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I would just like to remind the Board that we would like to remain respectful and courteous. This is an extremely important motion. This is an extremely important decision for our community. We should make sure that we take into account the qualifications of these people who have brought forward and also take into account that these people are family have their own families and we should respect every single one so let's go ahead and I will welcome any motion or we can start from left to right. *Mr. Flores stated, Madam President one more thing for the board operating procedure there is a five-minute time limit per*

Board Member in order to facilitate a healthy discussion I would ask you to entertain to momentarily suspend that rule for this item. Ms. Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, I momentarily suspend that rule. Mr. Flores stated, no objection from any trustee, we'll proceed as such. Mr. Frank Ortiz, Board Member stated, No, in all respect, I motion that we take this into executive session due to the fact that as Ms. Valdez mentioned a little while ago, you know, if we're going to be discussing individuals, you know, personnel items and personnel items, a personal item, I'd rather not do that to someone. Mr. Flores stated, if you do have a question about maybe a person, certain situation, Mr. Ortiz, in regard to maybe things being put out in the public, we are more than welcome to entertain that motion and have that legal consultation with myself under 551071 of the Texas local government code. I will ask now, Madam President, are you making an official motion to go into executive session, Mr. Ortiz? Mr. Ortiz stated, yes, yes. Out of due respect for the candidates. Ms. Pena stated I second that. Mr. Flores stated, there being a motion and a second to take this item to executive session, Madam President, I ask you to call the question. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated I Call the question, can we vote? Mr. Flores replied, you may vote.

Motion made by Frank Ortiz, seconded by Minerva Pena, to recommend that Agenda Item XI. A. be discussed in Executive Session for legal consultation, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071. (4-2-0)

Ms. Perez stated, Motion passes four yes, two no. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, okay, we are now in closed session. *Mr. Flores stated, we go to closed session, for members of the public, we will come back out, no vote will be taken in executive session as that is not allowed per the government code. The actual vote will come out here. What will happen, it will be consultation with myself.*

RESUME ORDER OF THE DAY

CLOSED MEETING: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.071. 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Eric Flores, Board Attorney state, Madam President, given the discussion that took place in executive session, Mr. Ortiz had some legal questions. We consult under 551071. At this time, the Board will not take any action. We will have a special called meeting on the 24th at noon to consider some individuals who have put forth their name where the Board will then appropriately vet and we hope to have a consensus at that time.

BOARD RECONVENES – 9:16 P.M.

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2. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding the Status and Restoration of the BISD YouTube Channel. Update on the current status of the BISD YouTube channel, including the cause of the disruption and an estimated timeline for restoring full public access. This item is intended to ensure timely and transparent resolution of the issue. (Board Member Request Carlos Elizondo/Board Support Minerva Pena).

Mr. Carlos Elizondo, Board Member stated, I just had a couple of questions. I know that we had a BISD YouTube channel but it has changed now, right? **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent replied, yes, sir. Let me go ahead and ask staff to come in and then we'll respond to questions that you may have or information that you may need. Mr. Sandoval stated, yes sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, I think I already asked the question. **Dr. Chavez stated, would you go ahead and ask it again.** Mr. Elizondo stated, sure. **Dr. Chavez stated, thank you.** Mr. Elizondo stated, I just want to know, we had a BISD YouTube channel that I think everybody had already in it. It's not there anymore. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, do we know what happened to it? **Mr. Sandoval stated, when we first noticed it gone, it said that it was spam, so they disconnected our channel. I do have a meeting with somebody tomorrow in hopes that we can have the opportunity to bring it back.** Ms. Pena stated, I have a question on that. Okay so when that channel was gone I remember then another YouTube channel appeared. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes the department YouTube channel.** Ms. Pena stated, so did we get authority from YouTube because I know the rules and regulations of YouTube when they shut you down. You got to stay shut down because if they find out that you opened it again with the same entity, the same person, and then they come in and say they're going to remove you permanently. Do we know who got permission to attempt to open another YouTube channel after the first one was shut down and we had to wait for an answer from them before we attempted to open a new one? **Mr. Sandoval replied, I wrote appeals to the first one in which they all got denied. Now, the first one was the BISD KBSD, which is a school district channel. So, since it was a school district channel, I opened up a department channel, KBSDI-TV. No different than how every other school does their own YouTube channel. They also have YouTube channels, elementary, middle schools, high schools, even though they're part of BISD.** Ms. Pena stated, but they shut down your YouTube BISD channel. **Mr. Sandoval stated, the district channel, yes.** Ms. Pena stated yes, and then you opened another district channel. **Mr. Sandoval stated, I opened up a department channel, KBSD ITV.** Ms. Pena stated, that is still a district channel because it's part of BISD. So, you went ahead and opened it again and jeopardized BISD name. When your appeal got denied, we have to wait to re-appeal again and not open it again in the same entity's name because now we're causing ourselves to get even more pushback because KBSD ITV, and KBSD, business, KBSD, KBSD, BISD, BISD. That's why they shut both of them. So, we need to make sure that we know the rules and the regulations, because I know people that this has happened to. And it's really hard to be patient and waiting. They even shut down Facebook. And you have to take a deep breath and wait. They shut down a Facebook page because you're putting too many what? You're putting too many prayers, so they're shutting you down. And they do. And then they'll come back nine hours later. hour later, okay, you're back up. But those that don't have the patience to wait and open up another channel, then we get barred permanently. So when is, where are we in that status and can we make sure that we don't make those mistakes again because it reflects really bad on BISD? **Mr. Sandoval stated, that is why I have a meeting tomorrow ma'am. I'm going to discuss the original channel and for them to guide us**

on what is it exactly that they found as spam, so that way this will not be repeated again and we are in high hopes and we do believe that we can get our original channel back. Ms. Pena stated, okay so when moving forward KBSD, I2, YouTube, whatever kind of online make sure that we know the rules and regulations so we don't get BISD in trouble. **Mr. Sandoval Yes ma'am.** Ms. Pena stated, because that's what we did. We majorly got BISD in trouble and it's not fair because I know you weren't aware of it but I'm more kind that before I take a step forward I research all the rules and regulations. So, when that happened and I saw that station I remember this is going to go down. I'm unsure enough it did because they're very particular. I don't like how they operate, but we don't have a choice because it belongs to them, not to us. So, make sure in the future when we do that for Facebook or YouTube or anything online that we research what the regulations are. We accidentally, because I think they accidentally cut you off because you don't know how to spam. They're human. They make mistakes. Make sure we go through those so we don't put ourselves in that kind of predicament again. **Mr. Sandoval stated, of course ma'am. Yes ma'am.** Mr. Elizondo stated, was it spam or was it because we were looping the video? **Mr. Sandoval replied, they said it was spam.** So that is why tomorrow we need clarification from the company itself to let us know what was wrong. Mr. Elizondo stated, okay. And then another one. Did we lose all our videos that were stored on that KBSD? **Mr. Sandoval replied, we didn't lose all our videos sir. So right now...** Mr. Elizondo interjected, we can we have those somewhere we need them like graduation and stuff like that in the past. **Mr. Sandoval replied, sir I have a server that where we have 97% of our videos we're still working on recovering the other 3% and I'm in hopes that they will restore our channel in which we can actually back up those on our server now. This is our own private server for the district where we're going to start keeping records.** Mr. Elizondo state, so if they give it back to us, we're able to recover that, whatever, 3% or whatever it is. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes, we are.** Mr. Elizondo stated, if we don't recover that channel, then they're lost forever. **Mr. Sandoval stated, no, we're still going to try to recover them, sir.** Mr. Elizondo stated, but I'm saying if they don't let you have KBSD channel TV again, or the channel, we're not going to be able to recover it, right? **Mr. Sandoval stated, like if they don't allow us to have it?** Mr. Elizondo stated, yeah, they say, you know what, we're not going to let you have the channel back. **Mr. Sandoval stated, okay, then we will still continue to try to search for the last 3% that we have. As we know, once you put something on the internet, it stays there forever. It's just a work, tedious work to find it and record it again and put it into our server.** Mr. Elizondo stated, I know because a lot of people would go there and search previous graduations of their kids. And that's the biggest complaint I got was, hey, you know what happened to it? You know, I should have downloaded my kid's graduation or the, you know, or the Folklorico dance, whatever it is, and it's not there anymore. **Mr. Sandoval stated, and I understand, Mr. Elizondo, I've had several calls to KBSD requesting previous graduations, and they have actually come up to KBSD where I have recorded those graduations on CDs, and I tell them, if you bring a thumb drive, I will go ahead and record it there, simply because my department doesn't have thumb drives.** Mr. Elizondo stated, perfect, no, no, no, and I agree if they want it, they can come to you. But the concern was that, could they go back and be able to recover those files? And you said yes. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes, yes, they can just call the station and we will be more than glad to provide them with a copy.** Mr. Elizondo stated, I appreciate it. And then just let us know, please, and maybe through the Superintendent, if and when you get that KBSD channel back up. **Mr. Sandoval stated, most definitely you sir, as**

soon as I get some type of response, I will let everybody know. Mr. Elizondo stated, thank you sir. Ms. Pena stated and Dr. Chavez real quick if I may. Can we, and this is why I want that TV station there because the TV station doesn't lose it like that. Because remember you don't own YouTube. We don't own Facebook. It's going crazy sir. I'm sure you've seen it. It's going crazy because the owners are doing ridiculous things. They want to make money. So, I don't believe in that as the only thing to market ourselves and push ourselves because the day the owner says, ay te watcho, you are out, you're out. When we have that TV station, nobody's going to bring that down but us. And I don't know why some people are like, but I want to make sure that we always have a good backup. And a lot of people, believe it or not, they have cable for \$80 with a little box and they need it. So, if you could please reconsider it, I want to have that backup for us because one day they're going to get tired and they'll permanently ban you because I've seen it happen. And you bleed and you plead and their mentality is, we own it, get off and there's nothing we can do. So if we could consider that to help us, it would help us a lot to have a backup for the wonderful work you all do, you to be able to showcase it. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes ma'am. We're also expanding our technology. We're trying to make sure that we can get all our videos on our bisd.us for our archives. That way anyone who wants to watch our videos can just go straight to our website. We're also trying to live stream all our events to our website where we control and no one's going to tell us oh no we're going to take it away from you because that belongs to us now.** Ms. Pena stated, and it's excellent but there is a half a mile radius, Old Port Isabel Road halfway to Parades Line Road that no satellite has that corner and the internet doesn't work. No satellite. Guess what they told the people in that neighborhood to do? Can you please move? Because there's no satellite and nobody will give them the property to book the antenna. Can you please move? AT&T, all of them, Spectrum, everybody, can you move? Because you're in the wrong spot. So, for those kinds of people, I want to, because there's dead spots like that in the city, I know you know that. **Mr. Sandoval stated, yes ma'am there are several dead spots.** Ms. Pena continued, that's why I want that television station. So, the website is awesome. I just want to have a backup for those that live in those areas, because if you paid your house, sir, you're not going to go buy a new one to get TV or to get internet. You're going to stay where you're at. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated Dr. Chavez. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, thank you, Mr. Sandoval, for your very clear explanation, next item. **Mr. Sandoval stated, one thing, ma'am, I want to advise everybody, if they can please keep one of my employees in their prayer. Mr. Lorenzo Lozano is currently in the hospital right now.** Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, yes. Ms. Pena stated, yes God bless him in the name of Jesus, and he be well. **No Action Taken**

3. Presentation, discussion and possible action on rules, regulations and comment practice, in allowing any/all BISD students to join and maintain membership in extra in all curricular activities they have been accepted to join. (Board Member Request Minerva Pena/Board Support Carlos Elizondo)

Ms. Daniella Lopez Valdez, Board President stated, do you all have any motion or open the table for discussion? Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, Move to approve. Extracurricular. Well, let me discuss before I get us, may I? Okay, my objective of this and it's kind of like, I know it was brought up by some of the people today, saying, well, you know, not everybody can be anywhere, not everybody can be part of everything. And then the next discussion, well, every teacher should be allowed to stay here they're at and not

have to move them and not give them an opportunity to be like, it contradicts, you're going to do it for the teacher, but you don't want to do it for the students. My only objective of this is I am hearing and I am seeing different schools, different manners. Dr. Chavez, where we've had young ladies that have been in the drill team for three years. They got, they won competition, they got first place, they got first place in the state. They're like outstanding, outstanding dancers. But for whatever reason, some schools, not all, make everybody try out every year. And this award-winning dancer, I don't know who they pick to come and judge you on your dancing, I don't know who the judges are. Well, that one didn't get a high enough score, we're not going to bring her back. Wait, wait, wait, what do you mean you're not going to bring her back? When you have a football team, the football player comes back the next year, he doesn't have to try out again. You have a basketball team, the basketball player comes back the next year unless he gets in trouble or something. You have a baseball team, the baseball player comes back the next year, he doesn't have to try out again. You have a soccer team. You have a band member. My thing is it's only being done in selective campuses. And it breaks my heart when you have these award-winning dancers in the nation, in the state, are being told, well, no, you didn't make enough points. You're not going to be on anymore. And I remember, and I'm going to say this, but I won't say the names. When we had some that have beautiful drill team, you get a new sponsor, there's too many. I want to bring it down to 25. Let's get rid of the other 20. Sir, if we are so tired as educators that we don't want to do all this for all these children, sir, then we have a concern, because our children come to school for the extracurricular activities. Our children wake up every day to go do that extra stuff and to be on a drill team, and then you have to try it again or to be a cheerleader this year and that's who you have to try out again. I have a concern where why are we making them try out when they are top-notch honor students with all these awards? You're trying out, no, let's get rid of that, let's get rid of this one, let's try this one over here. Can we do something where once you've earned that spot, unless you did something wrong, unless you're in trouble, your grades are down, then they can politely tell you, you can't be on the team again. But to be ready to go and then come back and say, well, no, never mind, we're going to cut it down. I'm really hurting because these kids come to school because of these events. And they flourish. And they succeed. And you talk about that all the time. Look at all the things that we're doing for kids for extracurricular activity to give them some hope and dream to come to school and have fun and learn, but also have fun. So my only thing is can we look into this and once these young ladies or these young men have joined these places or these extracurricular activities that they are to continue and be allowed unless they get in trouble or they don't show up because it's not fair, not everybody can be everywhere, but did you want everything for this, all the teachers? Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. We're all children of God or we're not? You can't do one for one and not for the other. That's all I'm asking, it's never been like that. And you and I went to this school district and you and I have been part of that. Ms. Lopez Valdez interjected, Ms. Pena, just a warning, you have one minute, just so that we... Ms. Pena continued, if we could please look into that, sir. And these young ladies who've earned, these young men who've earned, top-notch dancers. And all of a sudden, somebody wakes up and says, here's my three team, let's get rid of these. Sir, what are we doing? We're hurting them and we're destroying them and we're crushing them because we think it's too much. I want to make sure that we take care of that, sir, and we allow them to continue. And if the teacher's too tired, I can't handle, that's too many, it's so much work. I love you, go find another job. When you sign up to serve the children, you're going to serve them all. You're not going to pick and choose who you get. Because you never know when

that child's going to make a difference in your future life, and make a difference in our world, because we turn around and guided them and shaped them to be the best that they can be. So I'm asking if you could please look into that and allow them to continue and not have them kicked off and destroyed and break their heart for no reason other than they could. That's all I'm asking, sir. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated Dr. Chavez. **Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, so let me make some comments here and then I am going to ask our staff here to give us a short report, right? Here, as I've worked in school districts, and yes, we look at the students who come to these programs. Most of the areas I've been, including Brownsville, right, we have had a number that we want to serve. Yes, that number may be a little higher, maybe a little lower in some locations. And I would commit to yes, we need to make sure that we are making as many of those positions available. Although keep in mind that in some of our campuses, yes, we would need to hire additional folks, right? Now, I say that and I'm sorry that I have to come back to where we are from a financial standpoint to say that we do have limited dollars. And as we improve the number of folks that we have, let's say we move from one person to two people and we want to double the numbers, then, yes, there's a cost associated with that. And so yes, that can be a consideration, but just know and understand that it is going to take some additional dollars. And as we look at what line we're going to draw and say this is the limit, you know, is 4 million the limit? Is 5 million the limit, is 7 million the limit? We're going to have to draw that line and, you know, make some decisions about that. So, I mean, we're happy to look at that, but just know and understand that, yes, it's going to take additional money, additional folks, and then, of course, you know, here we are where we're in the summertime now. And again, for next year, we've already done the tryouts piece. And so, it would be a situation. Let's assume that we said, okay, we want to add one additional person to cover the 38 folks that we want them to join. Then that's, again, the additional money that would be added to that. And then, you know, for us to set that up for the next year and then for us to also think about, okay, so how many students are we getting to the field and do we get all, because now we're talking probably about 72 people, right, 38 and 38. But anyway, I want you to get the feel for that. So, let me turn it over to staff and we can talk about where we are with number of students and that yes, you know, we have done selections through competitions so that we can select students who would participate.** Ms. Pena stated, and make sure they give me the information, Dr. Chavez, because in the years past they've done 40 per one sponsor. Now we have sponsors say I only want to do 25. So I want to know when you gave the choice to the employee to choose how many she's going to do and throw the other kids away. Why are you giving them that choice? If another person can do the job of 40, but this one wants to do a job of 20, you are failing our children without knowing. And I don't want that to happen. I want to make sure they've always had schools with large but you get a new sponsor doesn't want to do it why are we complying to that and not to our students because our students is our priority that's what I want to make sure that we do that's what I'm asking. **Dr. Chavez stated well let me say that from my particular situation yes I do want to get to that higher number that we have set and I've already mentioned 38 right where we do have teams that have 38 participants. Now, in some of those situations, though, it may be a situation where actually 50 people tried out, right? And so, in order for us to then accommodate the additional folks that maybe didn't make it and we want to increase that number, then, yes, it means we've got to bring another person in. And that's where I'm saying that, you know, it may be that**

we need to look at budget, right, and whether we want to dedicate those dollars again to our six schools so that they do have the ability then to increase it and have two sponsors. But that's what we want to cover with you. So let me have them. Ms. Pena interjected, but this is not what this is about. **Dr. Chavez continued, let me have them.** Ms. Pena interjected, this is not what this is about, sir, please, I want you to answer the question. Ms. Lopez Valdez, interjected, Ms. Pena your time is up, Ms. Garza. Ms. Denise Garza, Board Member stated, yes thank you Ms. Lopez Valdez, and I know I have the Athletic Director and the Finance Director here. So do your, I know Fine Arts, sorry. Dance teams, I'm assuming, and maybe even like band and stuff like that, they must have, I'm assuming they have bylaws, right? They have some type of handbook or something that they follow? **Mr. Michael Garcia, Director of Fine Arts replied, yes, and good evening everybody. Madam President, Dr. Chavez, Members of the Board. There is a constitution that was created to unify all of the programs at the high schools and the middle schools for dance in particular. There had been individual hand programs at the different campuses in years prior. But to ensure that they were operating in the same fashion and were trying to do things in the same way, then we put together a handbook for the district. And so every campus was sent that. The dance teachers were sent that and the campus administration was sent that as well. Ms. Garza stated, and let me ask you this. How has that been working out since now that you have it a little more uniformed? Mr. Garcia stated, we're still, you know, going through it for the first year. You know, of course there's some growing pains with that. We also did give them an opportunity to voice the dance teachers, for them to voice any concerns that they had with any of the verbiage in the handbook and so that's going to be looked at now that we got feedback from them and we'll make possibly make some revisions for next year after having it for the first year but the all of that was primarily in response to auditions and questions that came up you know and people possibly doing things in different fashions so, we created a unifying process. And the handbook and the constitution that was put together is not unique to BISD. It's not anything that would not be the same verbiage in any other neighboring district. Matter of fact, it was all compiled with other handbooks brought forth from McAllen and Edinburg and PSJA and all these neighboring school districts in putting ideas together to create a BISD guideline that we would follow for our dance teams, yes. Ms. Garza stated, thank you Mr. Garcia and I'm not sure if that's how athletics works as well Mr. Coach Leal. I know you all have to follow UIL rules right because that is they're very big on following rules but do your sports have bylaws or handbooks as well that they follow? Mr. Gilbert Leal, Director of Athletics replied, yes we follow the UIL rule, Constitution of Rules in the same way so depending on the sizes of our schools, what sport it is, you know we try not to put any limits but at the end of the day it comes down to equity across the district so we just want to make sure that every one of our students has the has the equipment or the needs that they need in order to perform. Ms. Garza stated, so is yours similar to Fine Arts? Is yours pretty much uniform throughout all the high schools and middle schools? Coach Leal replied, yes, at the high school and the middle schools, that's correct. Ms. Garza stated, okay, thank you. Coach Leal stated, yes ma'am. Ms. Pena stated, and thank you Mr. Leal for not pulling the limits and letting every child attend because you do that different, so thank you. No Action Taken**

XIII. CLOSED MEETING: as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.084. 9:40 p.m.

A. LEVEL III GRIEVANCE(S):

1. Discussion and consideration, regarding Level III Grievance No.005/24-25 on L.Z.
Amendment: XIII. A. 1. As per grievant's request, delete from agenda and backup
2. Discussion and consideration regarding Level III Grievance No.006/24-25 on G.G.

B. PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

1. Presentation and acceptance of Retirements. (16)
2. Presentation and acceptance of Resignations. (18)
3. Personnel Update with Superintendent (Dr. Jesus H. Chavez)
4. Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Assistant Director, Athletics. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
5. Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Athletic Coordinator. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
6. Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Supervisor, Nurse. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
7. Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Systems Programmer/ Analyst. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
8. Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year – Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Licensed/Trainee/Intern). Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
9. Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Assistant Director, FNS. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
10. Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year – Athletic Trainer. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1)
11. Change in compensation for professional employee (M.D.G.) for the 2024-2025 Fiscal School Year.
12. Campus Professional Employee (F.B.) for change in contract, change in salary for the 2024-2025 Fiscal School Year.
13. Campus Professional Employee (L.R.) for change in days, change in salary for the 2025-2026 Fiscal School Year.
14. Campus professional staff for Chapter 21- term contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.
15. Campus professional staff for Probationary contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION

1. Staff Attorney
 - a. Discussion and consideration regarding Cause No. 2025-DCL-02339-B; Robert “Bob” Driggers vs. Brownsville Independent School District.
 - b. Discussion regarding Cause No. SRDR2025-11-02.
2. Board Attorney:
 - a. Legal Update with Board Counsel.

D. INTERNAL AUDITOR CONSULTATION

1. Audit Plan for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

E. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION.

XIV. BOARD RECONVENES - Board action on agenda items discussed in Executive Session. 12:03 a.m.

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Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to recommend approval to uphold Level II as recommended by administration regarding Level III Grievance No. 006/24-25 on G.G. (6-0-0)

B. PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Denise Garza, and unanimously carried to recommend approval grouping agenda items 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. (G6-0-0)

1. Recommend approval and acceptance of Retirements. (16) **(G 6-0-0)**
Frank J. Castillo, Patricia Cisneros, Sylvia Cook, Martha G. Fernandez, Oscar Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Norma G. Gonzalez, Rebecca Gutierrez, Christina Lopez, Gregorio Lopez, Oscar G. Mascorro, Maria Mata, Carlos Morales, Gabriel Morales, Antonio Padilla, Beatriz Rocha.
2. Recommend approval and acceptance of Resignations. (18) **(G 6-0-0)**
Jessica L. Abete, Sophia L. Artiaga, Ana P. Barrientos, Rocio A. Cortz, Dafne Z.Espinoza, Ruth A. Estrada, Ashley M. Lewis, Renee Lockett, Velma T. Lozano, Andres Macias, Alejandra Martinez, Stephanie Rivera, Andrew A.Sieerra, Edna I. Sierra, Juliana Topete-Lopez, Julio Trujillo, Gloria E. Valdez, Andy Villarreal
3. Personnel Update with Superintendent (Dr. Jesus H. Chavez) **(G 6-0-0)**

4. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Assistant Director, Athletics. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **No Action Taken**
5. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Athletic Coordinator. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **(Johnny Garza-Rivera ECHS)** **(G 6-0-0)**
6. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Supervisor, Nurse. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **No Action Taken**
7. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Systems Programmer/Analyst. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **(Ryan Granado-Computer Technology Services)** **(G 6-0-0)**
8. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year – Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Licensed/Trainee/Intern). Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **(Taylor Martinez-Special Services)** **(G 6-0-0)**
9. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year – Assistant Director, FNS. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **(Becky Gracia-Food & Nutrition Services)** **(G 6-0-0)**
10. Recommend approval of Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year–Athletic Trainer. Subject to receipt of all outstanding documentation.(1) **(James Cano-Athletics)** **(G 6-0-0)**
11. Recommend approval of Change in compensation for professional employee (M.D.G.) for the 2024-2025 Fiscal School Year. **(G 6-0-0)**
12. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Employee (F.B.) for change in contract, change in salary for the 2024-2025 Fiscal School Year. **(G 6-0-0)**
13. Recommend approval of Campus Professional Employee (L.R.) for change in days, change in salary for the 2025-2026 Fiscal School Year. **(G 6-0-0)**
14. Recommend approval of Campus professional staff for Chapter 21- term contracts for the 2025-2026 school year. **(G 6-0-0)**
15. Recommend approval of Campus professional staff for Probationary contracts for the 2025-2026 school year. **(G 6-0-0)**

C. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION

1. Staff Attorney

Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to recommend approval grouping agenda items C. 1a and C. 1b, as discussed in Executive Session. (6-0-0)

- a. Discussion and consideration regarding Cause No. 2025-DCL-02339-B; Robert “Bob” Driggers vs. Brownsville Independent School District. **(G 6-0-0)**
- b. Discussion regarding Cause No. SRDR2025-11-02. **(G 6-0-0)**
2. Board Attorney:
 - a. Legal Update with Board Counsel. **No Action Taken**

D. INTERNAL AUDITOR CONSULTATION

1. Audit Plan for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Motion made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Jessica Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to recommend approval of Audit Plan for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as discussed in Executive Session. (6-0-0)

E. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION. No Action Taken

XV. Announcement(s):

Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent stated, just wanted to very quickly mention two district events. June 15th, we have Father's Day. Just wanted to remind everybody about that. I am a father, by the way. June 26, we have the Special Called Board Meeting, at 5.30 PM. And also, earlier I think we announced that we do have a Board Meeting on the 24th as well beginning at 12 p.m. So just wanted to make those three announcements, thank you. Ms. Minerva Pena, Board Member stated, and Dr. Chavez question? Ms. Lopez Valdez stated, Ms. Pena. Ms. Pena stated, yes on page five, question those B, four, and B, six, you pulled them out. I didn't hear you say they were pulled. Ms. Lopez Valdez stated (inaudible). Ms. Pena stated oh you pulled them oh, I apologize, thank you.

XVI. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Daniella Lopez Valdez, seconded by Denise Garza, and unanimously carried to approve to adjourn the Rescheduled Board Meeting at 12:06 A.M. (6-0-0)

- **There being no further business appearing before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.**

(HANDOUTS ADDED TO OFFICIAL MINUTES)

(AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES OF THE OPEN MEETING AND THE WRITTEN CERTIFIED AGENDA OF THE CLOSED MEETING ARE ON FILE)

Approved by:

Daniella Lopez Valdez, President of the Board

Date

Attested by:

Minerva Pena, Secretary of the Board

Date

Notes: Font style designation

Board of Trustees

Administration

Board Attorney

Staff Attorney

Speaker/Presenter

(Minutes presented at Regular Board Meeting held on August 5, 2025)