

Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on August 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

A. A roll call and establishment of a quorum.

Members present: Cal Lambert, Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Robert Quinones

Members absent: Jesse Rizo

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Anne Marie Espinoza, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Zeke De La Fuente, Cash Keith, Mario Rangel, Mikka Sanchez, Dr. Bryan Perez, Jennifer Griffin, Yoli Rodriguez, Jorge Cerna, Jennifer Torres, Rodney Harrison, Sandra Gonzalez, Patricia Merlos, Dr. Hector Lopez, Dr. Mario Ferron, Pedro Huizar, Niki Henderson, Victor Baron, Monica Deleon, Michelle Gonzalez, Elsa Ayala, Norma De La Fuente, Andrea Sagemuehl, Alberto Martinez, Christie Perez,

Guests present: Craig Pruskie, Tim Miller, Diana Olvedo Karau, Deyanira Salazar, Kathleen Maxwell Rambie, Ernest Santos, Denise Feldtman, Anson Bills, Simon Ortiz, Mellie Nava, Katie Payne, Joe Suarez, Martha Lara, A. Castillo, Ricardo Almaras, Jennifer Zamora

Media present: Sofi Zeman (ULN), Michael Robinson (Uvalde Hesperian)

B. Moment of Silence

Laura Perez recognized the heavenly birthday of Uziyah Garcia on August 13th and Layla Marie Salazar on September 10th.

There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. Invocation was led by Kathleen Maxwell Rambie.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cal Lambert.

5 L. Consider approval of 2024-2025 Property and Casualty Insurance.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the 2024-2025 Property and Casualty Insurance. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

3. Open Forum

The following spoke in Open Forum:

Diana Olvedo Karau- Empowerment Learning.
Denise Feldtman- taxes, mental health

2. Superintendent's Report

Domains set by the board

1) High Quality Curriculum and Effective Instruction
Planning for Texas Strategic Leadership to be here September 10-12

2) Effective Well Supported Staff
C&I provided over 1,473 hours of professional development.

3) Positive school culture
95% attendance
Enrollment as of today 3966; large amount will be back after Labor Day
Dr. Hector Lopez presented on attendance and the School Based Clinic
Thank you for being patient with the busy traffic

CHDI started this week of school- entry on North Park Street
Safety and Security-Centegix is now online for the new school year
Facility audits will take place the week of September 9-12
Slidesoft (donated) and Region 4 will be here to assist with the Slidesoft app.
Partnering with RTD
The Chief of Police posting has been paused. Pedro Huizer will be the Interim Chief for this school year.
The search will open next May

4) Alignment of financial well being with student achievement

District PEIMS-coding correctly
Substitute training

Mrs. Chohlis shared upcoming UCISD events

8. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074.d

Closed session 6:59 pm

A. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employment, assignments, suspensions and terminations.

9. Reconvene from Closed Session for Action Relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session.

Reconvened from closed session at 8:21.

A. Consider and take possible action regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Action will be taken on items 5A and 5B.

B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to approve personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations as presented in closed session. The motion carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

4. Consent Agenda:

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 8, 2024.
- B. Minutes of the Training Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 9, 2024.
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 15, 2024.
- D. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on July 15, 2024.
- E. Item of information regarding Maintenance and Operations.
- F. Item of information regarding Transportation.
- G. Item of information regarding SFE.
- H. Item of information on the district's investment activity for July 2024.
- I. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for July 2024.
- J. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for July 2024.
- K. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of June and July 2024.
- L. Item of information on the tax collection activity for July 2024.
- M. Item of information for the district's Federal program activity for July 2024.
- N. Consider approval of Local District Policy (EIC).
- O. Consider approval of Local District Policy(EHBE).
- P. Consider approval of Local District Policy (DEC).
- Q. Consider approval of TASB Update 123.

5. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

- A. Discuss and take possible action to approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Empowerment of Community and Action Foundation.

No action taken.

- B. Consider approval of lease agreements of the New School and property upon its completion with the Uvalde New School Foundation to support the new Market Tax Credit Program.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the lease agreements of the New School and property upon its completion with the Uvalde New School Foundation to support the new Market Tax Credit Program. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

- C. Consider approval of the Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP): Crossroads Academy Alternative Attendance Method for on campus instruction.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP): Crossroads Academy Alternative Attendance Method for on campus instruction. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

6. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

- A. Item of Information on Acceptance of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to accept the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

B. Consider approval of the adoption of the 2024-2025 district budget.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 district budget. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

C. Consider approval of a Resolution to Set Tax Rate for School Year 2024-2025.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the adoption of a M & O tax rate of \$0.7107 and a debt service tax rate of \$0.0675 for a total tax rate of \$0.7782 for 2024-2025. Robert Quinones voted "yes", Jaclyn Gonzales voted "yes", Javier Flores voted "yes", JJ Suarez voted "yes", Cal Lambert voted "yes", and Laura Perez voted "yes". The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

D. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 Compensation Plan.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the 2024-2025 Compensation Plan. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

E. Consider approval of the Certified Appraisal Roll and the Supplemental Appraisal Roll for the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to accept the certified and supplemental appraisal rolls for tax year 2023 for the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District is recommended. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

F. Consider approval of Budget Amendments.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment #8 and Food Service Budget Amendment #3 as presented. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

G. Consider approval of One-Year Extension of RFP #2208-02 for the Purchase of Food Service Non-Food Items.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the extension of the award of the proposals from food service non-food vendors for the 2024-2025 school year to include Gulf Coast Paper Company, Sysco USA, and Interboro Packaging Corp. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

H. Consider approval of One-Year Extension of RFP #2208-01 for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and School Psychology Services.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the extension of contracts with SA Therapy in Motion, not to exceed \$150,000, and Assessment Intervention Management, LLC, (AIM) not to exceed \$75,000 for an additional year. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

I. Consider approval of One-Year Extension of RFP #2208-05 for the Purchase of Hardware Supplies and Building Materials.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded Robert Quinones to approve the extension of the award of the proposals from the hardware supplies and building material vendors to include Elliott Supply, TJ Moore

(Ace), Morrison Supply Company, and Uvalco Supply for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

J. Consider approval of Contracts Exceeding \$50,000.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to approve the expenditures from categorical/local funds to support the described programs, products, initiatives, and professional development intended to improve teacher quality, instructional practices, and student performance with contracts exceeding \$50,000 as presented. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

K. Consider approval of the vendor list for the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the list of vendors with the potential to be paid in excess of \$50,000 or in excess of the previously approved amount for the 2023-2024 school year which include Cintas Corporation, Rush Truck Center, Sysco USA, and the Brandt Companies. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

M. Consider approval with Workers' Compensation Solution for Workers Compensation Coverage.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the Workers' Compensation Solutions for Workers Compensation Coverage in the amount of \$310,000. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

N. Consider approval to enter an Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA).

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA). The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

7. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Consider approval of T-TESS Appraisers for the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the T-TESS Appraisers for the 2024-2025 School Year. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

B. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 4-H Organizations as an extra-curricular activity and adjunct faculty status for Uvalde County and Zavala County Agents.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to approve the 2024-2025 4-H Organizations as an extra-curricular activity and adjunct faculty status for Uvalde County and Zavala County Agents. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

10. Adjournment

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with Jesse Rizo absent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

Board Secretary

Date