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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Karen Winch _____ **OF:** _____ Board Secretary _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ February 16, 2010 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees take action to approve Board Meeting minutes:

Public Hearing on Schools First Meeting – January 20, 2010
Regular Board Meeting – January 20, 2010

RATIONALE:

State law requires the Board to prepare and keep minutes of its open meeting. Govt. Code §551.021. The minutes are public records available for public inspection and copying upon request to the Superintendent or his designee. Govt. Code § 551.022.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

No Budget Impact

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

This is in compliance and in accordance with Board Policy BE and BE (LOCAL).

Public Hearing on Schools First Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

January 20, 2010

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Pat Campos – President - absent
Juan A. Molina, Jr. – Vice President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - absent
Judd Gilpin – Member - absent
William "Bill" Johnson – absent
Member Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Member - absent

I. Open Hearing

A Public Hearing was held Wednesday, January 20, 2010, in the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. An announcement was made by the Board President calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 4:30 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

II. Texas Education Code §39.053 Presentation of Annual Report Describing the District's Educational Performance on the AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicators Systems) Indicators

As required by Texas Education Code §39.053, District administrators presented the 2008-09 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report for United Independent School District.

Dr. Guadalupe Gorordo, Executive Director of Instructional Accountability, presented an overview of the District's AEIS report. The first section covered in the presentation was an overview of the comprehensive reporting system which is defined by statute was presented by Dr. Guadalupe Gorordo, Executive Director of Instructional Accountability. Districts have published the report annually since 1990-91, and it gives parents and community a snapshot of 1) District performance (Section I of the AEIS Report), and 2) a District profile (Section I of AEIS report). The data used to determine District and campus accountability ratings is collected through the state data reporting system (PEIMS) and the student assessment system.

The District was rated as Academically Acceptable for 2009 and received Gold Performance acknowledgements for its Recommended High School Program – class of 2008.

In viewing the District/Campus performance in Section I, the data for all indicators used to determine accountability ratings include 1) Spring 2009 TAKS performance, 2) Completion rate 1 for class of 2009, and 3) the 2008-09 annual dropout rate for grades 7 and 8. In the future, additional data that will be considered will be 1) an accountability preview for 2011, 2) the number of college-ready graduates, and 3) English Language Learner (ELL) progress measure.

Accountability standards for the years 2007-2011 were presented to the Board showing how the standards have increased in select areas each year.

The annual drop out rate for grades 7-8 and the high school completion rates grades 9-12 were then shown.

In summarizing the accountability ratings, UISD had the following ratings:

Rating	# of Schools
Exemplary	6
Recognized	18
Academically Acceptable	16
Academically Unacceptable	0
AEA Not Rated – Other	0
AEA – Academically Unacceptable	0
Not Rated – Other	2
Not Rated – Data Integrity Issues	0
Total	42

The list of accountability by campus was presented with the following schools being rated Exemplary:

Trautmann Elementary	Gutierrez Elementary
Ruiz Elementary	Prada Elementary
Dr. Malakoff Elementary	

The presentation continued outlining the sum of all grades tested and those that met TAKS standards, as well as, the District's percentage for TAKS Commended Performance, 2008 and 2009 TAKS participation. The District earned an 87% (Class of 2009) and 86% (Class of 2008) cumulative passing rate for the TAKS Exit Level. The percentages of success in the Student Success Initiative were highlighted.

A new measure was the English Language Learners (ELL) progress measure.

Data compiled by Instructional Accountability noted that the completion rate for the class of 2008 indicated 89.9% graduated, 8.2% received their GED, 1.7 continued with high school, and 0.2% dropped out after four years.

The presentation also included the college readiness indicators and future accountability indicators including high school graduates who:

- Met the Higher Education Readiness Component) HERC standard on Exit Level ELA/Math; or
- Scored more than or equal to 500 on SAT Reading/Math and higher or equal to

1070 total; or

- Scored higher than or equal to 19 on ACT English/Math and greater than or Equal to a 23 composite score.

Mr. Eduardo Zuniga, Associate Superintendent for Support Services, addressed the Board regarding violent and criminal incidents whose reporting was required by Texas Statute 39.053. The speaker indicated there was a total number of 118 incidents on UISD campuses at a 30% rate for an enrollment of 39,411 students. The data from PEIMS reporting included the following:

Violent Criminal Offenses	# of Incidents
Murder, capital murder, criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder	0
Indecency with a child	1
Aggravated kidnapping	0
Aggravated robbery	0
Assault against someone other than a school district employee or volunteer	117
Aggravated assault under Penal Code	0
Sexual assault under Penal Code or aggravated sexual assault	0

Mr. Zuniga stated that the District has managed to keep violence, alcohol, and tobacco use at a limited use level through its comprehensive district wide Safe and Drug Free Schools Plan.

Mr. David Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the District Profile with demographic data about students and staff. Of the 39,935 students reported, the information was provided for students by grade from Early Childhood Education through Grade 12. The speaker also outlined the ethnic distribution of students and those identified as economically disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient (LEP), students with disciplinary placements and at risk students. In addition, demographic information was provided for students identified as special education.

Mr. Garcia reviewed information on teaching staff by ethnicity and sex, by highest degree held, and teachers by the number of years of experience. He also presented salary information and turnover rate for teaching staff.

Ms. Laida Benavides, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, presented tax information, annual revenues, expenditures and program information.

A new section in the report dealt with 2008-09 district performance for current year LEP students.

Administrators concluded the presentation to the Board by advising where the report is available for viewing which includes:

TEA website <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/>

UISD website <http://www.uisd.net/instruction/performanceindicators.htm>

Campus libraries or offices

III. Public Comments.

Mr. Juan Molina called for Public Comments. However, no one came forward to speak.

IV. Close Hearing

The hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Public Hearing of January 20, 2010 was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Pat Campos –President

Juan Roberto Ramirez - Secretary

Regular Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

January 20, 2010

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Pat Campos – President - absent
Juan A. Molina, Jr. – Vice President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian (was not present for the vote on Items VIII and IX-A)
Judd Gilpin - Member
William "Bill" Johnson – Member - absent
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Member

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Call to Order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 in the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. In the absence of the Board President, an announcement was made by the Board Vice President calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:30 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

IV. Public Comments: Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board Parliamentarian will be the timekeeper and will inform the speaker when they have one (1) remaining minute. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them. Comments must address items listed on the agenda. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy, as noted in BED (LOCAL), to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Pursuant to 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, no Board Member or Administrator may respond to a member of the public, unless such response is a recitation of District policy or a statement of specific factual information. When a speaker comes to the podium, please indicate what agenda item you will be addressing. Furthermore, please refrain from mentioning any

employee's name and any complaint about any employee's duties or responsibilities should be channeled through the appropriate grievance policy.

No one came forward to speak during Public Comments.

Mr. Juan Molina requested that Mr. Santos introduce those being honored in **Item V-Recognitions.**

V. Recognitions

Mr. Santos advised the Board that they were recognizing those who had donated time and efforts for the children in our school district.

A. *Navidad en el Barrio* Christmas Gift Project

Ms. Roni Cantu, Director of Public Relations, introduced Constable Rudy Rodriguez for Precinct I and deputies who assisted in the *Navidad en el Barrio* Christmas Gift Project. They were recognized by the Board of Trustees for their assistance in the project. The Constables gave out Christmas gift cards, plaques, bicycles and laptops to our students.

B. Chick-Fil-A Store #002249 – 2009 Christmas Toy Drive

Ms. Cantu introduced Mari Elena Rollins and Marti Speers from Chick-Fil-A at Loop 20 for helping to bring joy to less fortunate UISD children during the 2009 holiday season. She said Chick-fil-A's participation helped the District raise money for toys during the Charity Fashion Show in November, 2009. Ms. Cantu said Chick-Fil-a then returned to help the District during the three-day toy distribution held on December at the SAC. The Board recognized Chick-Fil-A representatives for the time they invested to making the holidays brighter for many disadvantaged UISD children.

VII-A. Special presentation by Webb County Judge Danny Valdez to the United Independent School District Board of Trustees proclaiming the month of January 2010 as "School Board Recognition Month."

Mr. Santos introduced the honorable Judge Danny Valdez who thanked the UISD school board for their efforts and successes. Judge Valdez read a proclamation proclaiming January as School Board Month.

Mr. Santos and district administrators then presented the Board with suitcases with the UISD logo embroidered on the front. He said the suitcases would be for the many conferences and meetings the Board attends during the year.

The Board was then serenaded by the Clark Middle School Mariachi band. Following the presentation, the band received a standing ovation from the audience.

VI. Closed Session: Board adjourned into closed session at 7:05 p. m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Humberto Salas, et. al. v

Ricardo Camarillo, in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, Civil Action No. L-08-22

**B. 551.074 - Consultation with Board's Attorney
Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel**

551.076 – Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of security personnel or devices

**1. Discussion re: Status Report from Internal Auditor on Duties re:
The following matters:**

- a. Trautmann Middle Student Activity Fund**
- b. STEP Academy Student Activity Fund**
- c. Juarez Lincoln Student Activity Fund**
- d. Kennedy Zapata Student Activity Fund**
- e. Clark Middle Student Activity Fund**
- f. Los Obispos Middle Student Activity Fund**
- g. Centeno Elementary Student Activity Fund**
- h. Status of On-Going Audits**

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:06 p.m. and took appropriate action on items, as necessary, and as discussed in Closed Session.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Santos advised the Board that they did not have any items to report under this agenda item.

VIII. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Juan Molina requested that Item VIII-I be pulled out and presented at next month's meeting.

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements**
- B. Approval of Budget Amendments**
- C. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications**
- D. Consideration for Approval of Cooperative Program Contract Related Fees Report for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year**

- E. consideration for Approval to Proceed with Engineering Services for Plan Development for Marching Pads at United South and L.B. Johnson High Schools**
- F. Approval of Request from Mr. Ricardo Molina, Sr. for Use of Board Of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Juarez-Lincoln Elementary for \$7800**
- G. Approval of Request from Pat Campos for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Clark Middle School for \$2596**
- H. Approval of Board Travel for the Month of February 2010**
- I. Second Reading of Policy CH(LOCAL) – Purchasing and Acquisition**

Motion: So move.
 Moved by: J. Molina
 Seconded by: Gilpin
 Discussion: None
 In Favor: Unanimous

IX. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes

- 1. Special Called Meeting – 12.8.09**
- 2. Board Workshop – 12.10.09**
- 3. Regular Board Meeting – 12.16.09**
- 4. Special Called Meeting -12.28.09**

Motion: So move.
 Moved by: Gilpin
 Seconded by: Ramirez
 Discussion: None
 In Favor: Unanimous

B. Donations

Mr. Santos read the list of donations into the record and thanked all donors for their gracious donations totaling \$48,428 to the school district.

Motion: So move.
 Moved by: Ramirez
 Seconded by: R. Molina

Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

- C. Approval of Laredo Reads Resolution No. 0001-The United Independent School Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the City of Laredo, to support the efforts of Laredo Reads Committee to approach bookstore corporations to open a bookstore in Laredo by encouraging the community to demonstrate their love for reading.**

Motion: So move.

Moved by: Ramirez
Seconded by: R. Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: In Favor

- D. Approval of Request from Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for United South High School for \$11,368.**

Motion: So move.

Moved by: Ramirez
Seconded by: R. Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010 was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Pat Campos – President

Juan Roberto Ramirez - Secretary