

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 14, 2022

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent

VISITORS: Benito Portillo

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 11:07 a.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Absent, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 4

Absent – 3

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members are present, that this meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a prayer.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0 **VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING
LIMITLESS
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Larry Cantu read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR
TOMORROW**

Trustee Bobby Marroquin read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

6.0 **BUSINESS AND SUPPORT**

6A **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT’S ONE (1) YEAR RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH KEETCH AND
ASSOCIATES FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE EFFECTIVE MARCH 17,
2021**

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that, at the last board meeting, the Board approved a one-year renewal for property insurance with Keetch & Associates for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$693,298.99. After the board meeting, Keetch & Associates offered the school district an alternative proposal with an alternative deductible option that would provide better coverage for the school district. For example, the RECHS has multiple buildings, and the previous offer covered the whole high school, and the alternate offer has coverage per building. The school district’s insurance would decrease by around \$15,000.00. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the alternative coverage as presented.

Motion #6903 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:10 a.m.

6B **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDING OF RFP #22-0004 FOR WELDING
LAB EQUIPMENT**

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that on February 16, 2022, the school district issued a request for proposal for welding lab equipment. Vendors were allowed to submit questions via email until February 23, 2022. The bids were due to the school district by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. The school district received the following three proposals: 1) Airgas, 2) Coastal Welding Supply, and 3) Technology International, Inc. A scoring committee reviewed the proposals submitted based on the price, the vendor’s ability to meet the school district’s needs,

quality of the vendor's goods and services, the reputation of vendor, and proposal packet. After the committee scored the three proposals, they recommended to approving Coastal Welding Supply. Benito Portillo reported that the school district was awarded a Jet Grant for a total of \$322,680, and at this time, they are requesting to spend \$220,390.09. The surplus will be used to purchase other items needed, and the \$220,390 could go down by around \$25,000 because of a price change. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended awarding the RFP#22-0004 for Welding Lab Equipment to Coastal Welding Supply.

Motion #6904 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:19 a.m.

6C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR WELDING LAB EQUIPMENT
Dr. Jose Moreno stated that according to policy CH Local “any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.” After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for welding lab equipment as presented.

Motion #6905 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:20 a.m.

6D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS
Dr. Jose Moreno reported that funds would have to be moved around for the welding lab, so it would require budget amendments. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the budget amendments needed for the welding lab.

Motion #6906 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:21 a.m.

6E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT PREVAILING WAGE RATE PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DAVIS-BEACON ACT (40 U.S.C. SECTION 276A.), AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRICT’S (WELDING LAB RENOVATIONS) PROJECT AND ANY OTHER CONTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Dr. Jose Moreno informed the Board that they needed to approve that they are aware and acknowledge that they will be using the United States Department of Labor in connection with the welding lab renovation project, any other contracts, and any other renovation projects approved by the Board. The school district must require contractors to pay prevailing wages as published by the United States Department of Labor. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6907 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin that the Board adopt the prevailing wage rates published by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Beacon Act, and its subsequent amendments, in connection with the District’s Welding Lab Renovations Project and any other construction and renovation projects approved by the Board.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:27 a.m.

6F DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASB RISK MANAGEMENT FUND INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the TASB Management Fund Interlocal Participation Agreement as presented. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6908 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to table this item until the next board meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:27 a.m.

6G DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DECLARING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AT THE RECHS AUTOMOTIVE SHOP

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that to sell the equipment at the RECHS Automotive Shop, they needed to declare it as surplus. A list of the surplus equipment was presented to the Board. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended declaring surplus equipment at the RECHS Automotive Shop.

Motion #6909 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:29 a.m.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6910 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:30 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 03/14/2022 except for the executive session.)

