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

BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY 5, 2025

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President

Erik Gallegos, Vice-President

Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary

Larry Cantu, Trustee Mario Mesa, Trustee Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cezar Martinez, Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 7:27 p.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, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Absent, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present -6 Absent -1

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 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 <u>BUDGET WORKSHOP: SCHOOL FINANCE OVERVIEW: DATA</u> ANALYSIS AND BUDGET PLANNING

Dr. Marc Puig presented a list of school districts that are having to make changes to fix their budget deficit. He stated that attendance was critical because it was the driver of the school district. The school district's attendance at this time was at 93% compared to 84.7% in the previous year. He reviewed the following topics with the Board: 1) What is the school district's fiscal position, 2) Enrollment, 3) General Fund Balance and Child Nutrition Fund Balance, 4) Fund Balance Debt Service, 5) General Fund Debt Obligations, 6) HVAC & Lighting Notes, 7) Field enhancements, and 8) Roofing Project. The school district's total debt service was \$8,426,340, and the debt service for fiscal year 2026 was at \$1,161,503. He reviewed how the school district has invested in the school teachers and staff over the years, and a teacher salary plan comparison. Since 2021 the Board has approved \$3.7 million in retention incentives. The teacher's salary has gone up from \$41,600 to \$53,800, a significant salary increase for other staff members, and they must ensure strategic staffing. Also, he reviewed a list of major projects for the Board to consider for the future.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7630 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Absent, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 1 8:12 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 05/05/25, except for the executive session.)