



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Months of February and May 2015

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ June 15, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Special Called Meeting – February 24, 2015
2. Special Called Meeting – May 4, 2015

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 24, 2015

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Javier Montemayor, Jr. – President - PRESENT
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President - PRESENT
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary - PRESENT
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - ABSENT
Aliza Flores-Oliveros – Member - PRESENT
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member - PRESENT
Judd Gilpin – Member - PRESENT

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the United ISD Boardroom, 201 Lindenwood Dr., Laredo, TX 78045.

- I. **Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order**
- II. **An announcement was made by the Board President, Javier Montemayor, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:10 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**
- V. **Closed Session: Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:11 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:**
 - A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel
551.0821 School Board: Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student
 1. Hearing of Level Three grievance filed by R.R. / M.R.
 2. Hearing of Level Three grievance filed by V.V. / C.V.

IV. Reconvened from Closed Session at 10:39 p.m., the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

A. Action re: Level Three grievance filed by R.R. / M.R.

Motion: To grant and deny remedies sought by grievants R.R. and M.R. as discussed in closed session. Motion passes.

B. Action re: Level Three grievance filed by V.V. / C.V.

Motion: To grant and deny remedies sought by grievants V.V. and C.V. as discussed in closed session. Motion passes.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Special Called Meeting of February 24, 2015, was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Javier Montemayor, President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary

Special Called Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

May 4, 2015

In Attendance

Robert J. Santos
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Monday, May 4, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the United ISD Student Activity Complex, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. An announcement was made by the Board President, Javier Montemayor, 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. Action Item:

A. Approval of Resolution to Approve Immediate Implementation of Texas Education Code Section 12.104

Mr. Juan Cruz explained that Senate Bill 149 is on the governor's desk ready for signature and stated they're trying to get as many people to support it in order for it to become effective possibly by this year.

Mr. David Gonzalez stated the purpose of this bill is to help the students pass three of the five STAAR tests.

Ms. Emma Leza presented information on Senate Bill 149. (Presentation is available upon request)

She explained that UISD must convene an Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) at each high school to review the following:

- *Seniors who have failed no more than 2 of the 5 end of course (EOC) exams*
- *IGC must ensure that eligible students successfully complete curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program*
- *IGC must recommend additional requirements for each failed EOC test for a subject. These requirements include additional remediation and either completion of a project or preparation of a portfolio for the subject area of each course where the EOC test was failed*

Ms. Leza went on to explain Additional IGC Considerations and the Procedural Requirements. She explained that the IGCs are to include the principal or designee; the teacher for each relevant EOC course; parent/guardian or a designated advocate or the student if 18 or older.

Ms. Flores Oliveros asked if one of the members of the IGC is the actual student and if they have voting authority. Ms. Leza responded yes but they must be 18 or be emancipated or if not them it can be their parents.

Ms. Leza went on to explain the Retesting and Reporting Requirements, the Individual Graduation Committee Determination and stated that Senate Bill 149 is effective immediately after the governor signs it. She also explained the Preliminary Data as of 3/20/2015.

Mr. Santos explained that right now they have 184 students that will be able to graduate if the governor signs the bill and if the students meet the other requirements. He also said they have 23 students pending to pass one more EOC.

Mr. Javier Montemayor asked why take the STAAR test? Ms. Leza explained that they must continue to test until they graduate and they must have the credits to be a senior and they also need to make sure they are only missing two out of the five end of course assessments.

Ms. Leza explained that these students must meet all graduation standards and only be pending those 2 EOCs. The IGC then meets and reviews the student's high school record and determines if the student merits or meets the requirements for graduation.

Ms. Leza also went over the timeline and explained the project that that students will be required to complete will not be a lengthy project and some students will be working on two projects; one for each EOC that they failed.

Mr. David Gonzalez explained that there will be a teacher working with these students to complete their projects. He stated that the only objective of this bill is to assist our students to graduate and that they will be doing everything in their power to help them graduate.

Mr. Javier Montemayor made a motion to approve the resolution

Motion: So move

Motion by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED

V. Closed Session: Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:23 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

1. Consider Appointment of Principal for Prada Elementary
2. Consider Appointment of Executive Director for Special Education
3. Discussion regarding proposed non-renewal of classroom teacher(s) term contract, designation of Board appointed attorney to conduct required hearing if any

IV. Reconvened from Closed Session at 6:52 p.m., the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

A. Appointment of Principal for Prada Elementary

Mr. Roberto Santos stated that his recommendation for Principal for Prada Elementary is Raquel Alvarado

Motion: So move

Motion by: Ricardo Molina
Seconded by: Ramiro Veliz, III
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED

B. Appointment of Executive Director for Special Education

Mr. Roberto Santos stated that his recommendation for Executive Director for Special Education is Cynthia Ramirez

Motion: So move

Motion by: Ricardo Molina
Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED

C. Approve Administration's recommendation to propose nonrenewal of classroom teacher(s) term contract, authorize superintendent to send notice of same, and designate Board-appointed attorney to conduct hearing pursuant to Section 21.207 of the Texas Education Code

Mr. Juan Cruz stated his recommendation was to propose the non-renewal of Santa Cestou's classroom teacher term contract and to designate Madeline Escoto to be the board appointed attorney for any non-renewal term contract termination at the end of the school year.

Motion: So move

Motion by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED

V. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Special Called Meeting of May 4, 2015, was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Javier Montemayor, President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary