UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Board Minutes for the Month of August 2013

SUBMITTED BY: Delia C. Campos OF: Board Secretary

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: September 17, 2013

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

1. Special Called Meeting – August 13, 2013
2. Public Hearing – August 21, 2013
3. Regular Board Meeting – August 21, 2013

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).

Special Called Meeting
August 13, 2013

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

In Attendance

Robert J. Santos
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees
Judd Gilpin – President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian
Pat Campos – Member – ABSENT
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – ABSENT
Ramiro Veliz, III - Member

The Board of Trustees of United ISD met in a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, beginning at 6:15 PM in the United ISD – Boardroom, 201 Lindenwood Dr., Laredo, TX 78043.

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. President Judd Gilpin made an announcement calling this Special Called meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:32 pm. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and Indivisible.

IV. Action Item:

A. Approval of 2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct

Annette Perez - Good Evening, Mr. Gilpin and Honorable Board Members we bring before you the 2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct for your approval. We did receive input from a district-wide committee of students, parents,

administrators and community members. DEIC did approve our recommendations in July this past month. The changes are minor because the legislature really did focus a lot on testing and graduation plans. There are only two legislative changes and one of them deals with a prohibited weapon where they removed a switch blade knife from that category. However we do prohibit the possession of knives in school and do have that as a place able offense at the alternative school. The other area is bus drivers being allowed to refer students to administrators if are causing a disruption on the bus. That has been our practice for many years. They do submit referrals to our administrators. There are other minor changes where we did provide a presentation. Are there any questions at this time?

Ricardo Molina – I only have one question and every year I have the same question. We need to in force the Code of Conduct and make the Principals responsible, not the teachers or anybody else. Just have the Principals follow the Code of Conduct. You go to the schools and they are not wearing the uniform and we need to make sure that whatever we pass is implemented.

Moved by:	Ricardo Molina
Seconded by:	Javier Montemayor
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous

V. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Special Called Meeting of August 13, 2013, was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Judd Gilpin – President

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Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary

Public Hearing
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

August 21, 2013

In Attendance

Roberto J Santos – Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Judd Gilpin – President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian
Pat Campos – Member
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member
Javier Montemayor, Jr. - Member

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. A Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, August 21, 2013, in the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043. President, Judd Gilpin made an announcement calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:08 p.m. Let the record show that a quorum of Board members was present, that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

III. Public Comments regarding 2013-2014 Budget and Proposed 2013 Tax Rate: 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.

Laida Benavides – This is just to inform the Board that this Public Hearing was published in the Laredo Morning Times as required by Texas Education Code. It was published on August 11, 2013 ten days before this meeting this evening. It did say it would hold this Public Meeting on August 21, 2013 at the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. During the Regular Board Meeting, there is an item for the Board to adopt our budget and at that point we can discuss it further. This is

a balanced budget as you can see. You will be adopting a budget for the General Fund of $315,485,967, the Debt Service fund which we plan to take about 1.6 million from fund balance and still be within our Board Policy minimum fund balance policy and then the Food Service Fund has total revenue of $23,240,094. This evening we are proposing to the Board to adopt a budget of $363,615,360. This budget is supported by a tax rate of $1.19486 which is the same tax rate we had had the last four/five years. M&O $1.04 and our debt service tax rate is $0.154860.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE MADE

IV. Adjournment

Moved by:	Javier Montemayor
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous

There being no further business before the Board, the Public Hearing of August 21, 2013, was adjourned at 6:12p.m.

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Judd Gilpin, President

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Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The United Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 21, 2013 in Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex at 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78043. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	$1.040000/$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	$0.154860/$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	7.37 % increase
Debt Service	-3.59 % decrease
Total expenditures	6.48 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	$13,170,659,716	$14,634,362,501
Total appraised value* of new property**	$143,223,909	$228,709,070
Total taxable value*** of all property	$11,500,679,292	$12,923,772,398
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$131,395,104	$202,609,429

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* $246,312,792

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$1.040000	$0.154860*	$1.194860	$3,440	$4,412
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$1.054920	$0.190120*	$1.245040	$3,797	$4,375
Proposed Rate	$1.040000	$0.154860*	$1.194860	$3,805	$4,391

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$133,071	$133,982
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$98,292	$99,070
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$1.194860	$1.194860
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$1,174.45	$1,183.75
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$9.30

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is $1.194910. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of $1.194910.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	$69,705,399
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$4,253,266

UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed Budget

Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for 2013-2014

Description	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	70 Food Service Fund	98 Memorandum Totals
Total Estimated Revenues				
5700 Local Sources	$ 136,723,057	$ 19,483,870	$ 2,276,694	$ 158,483,621
5800 State Sources	176,154,535	3,786,073	135,000	180,075,608
5900 Federal Sources	2,608,375	-	20,828,400	23,436,775
Total Revenues	**315,485,967**	**23,269,943**	**23,240,094**	**361,996,004**
Total Estimated Expenditures				
11 Instruction	179,298,763	-	-	179,298,763
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services	5,254,550	-	-	5,254,550
13 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Dev.	503,044	-	-	503,044
21 Instructional Administration	5,465,170	-	-	5,465,170
23 School Leadership	19,792,812	-	-	19,792,812
31 Guidance and Counseling	11,967,808	-	-	11,967,808
32 Social Work Services	2,528,269	-	-	2,528,269
33 Health Services	4,036,766	-	-	4,036,766
34 Pupil Transportation	16,244,882	-	-	16,244,882
35 Food Services	-	-	22,630,211	22,630,211
36 Cocurricular Activities	9,490,636	-	-	9,490,636
41 General Administration	9,948,569	-	-	9,948,569
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations	35,128,540	-	593,883	35,722,423
52 Security and Monitoring Services	6,707,633	-	-	6,707,633
53 Data Processing Services	2,298,591	-	-	2,298,591
61 Community Services	282,738	-	-	282,738
71 Debt Service	3,723,196	24,889,299	16,000	28,628,495
81 Facilities Acquisitions	755,000	-	-	755,000
95 Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prog	209,000	-	-	209,000
99 Other Governmental Charges	1,850,000	-	-	1,850,000
Total Expenditures	**315,485,967**	**24,889,299**	**23,240,094**	**363,615,360**
Other Sources & Uses				
Transfer In	-	-	-	-
Transfer (Out)	-	-	-	-
Total Other Resources (Uses)	-	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	**(1,619,356)**	-	**(1,619,356)**
Estimated Beg. Net Position, 9-1-13	**90,742,402**	**4,370,320**	**4,433,106**	**99,545,828**
Est. End. Net Position, 8-31-14	**$ 90,742,402**	**$ 2,750,964**	**$ 4,433,106**	**$ 97,926,472**

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

August 21, 2013

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Judd Gilpin – President
Juan Roberto Ramírez – Vice President
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian
Pat Campos – Member
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member

Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Call to Order

I. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

II. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, August 21, 2013, in the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. President, Judd Gilpin made an announcement calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:15 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.

III. 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 (I) 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.

Mr. Montemayor – I want to congratulate UISD and those schools that did very well in their STAAR Exam. It was a very good showing by our schools. It was very successful and I congratulate Dr. Gorordo and her staff for the outstanding job that they have done. Also, I want to congratulate Trautmann Middle on the three distinctions that they got. I consider them the top middle school in the district and in the City right now and all the other schools that received distinctions as well, Washington Middle and Lamar Bruni Vergara that did an excellent job.

I also want to comment on the water situation in Rio Bravo/El Cenizo were we have over 2400 kids in that area. I know we have made arrangement with the Ozark Company to provide drinking water and hand sanitizers for the kids. I want to assure the public and the citizens of that area that we are going to take care of our kids. We want to make sure that they are safe and that they have a safe learning environment. I have talked to Mr. Santos and Mr. Molina and I want to make that perfectly clear as well.

Mr. Molina, Ms. Campos and I have being talking about conducting a water drive.

Mr. Ricardo Molina – We want to get a water drive organized by the whole Board and the staff of United that want to contribute to the kids.

Mr. Santos – Just to let you know Mr. Montemayor and Mr., Molina are correct. We are providing and will continue to provide the Ozark water to all our four campuses in Rio Bravo and El Cenizo. Our commitment is for our students and staff. We are also taking hand sanitizers for the children and staff. We are ready for school and we will take care of our kids and staff.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Update on Citizens Bond Committee

Right now there are no public comments. We are going to wait for the presentations on the individual agenda item.

B. Review of LEGAL Policies in TASB Update 96

No action required

Juan Cruz – Agenda Item V-N in reference to First Reading of the Local Polices requires no action, so if the board wants to take action it will go on up to agenda item V. (A-M).

V. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

B. Approval of Budget Amendments

C. Approval of Resolution to Commit Portions of the General Fund unassigned Fund Balance

D. Approval of Tax Refunds

E. Submission of Appraisal Roll to the Governing Body

F. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

G. Approval of Rescission of Board Action of June 19, 2013, with respect to RFP 006-2013 Micrographic Services

H. Approval of Sale of Salvage Equipment

I. Approval of Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County Juvenile Board and United ISD for the 2013-2014 School Year

J. Approval of Board Travel for the Month of March 2013

K. Approval of Requests from Board Members re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

L. Application for Expedited State Waiver for Accelerated Instruction for the 2013-2014 School Year

M. Approval of Additional PDAS Appraisers for the 2013-2014 School Year

N. First Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 97

Motion by:	Ramiro Veliz, III advised the Board that the Business and Instructional Committee Members had met and were recommending the approval of items A-M:
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	
Abstained:	

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes for the Month of August 2013

1. Special Called Meeting – August 13, 2013
2. Public Hearing – August 21, 2013
3. Regular Board Meeting – August 21, 2013

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

B. Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes for a total of $275.00

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Rick Rodriguez
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

C. Approval to Adopt Official Budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

Laida Benavides – We are bringing to the Board to adopt the Official Budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. The proposed official budget was prepared to cover all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures for the district for the next school year. It does include all the issues we spoke to the Board about on additional positions and proposed or approved compensation for all employees. It does include all those expenditures as well. It was prepared by August 20th as required by law and again a notice of the Public Meeting to discuss the Budget and Proposed Tax Rate was published in the Laredo Morning Times.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: Roberto J. Santos – on behalf of the 6000 employees for United ISD I want to thank the Board for supporting our employees and for the raise we were able to give our employees. I know it's been difficult this two year. In October we were able to find some funds for our employees. I want to thank our staff for finding the funds/the monies were we were able to take care of the needs of our employees. Based on the last two years, I want to personally thank the Board Members on behalf our 6000 employees. On behalf of our 43,000 students and our employees who will take care of our kids. Thank you very much.

Juan Roberto Ramirez - What can we say about our Finance Dept. You have worked hard every single year and I want to congratulate Mrs. Benavides and staff for all the work that they do. It is hard work for an accountant to focus on the needs of the school. You could not do it without the help of your staff and make this dream come true and balance the budget. Congratulation and thank you very much for the service you provide. Keep up the good work!

Judd Gilpin –I want to say on behalf of the entire Board we have greatly appreciated all the support that staff has provided the school district during these more challenging times. It is a testament of the hard work of our staff and being able to go through these times and e\regain our financial footing and come out the other side and come out as strong as before. Thank you guys very much.

Laida Benavides – I so have staff here today, the people behind the scenes that make my life a lot easier. Mr. San Flores, our Director of Accounting and the accounting dept. staff. I also want to thank Norma Farabough, Monica Madrigal her assistant. Without them we could not collect the taxes. Mr. Garcia, Human Resources, and Patty Gonzalez who makes sure we are putting in right positions in the right places. Thank you very much.

In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

D. Approval to Adopt Resolution for the 2013 Tax Rate

Board Members, Mr.Santos, Mr. Cruz and Members of the Audience. I am bringing before you the Resolution to approve the 2013 Tax Rate. You will allow me I will read the Resolution.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE LEVYING ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2013 SETTING SPECIFIC TAX RATES, APPLICABLE TO ALL REAL, PERSONAL AND MIXED PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, SETTING DUE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES.

Be it RESOLVED/ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of United Independent School District of Laredo, Webb County, Texas:

1. That an ad valorem tax rate of $ 1.194860 per $100.00 cash valuation and assessment ratio of 100% market value, as said values are fixed by the Appraisal Review Board, and the same is hereby levied for the year 2013 on all property and mixed property located and situated within the confines and boundaries of United Independent School District as of January 1st of this year, as set out below.
2. That the above specified ad valorem tax rate for the year 2013 be adopted on $100.00 cash valuation and assessment ratio of 100% market value as follows:
   A. $ 1.040000 rate for local maintenance fund.
   B. $ 0.154860 rate for debt service, bonded indebtedness, interest and sinking fund.
   C. $ 1.194860 Total tax rate.
3. Any person failing to pay their taxes on or before January 31, 2014 shall be subject to the minimum penalties and collection costs thereon allowed by law to be collected on delinquent taxes. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest at the highest per annum interest and shall bear interest from the date of delinquency until paid.

The Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes for United Independent School District.

Passed and approved this 21st day of August 2013

Mr. Judd Gilpin.
President of the Board of Trustees

Attest:

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez
Secretary

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

E. Order Calling a Bond Election; providing for the Conduct and the Giving of Notice of said Election; and resolving other matters related thereto

CERTIFICATE FOR ORDER

We, the undersigned officers of the Board of Trustees of United Independent School District (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") convened in regular meeting on the 21st day of August, 2013, at the regular designated meeting place (the "Meeting"), and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Judd Gilpin, President
Juan Roberto Ramirez, Vice President
Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary
Ricardo Molina Sr., Parliamentarian
Pat Campos, Trustee
Ramiro Veliz III, Trustee
Javier Montemayor Jr., Trustee

and all of said persons were present, except the following absentees: _____, thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business the following was transacted at the Meeting: a written

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

(the "Order") was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Order be passed; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of the Order, prevailed and carried by the following votes:

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

2. A true, full, and correct copy of the Order passed at the Meeting is attached to and follows this Certificate; the Order has been duly recorded in the Board's minutes of the Meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of the Meeting pertaining to the passage of the Order; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting, and that the Order would be introduced and considered for passage at the Meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of the Meeting for such purpose; and the Meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting was given all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 21st day of August, 2013.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

President, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

Mike Garza – Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, Mr. Santos. Today we are here to present before the Board of Trustees the recommendations by the Citizens Bond Committee to Build United. It's been over the course of April, May, June and July over the course of those several months we have been working together with staff and all the different parts of the districts information that we have gotten. We have been able to put together all the data which has basically come down to three slides.

Mr. Garza presented his presentation which is attached to the minutes.

Before we do I would like to invite to the podium several members of the Citizens Bond Committee which are Mr. Morales, Sylvia Bruni and |Mr. Arredondo. If you will kindly join us at the podium we would appreciate it.

Our Steering Committee works very hard through the entire summer. They were the chair persons of all the committees that we had. We definitely\y want to acknowledge their hard work. Give them a round of applause for all the hard work they put into this committee.

Judd Glipin – The first question that I have for you is now that you have been through all this process and seeing the product at the end of it. We are pretty close to the amount that you had recommended to us and I hope we have your support. Are you all comfortable where we have ended up with this process?

Mr. Richard Morales – I can say that I am very comfortable with the recommendation. It was a learning experience and we learned a lot on how the district operated and the challenges that the district faces. I don't see that there is any fat in this proposal. I think it is all necessary and if you support public education you need to support the Bond.

Sylvia Bruni – I have to tell you that that I did not have to reaffirm. I had had the good fortune of being a part of you forever. It just gave me an opportunity again on how well organized you are as a district. What was particularly impressive was how determined the district administration and the Board was to make this an open exercise and you know what you have before you was very carefully scrutinized and I absolutely endorse and I agree with what administration is recommending.

Pete Arredondo – By all means those numbers look very comfortable. And again like Mr. Santos mentioned those numbers is what is needed the basics. We need to have a good education for the children. I do applaud UISD and the organization. As an individual not working for the schools, I have been very educated in what was going on and this could not have been done without the great staff of UISD.

Judd Gilpin – Thank you all very much. I extend our appreciation to the other four committee members that are not present here tonight,

Mike Garza – We anticipate once the Board makes a decision, we have a series of meeting setup to be able to roll out the actual vote of the board. We will be bringing back the entire 120 committee members.

Roberto J. Santos - We are looking at next Wednesday to bring back the whole committee. Obviously, to share with them what we are going to roll out and also to thank them. On Thursday at noon we plan to bring the news media all the elected officials, city, county, TAMIU and LCC to roll out and share with them what we are going to propose. This way we can answer any questions they might have on what is out there.

Mike Garza – Our Communications Dept. is literally waiting on your affirmation so they can start taping possibly tonight on the video they plan to present to you as well.

Judd Gilpin – One of the most interesting parts of this thing was to have some of these meetings over at the original United High School. An when we found out there that actually one of our steering committee members was the first English teacher of the first graduation class in UISD. That was pretty neat. I don't know if all of our staff members know that, but I wanted to share that with them. I would like to add to our comments here and I know that all the board members feel the same way. The leadership Mr. Santos has shown on this is that he has exceeded my expectations. Just like he has done many times before, this is one of the most important things that we had to do and he did it so well. Thank you so very much, Mr. Santos.

Roberto J. Santos – Thank you all for your support and I thank staff and all the committee members. I also want to thank Mr. Perez was also one of the Bond Committee members.

Judd Gilpin – On a day to day basis some the meetings that you handled Mike my highest compliments to you

Javier Montemayor – It's an important step, so I am going to talk about how clean we are in this proposed Bond. Mr. Morales stated that there is no fat and I think he is correct. This is something that stands out in my mind from the survey and all the positive responses that we got on the survey that was conducted. When they recommended construction, technology and security the organization of the committee and the information that was presented to the committee. All the stats that were presented to the committee, it's true we have grown 10,000 children since 2003. We are growing at a rate of 1,000 children per year. This is equivalent to an elementary school every year. We do not have very many options. It is true we will have some

increase costs and increase in taxes, but that is minimal compared to the economic investment that we are making in the community. Should this Bond be approved the building of schools and the surrounding housing development that will come with it is a very positive approach to the other options we may have like year round schooling or shift type of attendance for our children. I applaud everybody from the survey to the Citizens Bond Committee and the staff for their hard work.

Mike Garza – For sure the board participating in this process has been very good. I think the community needed to see that our board participated in the process which is very important and being able to have that leadership is very important.

Juan Roberto Ramirez – I would like to thank Board Members and the committee. It was a great participation that was given to this Bond and that they were able to work together with the other committee. For them to bring this decision for us to approve is a great thing. The committee has seen the need for this Bond and all the things that have been presented here by Mr. Garza. We will be able to give the proper education with the tools that we need. I hope that the citizens of Laredo and Webb County will approve this Bond otherwise the student will be hurting. I want to thank and congratulate everyone that was involved in this Bond to approve.

Motion:	So moved
Motion by:	Javier Montemayor I make a motion to Order Calling a Bond Election; providing for the Conduct and the Giving of Notice of said Election; and resolving other matters related thereto
Seconded by:	Pat Campos
Discussion:	Juan Cruz – Let the record reflect that the amount of the Bond Election being cared as to what Mr. Garza read into the record which was 408,712,549, and also for the record it will be a single ballot proposition. Javier Montemayor – I want include that as part of my motion.
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	

Roberto Santos - Thank you very much. We will start moving tomorrow; start having meetings and start preparing the flyers and all the information.

Juan Cruz – as a matter of reiteration to the people that are here and to the Board Members, since the Board has called the election anything that can be said on school district facilities or as your position as trustees and employees has to be factual, so if there are any comments that have to be made to the media tonight after this meeting has to be factually based.

Mike Garza – On behalf of the 43,000 kids of United ISD they thank you for the support on this item.

Judd Gilpin – I feel that so much has gone into getting to this point but I know there is so much more left to do. We have only just begun. The Board looks forward to working with you Mr. Santos to push this thing through. Thanks again.

F. Approval to Conduct with the Webb County Elections Administrator to conduct the November 5, 2013 Bond Election

Norma Farabough – I bring before you the contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator to conduct our November 5, 2013 Bond Election. It will be a joint election between Webb County, LISD and United. Our portion of that will be an estimated amount of $49,569.30.

Motion:	So moved
Motion by:	Pat Campos
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	

G. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to Section 28.002 of the Texas Education Code, the Board shall provide an opportunity to members of the public and district employees to comment regarding agenda items VI (H), VI (I)

This is for the Board to consider this from the last legislative session, that any major revisions to major curriculum initiatives are proposed and that there has to be some moment for any member of the public or employee that wishes to comment may do so.

I understand that there are No Public Comments at this time.

H. Approval of 2013-2014 Professional Development and Curricular Initiatives Concept-Based and ABYDOS

Dr. Guadalupe Gorordo – Good Evening Board Members and Mr. Santos. Basically we have for approval two major proposals one being Concept-Based and one being ABYDOS. Concept-Based is delivery of instruction. It is not a program it is more on the delivery itself and constructing units and the training of instruction delivery. ABYDOS focuses on writing the methodology and theory of teaching writing where writing being one of our lower scores. We are continuing on pushing UISD forward on meeting state standards. This is the recommendation we have before the board. We did have a meeting with a group of teachers in proposing this. We are ready to move forward with your recommendation and approval of this item.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded by: Javier Montemayor
Discussion:
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed

I. Approval of 2013-2014 Special Education Initiatives for Reading and Math

Dr. Guadalupe Gorordo - These are two programs that will be offered to our Special Education students in grades 2nd – 5th. It will begin again as it stays this year one being for the content in reading and one being for math.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed

VII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session at 6:48 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
   1. Consider Amendment to Agreement between United ISD

B. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
   551.072 Discussion on the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
   Discussion of Proposals for Sale and/or Acquisition of Real Property

1. Discussion regarding the use of a certificate of deposit or the deposit of funds in an escrow account for an amount equal to the cost of providing the improvements required in order to plat the street as depicted in the Agreement For Gift, Conveyance and Acquisition executed by and between the United Independent School District and E.G. Ranch Ltd. escrowed with Legend Title Company on or about April 17, 2012 and associated with GF Number 120131 issue by Legend Title Company. The Street and the required improvements are also described in the Joint Development Agreement associated with the same GF Number. If an Escrow Account is used, the funds on deposit in the Escrow Account will be held by the financial institution pursuant to an Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement approved by the City of Laredo, the United Independent School District and the financial institution. The Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement will provide for the tender of the funds by the financial institution to the City of Laredo in accordance with the Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement in the event that the United Independent School District fails to construct the herein improvements. The administrative staff will have the right to negotiate the terms of the Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement

2. Discussion regarding either an informal agreement or a written inter-local agreement between the United Independent School District and the City of Laredo pertaining to the approval of the terms of an escrow account agreement applicable to sums to be deposited in escrow as a financial guarantee with respect to improvements required by the City of Laredo as part of the platting process of un-platted property owned by the United Independent School District

B. 551.074 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. Transportation Dept. Fuel consumption
2. Status of on-going Audits

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

VIII. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

A. Approval of Amendment to Agreement between United ISD, Laredo ISD, Webb Consolidated ISD and Webb County, TX

Juan Cruz – Recommendation on agenda Item A is to approve the Amendment to Agreement between United ISD, Laredo ISD, Webb Consolidated ISD and Webb County, TX

Motion:	So moved
Moved by:	Pat Campos
Seconded by:	Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed	

B. Discussion regarding the use of a certificate of deposit or the deposit of funds in an escrow account for an amount equal to the cost of providing the improvements required in order to plat the street as depicted in the Agreement For Gift, Conveyance and Acquisition executed by and between the United Independent School District and E.G. Ranch Ltd. escrowed with Legend Title Company on or about April 17, 2012 and associated with GF Number 120131 issue by Legend Title Company. The Street and the required improvements are also described in the Joint Development Agreement associated with the same GF Number. If an Escrow Account is used, the funds on deposit in the Escrow Account will be held by the financial institution pursuant to an Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement approved by the City of Laredo, the United Independent School District and the financial institution. The Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement will provide for the tender of the funds by the financial institution to the City of Laredo in accordance with the Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement in the event that the United Independent School District fails to construct the herein improvements. The administrative staff will have the right to negotiate the terms of the Escrow Agreement or Deposit Agreement

Recommendation is to authorize administration to deposit an approximate amount of 2.7 million dollars in a certificate of deposit in the name of UISD and the City of Laredo for the cost of providing improvements required in order to plat the street as depicted in the Agreement for Gift, Conveyance and Acquisition executed by and between the United Independent School District and E.G. Ranch Ltd. escrowed with Legend Title Company on or about April 17, 2012 and associated with GF Number 120131 issue by Legend Title Company as discussed in closed session.

Motion:	So moved
Moved by:	Pat Campos
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed	

C. Discussion regarding either an informal agreement or a written inter-local agreement between the United Independent School District and the City of Laredo pertaining to the approval of the terms of an escrow account agreement applicable to sums to be deposited in escrow as a financial guarantee with respect to improvements required by the City of Laredo as part of the platting process of un-platted property owned by the United Independent School District

Authorize administration to enter into an informal agreement or a written inter-local agreement between the United Independent School District and the City of Laredo pertaining to the approval of the terms of an escrow account agreement applicable to sums to be deposited in escrow as a financial guarantee with respect to improvements required by the City of Laredo as part of the platting process of un-platted property owned by the United Independent School District as discussed in closed session.

Motion:	So moved
Moved by:	Pat Campos
Seconded by:	Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed	

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2013 was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Judd Gilpin – President

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Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary