



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Alejandra Salinas _____ **OF:** _____ Board Secretary _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ March 25, 2014 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Special Called Meeting – February 17, 2014
Regular Board Meeting – February 19, 2014

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

February 17, 2014

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Monday, February 17, 2014 in the United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, Room #1, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

- I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order
- II. An announcement was made by the Board President, Judd Gilpin, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:02 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. Pledge of Allegiance
 - A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.
- IV. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act
 - A. 551.071 Consultation with Board’s Attorney
 1. Consultation with legal counsel re: legal requirements in connection with procurement process for design-build projects

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened from closed session at 6:41 p.m.

A. Pursuant to Request for Qualifications Number 2014-005, approval of best qualified design builder for the Construction of four (4) ninth grade school campuses as part of the United Independent School District's 2013 Bond program.

Mr. Javier Montemayor moved to approve RFQ 2014-005 for the four ninth grade campuses to Leyendecker Construction in association with Pfluger Architects and Frank Architects.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: *Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez made a motion to reject the proposal of RFQ 2014-005.*

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that the board must vote on Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez' motion to reject the proposal of RFQ 2014-005

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ricardo Molina, Ricardo Rodriguez, Ramiro Veliz, III

Opposed: Javier Montemayor, Juan Roberto Ramirez, Judd Gilpin

Motion Failed.

Mr. Judd Gilpin returned to Mr. Javier Montemayor's motion to approve RFQ 2014-005.

In Favor: Javier Montemayor, Juan Roberto Ramirez, Judd Gilpin

Opposed: Ricardo Molina, Ricardo Rodriguez, Ramiro Veliz III

Motion Failed

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that this item will be tabled and brought back when there is a 7th board member present.

B. Pursuant to Request for Qualifications Number 2014-003, approval of best qualified design builder for the Construction of three (3) middle schools as part of the United Independent School District's 2013 Bond program.

Mr. Javier Montemayor moved to approve RFQ 2014-003 for the design build services contract for the three middle schools to Leyendecker Construction, Inc. in association with Muñoz and Company, Sepulveda Architects and Cavazos Architects as recommended

Motion: So move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ramiro Veliz III

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

C. Pursuant to Request for Qualifications Number 2014-001, approval of best qualified design builder for the construction of seven (7) elementary schools as part of the United Independent School District's 2013 Bond program.

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez moved to approve RFQ 2014-001 for the design builder for the seven elementary schools to Leyendecker Construction, Inc. in association with JHS Architects, Metaform Studio Architects, Inc. as recommended.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

D. Approval of prioritization of design build projects based on financial considerations as recommended by the United Independent School District Administration-Business and Finance Department.

Mr. Ricardo Molina moved to table Item V-D

Motion: So move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

VI. Informational Item:

A. Presentation by United Independent School District's Financial Advisors in regards to District's Bond Finance Plan.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Ramiro Veliz, III

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Mr. Roberto Santos stated that they are looking at having a Special Called Meeting on March 4th to start looking at CM at Risk and other items.

Mr. Gilpin asked if this item would be brought back at that meeting. Mr. Santos said yes.

Mr. Javier Montemayor stated that March 4th might be difficult for some board members since its election day.

Mr. Santos stated he would look at the calendar and notify them later.

VII. Adjournment

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Ricardo Molina
Seconded by:	Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Special Called Meeting of February 17, 2014 was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Judd Gilpin, President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary

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

February 19, 2014

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

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 on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 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 6:04 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 (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 Public Comments

IV. Recognitions

- A. TEXAS COMPUTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION – DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
- B. TEXAS COMPUTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION – “THE MOST AMAZING LIBRARIAN” AWARD
- C. LATIN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS HALL OF FAME
- D. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL –VITA PROGRAM

- E. TEXAS WINNER OF THE WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN AWARD – EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS
- F. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR – TMEA MUSIC REGION XIV – AREA MUSICIANS AND ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- G. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL BAND – TMEA MUSIC REGION XIV – AREA MUSICIANS AND ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- H. J.B. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL BAND – TMEA MUSIC REGION XIV – AREA MUSICIANS AND ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- I. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND – TMEA MUSIC REGION XIV – AREA MUSICIANS
- J. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND – TMEA MUSIC REGION XIV – AREA MUSICIANS
- K. TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION – 2014-2014 ACADEMIC ALL-STATE AWARD RECIPIENTS
- L. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB – TEXAS SCHOLASTIC IV CHESS MEET – 1ST PLACE REGIONALS – 1ST PLACE STATE
- M. SALINAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – THE CHEER POWER SOUTHERN NATIONALS – NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPIONS – ELEMENTARY DIVISION
- N. ANTONIO GONZALEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- O. UNITED MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – THE CHEER POWER SOUTHERN NATIONALS – FIRST PLACE – INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION
- P. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 2014 NATIONAL CHAEERLEADER (NCA) CHAMPIONS – MEDIUM INTERMEDIATE TUMBLING DIVISION
- Q. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL – AMERICAN CHEER POWER SOUTHERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – NON-TUMBLING HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
- R. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – WORLD CHAMPIONS
- S. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 2014 NATIONAL CHEERLEADER ASSOCIATION (NCA) CHAMPIONS – VARSITY NON-TUMBLING DIVISION

V. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Tax Refunds
- C. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- D. Consideration to Revise Board Policy CW (LOCAL) – First and Final Reading
- E. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses
- F. Approval of Application for District-Wide Low Attendance Day Waiver for Monday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 7, 2014

- G. **Approval of Application for Low Attendance Waiver for Salvador Garcia Middle School for Friday, January 10, 2014**
- H. **Approval of Application for a Missed Instructional Day (January 10, 2014) for Juarez Lincoln Elementary School**
- I. **Approval of Application for Low Attendance Day Waiver for Friday, January 24, 2014**
- J. **Approval of Application for District-Wide Low Attendance Day Waiver for Friday, February 7, 2014**
- K. **Approval of Additional Maximum Class Size Waivers for 2013-2014 School Year**
- L. **Approval of Expedited and General State Waivers for the 2014-2015 School Year**

Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III advised the Board that the Business/Instructional Committee Members had met on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 and are recommending the approval of Items V-A through V-L

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ramiro Veliz, III
 Seconded by: Javier Montemayor
 Discussion: None
 In Favor: Javier Montemayor, Judd Gilpin, Juan Roberto Ramirez, Ramiro Veliz, III
 Opposed: None
 Abstain: Pat Campos, Ricardo Molina, Ricardo Rodriguez

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Minutes for the Month of January 2014

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes for the Month of January 2014

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez
 Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
 Discussion: None
 In Favor: Unanimous
 Opposed: None

B. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto J. Santos addressed that board and recommended the approval of several donations for a total of \$7,287.29

Motion: So move

Moved by: Pat Campos
 Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
 Discussion: None
 In Favor: Unanimous
 Opposed: None

- C. **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 (D)

Mr. Gilpin asked if there were any public comments.

No public comments. Mr. Judd Gilpin closed the Public Hearing and proceeded with action on Item VI-D.

D. Approval of Expansion of My Virtual Reading Coach Program at each Elementary School

Ms. Cindy Rodriguez addressed the board and presented information on the Virtual Reading Coach Program which is attached as part of the minutes. Ms. Rodriguez stated that they have been piloting this program since August of this year and explained that this program offers a wide spectrum of skill building activities for all students and it has shown great results. Ms. Rodriguez asked for the board's approval to add more licenses to each of the campuses.

Mr. Javier Montemayor made a motion to approve.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

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

The Board adjourned into closed session at 7:03 p.m.

A. 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. Report on entering into a reimbursement agreement with Cielito Lindo, Ltd. and CL Commercial Investments, Ltd. pertaining to the improvements to St. David Lane and the platting of the 20 acre tract situated in the Jose Antonio Nasario, Porcion 39, Abstract 250, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. Being 1.16 Acres out of the Cielito Lindo, Ltd. 94.4514 acre tract of land as recorded in volume 650, pages 707-710 and 11.79 acres out Cielito Lindo, Ltd. 358.714 acre tract as recorded in volume 650, pages 703-706, 7.05 acres out of C.L. Commercial Investment, Ltd. a 45.99 acre tract as recorded in volume 2363, pages 448-454 all of the Webb County Deed Records, Texas.
2. Report on the Acceleration of developments pursuant to the Development Agreement entered into with E.G. Ranch Ltd. as well as a report on a possible reimbursement agreement with respect to such development. The Development pertains to the streets and tracts described as follows being out of Porcion 33, J.D. Trevino. Original Grantee, as recorded in Volume 451, Page 16. Real Property Records of Webb County.
3. Report on status of negotiations with Alexander Residential Development, L.P. and D&J Alexander Management, L.P. with respect to the acquisition of an amount of acreage between 5 and 15 acres and the possible necessity of sending a good faith offer of purchase letter to the property owner. The property is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of Alexander High School and is adjacent to and south of Del Bar Boulevard.

- 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. Fasken Elementary Student Activity Fund**
 - 2. Student Discipline PEIMS Coding**
 - 3. Records Management Procedures**
 - 4. Status of on-going Audits**

VIII. Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:44 p.m., the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

- A. Possible action on entering into a reimbursement agreement with Cielito Lindo, Ltd. and CL Commercial Investments, Ltd. pertaining to the improvements to St. David Lane and the platting of the 20 acre tract situated in the Jose Antonio Nasario, Porcion 39, Abstract 250, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. Being 1.16 Acres out of the Cielito Lindo, Ltd. 94.4514 acre tract of land as recorded in volume 650, pages 707-710 and 11.79 acres out Cielito Lindo, Ltd. 358.714 acre tract as recorded in volume 650, pages 703-706, 7.05 acres out of C.L. Commercial Investment, Ltd. a 45.99 acre tract as recorded in volume 2363, pages 448-454 all of the Webb County Deed Records, Texas.**

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation is to authorize legal counsel and administration to enter into a joint developing agreement/reimbursement agreement with Cielito Lindo, Ltd. as discussed in closed session.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina
Seconded by: Pat Campos
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

- B. Possible Action regarding Development Agreement with E.G. Ranch, Ltd. as well as a report on a possible reimbursement agreement with respect to such development. The Development pertains to the streets and tracts described as follows being out of Porcion 33, J.D. Trevino. Original Grantee, as recorded in Volume 451, Page 16. Real Property Records of Webb County.**

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation is to amend the development agreement with E.G. Ranch, Ltd. as discussed in closed session.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

- C. Possible Action re: Alexander Residential Development, L.P. and D&J Alexander Management, L.P. with respect to the acquisition of an amount of acreage between 5 and 15 acres and the possible necessity of sending a good faith offer of purchase letter to the property owner. The property is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of Alexander High School and is adjacent to and south of Del Mar Boulevard.**

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation is to authorize legal counsel to send a good faith offer of purchase letter to the property owner of Alexander Residential Development, L.P. and D&J Alexander Management, L.P. with respect

to the acquisition of an amount of acreage between 5 and 15 acres. The property is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of Alexander High School and is adjacent to and south of Del Mar Boulevard as discussed in closed session.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina, Judd Gilpin, Juan Roberto Ramirez, Ramiro Veliz, III

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Abstain: Javier Montemayor

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2014 was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Judd Gilpin – President

Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary

United ISD



What...



- **Diagnosis...** Reading Deficiencies
- **Offers...** a Virtual Reading Specialists & Speech Pathologists to deliver direct, explicit, systematic personalized learning plan for each student
- **Delivers...** phonemes, phonics, vocabulary, grammar & meaning, comprehension, fluency, and silent reading
- **Provides...** K-adult a student-centered, standard's based curriculum 24/7
- **Delivers..** eye-tracking training to improve silent reading rate and stamina
- **Shows...** significant gains in 15hrs

Hear the Difference!!!

Randy had lost hope...



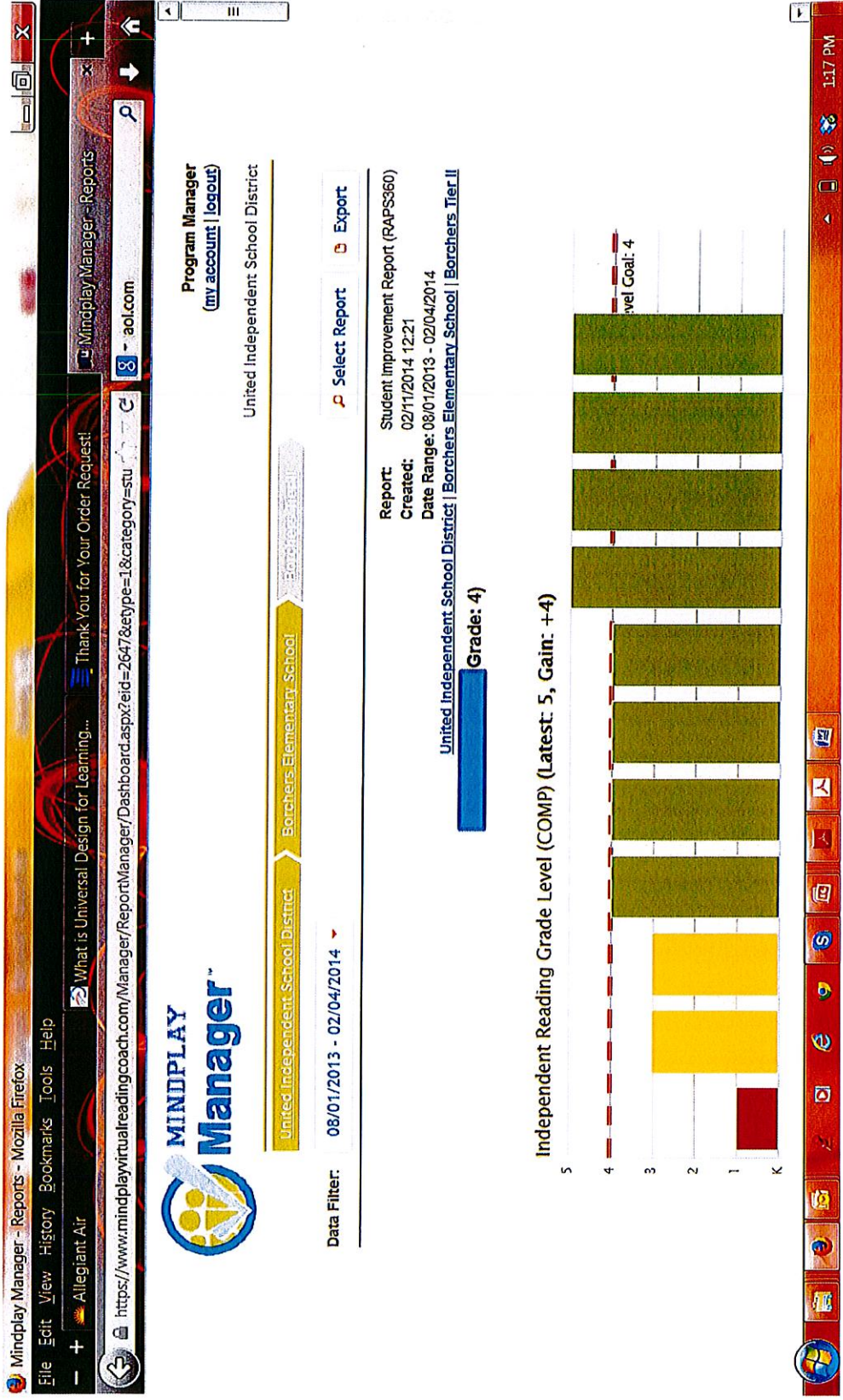
**Randy
after
Lesson 12**



**Randy after
47 lessons**

39 hours. Randy was on the program for 5 weeks.

This 4th grader went from a 1st grade to 5th grade in 13hrs.



De Llano Tier II

Avg Use 14.5hrs

Class Improvement Report (RAPS360)

Report: Class Improvement Report (RAPS360)

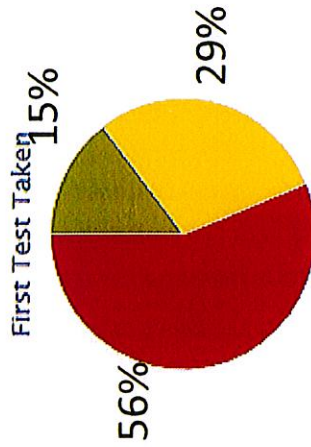
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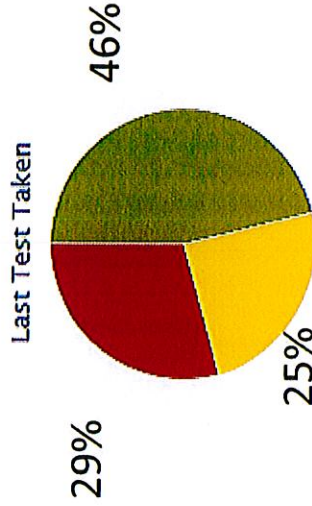
Teacher: -NA-

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De Llano Tier II (Grade: 2)



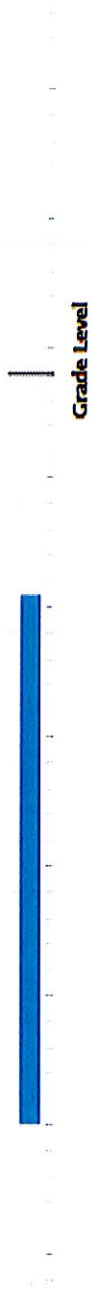
Meeting Approaching Critical



Meeting Approaching Critical

The pie graphs represent the first and last Full Diagnostic for each student in the date range of: 8/1/2013 - 12/22/2013

Average Improvement Towards Grade Level



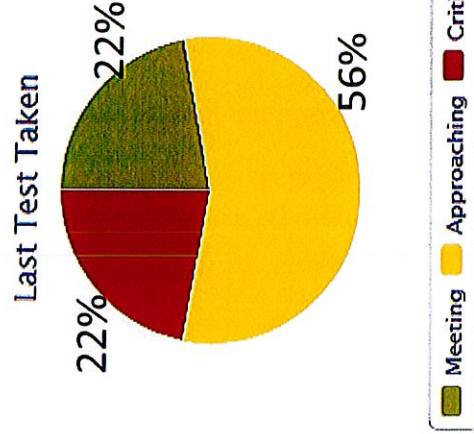
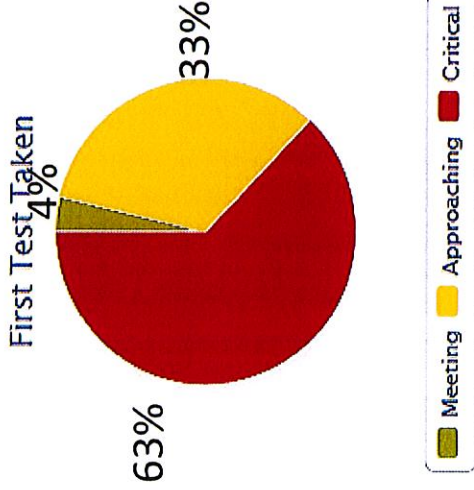
On average, students gained 0.82 grade levels over this time period.

Roosevelt Tier II

Avg Use 16.5hrs

Report: Class Improvement Report (RAPS360)
 Created: 02/11/2014 13:53
 Date Range: 08/01/2013 - 12/21/2013
 Teacher: -NA-

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Roosevelt Tier II (Grade: 2)



The pie graphs represent the first and last Full Diagnostic for each student in the date range of: 8/1/2013 - 12/22/2013

Average Improvement Towards Grade Level



On average, students gained 0.40 grade levels over this time period.

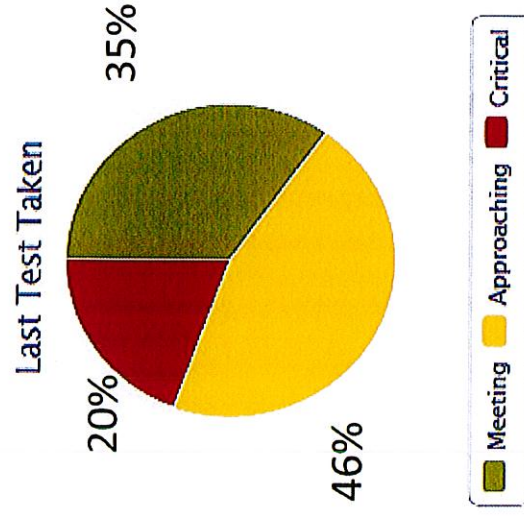
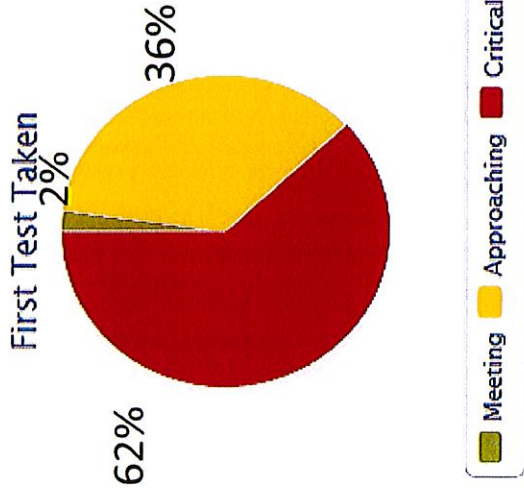
Borchers Tier II

Avg Use 13hrs

Report: Class Improvement Report (CIR)
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 Teacher: -NA-

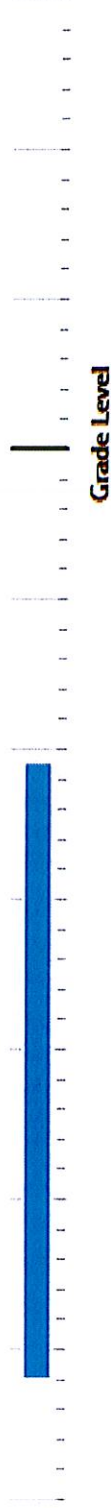
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Borchers Tier II (Grade: 5)



The pie graphs represent the first and last Full Diagnostic for each student in the date range of: 8/1/2013 - 12/22/2013

Average Improvement Towards Grade Level



On average, students gained 0.82 grade levels over this time period.

Usage Time

- Kinder 10-15 min/day
- Grade 1 15-20 min/day
- Grade 2 30 min/day
- Grade 3+ 45-60 min/day

Recommended higher grades 3.5hr/wk😊