



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Board Minutes for the Month of June 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Alejandra Salinas

OF: Superintendent's Secretary

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: October 20, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Board Meeting Minutes for:
Regular Board Meeting – June 19, 2020

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

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

This is in compliance and in accordance with Board Policy BE and BE (LOCAL).

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

June 16, 2020

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in the UISD Boardroom, 201 Lindenwood Dr., Laredo, Texas 78045.

BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Based on Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-23 and the City of Laredo Amended Covid-19 Public Health Emergency Health Orders, the District will ensure social distancing protocols are practiced to the greatest extent possible thus limiting the number of persons physically present in the UISD Boardroom. Therefore, in an effort to conduct public business in a transparent manner, the District will live stream this Board meeting.

If you would like to view a live-stream of the meeting, please click on the following Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/g58oebXQSQQ>

Two-way communication to the Board meeting can be accessed by clicking on the following zoom link:
<https://zoom.us/j/94276891728?pwd=ZVZDN2VRZ3puTW9NQmNTcjFZZHk5dz09>

Meeting ID: 942 7689 728
Password: 496907

Public Comments may be submitted to: Gloria Rendon at grendon@uisd.net at any time prior to the Board Meeting. Public comments must pertain to agenda items only.

I. An announcement was made by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 12:04 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board Members was present, that the meeting was duly called, and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

II. Public Comments:

No Public Comments

III. Informational Agenda Items:

A. Finance Division Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Laida Benavides presented the Finance Division Monthly Financial Report.

Ramiro Veliz, III – Asked if on the general fund of 94 million, if that figure is going to change soon or do we have anything going on that's going to affect that amount.

Laida Benavides – Replied yes and stated that our payroll runs about 30 million a month so for the next three months June, July and August, we do expect it to start cutting down. She mentioned this amount was before payroll and that we continue to also get our state money and hopefully it will stay at about 60 or 70 million.

B. United ISD Technology Updates

David Gonzalez – Stated that in an effort to continue with our A rated status statewide, we have to keep up with what is going on with technology but with Covid 19 there's been a lot of changes within the district. He stated he will be presenting an update that is divided into three sections: District Network and Infrastructure, Professional Development and Instructional Technology.

Hector Perez – Presented information regarding the district network and infrastructure that they have been working on the last three months. He stated they are upgrading four main items at central office to avoid a possible bottleneck when the campuses start to broadcast from the classroom or from the outside and said that was an investment of about \$150,000.00. Mr. Perez stated that they are upgrading United South High School because due to the Covid 19 they are unable to broadcast through the outside. He said internally the network runs pretty fast but the ability to broadcast through the outside is limited; half of the campuses are at 50%, they can broadcast from half of the classroom and the other half at 30%. He explained that with the upgrade of the port they are trying to bring that 30% to 50% or more and they will test it later on. He also stated that until the switch is installed, fully functional and tested, he will be able to tell if it has 50% capability. Mr. Perez also said they are getting an additional connection through Region One which will be a backup connection in case the main connection gets interrupted. He said that right now they have a backup connection with Time Warner of 1 gig but one gig for the whole district going through a cloud is not enough. He added that for the 10 gig capacity through Region One we can get for the same price 10 gigs but that connection is coming by installing the fiber and needs to be up and running by September. He stated another thing they are trying to do is to funnel all the google tracking through one of those lines so all the google connectivity will be well taken care of. In addition they also submitted several purchase orders last week to purchase 1100 more cameras that they are going to install in the computers. The rest of the computers already come with a built in camera. He stated that will equip them with all the classrooms having a video camera so that they don't limit instruction and added that they are also installing access points or wi-fi devices outside our campuses which is something we had been against because of security reasons. Now with the new normal what they want is for students to be able to come and park outside and be able to have connectivity. Mr. Perez also stated that they met with the city and explained this plan and the city is counting with these new radios that are going around our campuses. He gave as an example a high school will be getting three devices so all the parking lot area will be wi-fi accessible. He said with this project they already have four campuses in three days

and they are waiting for more devices to come in and added that their goal is to start the school year with these routers that will be outside our parking lots so our kids can access them. Mr. Perez added that they are also doing the fiber project for twenty buses that will also have wi-fi capability so the kids can use it throughout the year and that these buses can be parked in some colonias as long as they have a good connection it will act as a huge wi-fi which will give you up to 60 connections and the kids do not have to get on the bus to receive the wireless service. He stated that they are starting with 20 buses and if that works they will probably ask for funding for more. In addition Mr. Perez said they have 16,500 computers that are hard wired and they are not getting rid of any desktops because those are backups in case something happens to the wi-fi. If that happens then we have the hardwire computers and network for online testing and added that by 2023 all testing will be online. He explained that the board awarded a bid for 7,500 student mobile learning devices last month and today they are bringing another 7,000 chromebooks and are buying an additional 7,800 ipads for the pre-kinder, kinder and 1st. Mr. Perez also mentioned he is bringing for their approval the mi-fi device bid and announced they got a grant from T-Mobile. This grant gives us some free devices, for every 1,000 we get 250. He stated we don't know how many devices we'll be needing because we are working through the online registration process where we are asking the parents if they have internet at home and as of last week they had 2,200 parents that stated they don't have internet access out of 35,000 parents that have completed the online registration process. He ended his presentation by stating that they are working really fast on getting these devices in students' hands.

Ramiro Veliz – Asked if all the upgrades had been discussed before and they just had to accelerate the process.

Hector Perez – Responded that they brought the bid to the board in February before Covid to apply for e-rate.

Javier Montemayor – Stated this is a big change for the district for teachers and everybody having to learn a new way of living and asked what were the major challenges when covid started and how were they addressed.

Hector Perez – Responded that the major challenge was having to create call centers, electronic signatures, a lot of certification processes had to be automated, everybody having ideas that would take four to six weeks to get done and had to be done in one week and they were done. He stated they came through with every single project on time so far. He added that part of the bid that they brought to the board in February includes upgrading the whole wi-fi which is already eight years old district-wide and the major challenge they have right now is the additional load we're putting on the network to be able to broadcast to the outside, to be able to answer questions when a teacher is trying to log in and the number of phone calls have been tremendous.

Judd Gilpin – Asked when you are outside the building, why do they need to have access to our network?

Hector Perez – Responded it runs on a separate network. There is instructional network and admin network and we can limit the access at designated locations. He stated we have a lot of security installed that can be extended to those wifi devices. Mr. Perez explained they are separate networks and the city is trying to expand their network as well, their libraries, the different community centers and we are building together a big mesh where they can see our areas of coverage and said this is one of the best things we have done. The extension of the wi-fi to the outside is going to go very far.

Judd Gilpin – Asked if all of our important information is secure.

Hector Perez – Responded that yes all that is secure and said the only thing we cannot cover is if someone, one of our employees shares their password. He explained that we have spent money on cyber security training for every employee.

Roberto J. Santos – Asked how often they change passwords.

Hector Perez – Responded passwords are changed every 6 months and teachers every 45 days and stated it is very important to change it as often as possible to avoid other people stealing passwords and logins.

Juan Roberto Ramirez – Asked how the wi-fi on the buses works, for example for the students that live in Penitas.

Hector Perez – Responded we are limited by the cell phone provider and said we would put for example a T-Mobile card and an AT&T and that would give the service. He explained the router has the capability to have two different sims cards but there are some areas where there is no access and they would have to go the schools parking lot to get access the wi-fi. Mr. Perez stated we are limited in certain areas throughout the county.

Juan Roberto Ramirez – Asked if this service would be used for the students to do their homework or for the teachers to do their work.

Hector Perez – Responded yes it is for that and said if they need to do a google classroom they can go park at the school to get the service. He also explained that El Cenizo has no cell phone access whatsoever. They tried every single carrier and nothing works in El Cenizo. He stated Rio Bravo gets service with T-Mobile and as you get closer to the city you start to get better service.

Juan Roberto Ramirez – Asked how it would work for those who do not have transportation to the school.

Roberto J. Santos – Clarified, the question is if the students are traveling on the bus can they utilize the internet

Hector Perez – Responded yes and explained that is why they are choosing the longest routes. The students are on the bus for an hour or an hour and a half they have the advantage of having wi-fi on the bus.

David Gonzalez – Stated that with all the infrastructure there's also a lot of planning involved. He stated that the Professional Development is under the direction of Celia Taboada and Judith Garcia, Directors. He explained that Elementary alone had 232 sessions for teachers just for the month of June and 17 scheduled for July. Middle school sessions for June were 185 and for July they have 15. High School had 191 sessions in June and 7 for July. Mr. Gonzalez said those numbers will grow as we are surveying teachers to ask what their needs are. He mentioned they have a New Teacher Academy coming up July 27-30, 2020, which covers Classroom Management to include Curriculum Resources & District Scope & Sequence, Instructional Technology: CIT Department staff will provide new teachers all essential trainings needed to transition into their new assignment, TTESS & Support Programs (RTI, Special Ed., Dyslexia, GT, Bilingual Programs). He added that Session Topics include General Ed, Special Education, Bilingual – EL, Gifted & Talented. Explained that Instructional Technology Department set up a hot line / help line for parents and students from March 23-June 2020 and received over 5000 calls. Student/Parent Learning Hub from March 24 – May 28 received over 1,400 hits. The Teacher/Campus Administrator Learning Hub from March 29 – June received over 14,000 hits. Transitional Virtual Trainings from March 23 – April 3 had 56 sessions with over 600 attendees that were not duplicated. The Skill and Support Virtual Trainings from April 7 – May 22 had over 103 sessions with over 2,300 attendees non duplicative. He pointed out that Total Transitional, Skill Based and Curriculum Integration Virtual Trainings was not only teachers but also admin and support staff. This was from March 31 – May 21 with 230 completed training sessions. He added that District Department Trainings will continue with UISD Police, Career & Technology, Discipline Management, Special Ed., Tax Office and New Teacher Orientation. Mr. Gonzalez further stated that because there's a lot of new components, we consider these opportunities for our employees to get well versed with technology. He reviewed the Proposed Mobile Learning Device Initiative, which includes Apple iPads for Early Childhood through 1st grade and Dell & Lenovo

Chromebooks for 2nd Grade through 12th Grade. The 4th and 5th grade get new devices that they keep through 7th grade. He said High School students should have their device already and looking at the 8th graders coming in and also the early childhood all the way through 3rd grade. He added that the rest will already have their device on the first day of school. He explained about the odyssey ware program for high school students who need to recover a credit or seek advancement credit to remain on cohort for graduation and added that the total number of students doing odyssey ware last year was 1,005 and this year its 2,318 which is a good number. He pointed out the total number of credits for last year was 967.5 and this year it was 1,321.5. Mr. Gonzalez added that as a district, we continue to be proactive. From the curriculum stand point, he said they cannot move forward without the Infrastructure because one department cannot work without the other. He also stated they are doing a survey for the parents to see how we can best meet their needs and also with the teachers, to see what we can do better as a district to help us address the needs of our students. Mr. Gonzalez concluded by thanking the board and Mr. Santos for their support.

Javier Montemayor – Stated that the Instructional Department has done great from Spring break to now and added it has been non-stop for that department having to adjust to a virtual setting. He asked about the teachers, he noticed they have about 200, 191 coming in for these trainings. Given that it is a virtual setting right now which is becoming the new norm for us, is there any requirement for our teachers to do an online technology course and also asked how they plan to enforce all the training?

David Gonzalez – Responded that for trainings they have staff development at the beginning of the year. The principals provided a checklist for their staff with all the trainings they have to adhere to. He added that these will be mandatory for our teachers and they have to fulfill certain coursework as the school year goes on. They are going to make sure they adapt and modify to the needs of our students.

Javier Montemayor – Asked if the more seasoned teachers or administrators will have an issue adapting.

Roberto J. Santos – Responded there are some people that have struggled and that are not very proficient in technology. He added that this is why we are trying to bring these people to the level on the virtual to be able to deliver. He stated they are targeting in the summer and then during the year they will include that as part of the in-service or staff development at the campus.

Javier Montemayor – Asked if the Parent Learning Hub is training for parents as well so they can learn.

David Gonzalez – Responded yes and said they had some calls from parents stating they were not aware that had this. He added that it is a matter of making it accessible to them and that we have training for the parents. He also stated we have to be ready with instructional technology and said his department staff and coordinators are working very hard, getting feedback not only from the principals, but also from the teachers to make sure we have a good product for our kids.

Roberto J. Santos – Stated that initially with the stimulus money that the government was going to give us they had looked at using that money to pay cash for the chrome books and other devices. He added that what happened is the commissioner put that money in the regular funding to be able to save some money for next year. Mr. Santos explained that we now have to find other means to be able to afford and added that Ms. Benavides looked at a lease program. He explained that is the only area where they are going to be a little short and added that they are looking at getting them in September. He explained that if they have a third of our students on campus, they are going to be able to provide the other students the chrome books or other technology until the new ones come in. He added that they have a plan to take care of everybody who stays home and does virtual to have a chrome book and work with them.

C. Proposed changes to the 2020-2021 Student Handbook (Bus Rider Handbook & Technology Use Guide)

Annette Perez – Stated they have minimal changes to the Student Handbook and the Bus Rider Handbook most of which are just wording changes. She said the Technology Use Guidelines also have minimal changes. Ms. Perez added that Ms. Judith Garcia the Director of Instructional Technology has her own separate one-to-one mobile learning device handbook that parents have to sign off on when they issue the chrome books and laptops. Ms. Perez explained that some of the main areas in the handbook would be on Suicide and Mental Health Awareness and added that the state is requiring that we provide directory information. Another change she mentioned is that they are also requiring a doctor's note for over the counter medication that is going to be issued by our nursing staff. Another significant change she mentioned was on the weighted courses, tier 1 and tier 2.

Juan Roberto Ramirez – Asked if those books will be sent to the houses of each student.

Annette Perez – Stated we have one on-line and through the parent portal, parents can select whether they want a hard copy or read it on-line. She added that they have already submitted a purchase requisition to have one available one for each parent that requested a hard copy.

Juan Roberto Ramirez – Asked if the parents have a voice regarding the directions or regulations in the book.

Roberto J. Santos – Responded that any concerns that they have can be sent to his office or Ms. Rendon or even Ms. Perez, and they also have to make sure that is legally addressed.

Annette Perez – Stated they already received input through the District Educational Improvement Council, which met in May and added that this council has parent representatives, administrators and teacher representatives and also mentioned that this information is reviewed by legal counsel as well.

IV. Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment
- C. Approval to Designate Monica Madrigal to Calculate the 2020 Tax Rate
- D. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals, and Qualifications
- E. Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Webb County and United Independent School District for Juvenile J.P. Court Coordinators
- F. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between United Independent School District and Webb County Head Start at Zaffirini Elementary School
- G. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between United Independent School District and Webb County Head Start at Henry Cuellar Elementary School

- H. Approval of Agreement between United Independent School District and Serving Children and Adults In Need (SCAN), Inc.
- I. Approval of 2020-2021 Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Webb County Juvenile Board and United Independent School District

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: Aliza Oliveros – Do I need to abstain?

Juan Cruz – No, you don't legally have to abstain

Aliza Oliveros – Even though it's Webb County Head Start?

Juan Cruz – No, because you don't own the head start.

In Favor: Unanimous

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V. Individual Items for Consideration:

A. Approval of Donations

Roberto J. Santos – read the donations into the minutes for a total amount of \$8,166.84

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of March 2020 and May 2020

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Approval of Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2020-2021 School Year to continue the PASS (Positive Approach to Student Success) at Lyndon B. Johnson High School

Gloria Rendon – Stated that this is the 4th consecutive year offering this program at LBJ High School for at-risk population with regards to students not meeting the requirements to graduate. She explained that this program allows students to be in attendance for a portion of the school day and added that they have an a.m. shift from 8-12

and a p.m. shift from 12:30 to 4:30. Ms. Rendon explained that they have one dedicated teacher for these particular students who are doing odyssey ware and added that all their instruction is on-line. She also went over the 2019-2020 data, which showed that 20 students met graduation requirements and total credits recovered were 95.5. She added that at this time they are asking for this program to continue at LBJ High School.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

D. Approval of Waiver to use an Alternate District-Selected Kindergarten Reading Instrument for the 2020-2021 School Year

Gloria Rendon – Presented information on the waiver stating that it's a beginning of the year screener and stated the district is using the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) that they would like to use for kindergarten.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Approval of 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct

Annette Perez – presented information on the 2021 Student Code of Conduct and stated there were about 6 significant changes in the book. Do we have jurisdiction during on-line virtual class – added language to reinforce this. Virtual Classroom Conduct, explained the different levels of violation. If misbehavior continues the student can be removed from that session. The student code of conduct also states that continued misuse of the computer can lead to losing that privilege. Ms. Perez went over other highlighted changes in the Student Code of Conduct which is available upon request.

Javier Montemayor – asked how you enforce the violation if they're at home and you can't send them to STEP Academy.

Annette Perez – replied that they have an on line referral that a teacher can submit and email the administrator. That administrator will have a conference. If the misbehaving continues the student can be removed from that session and continued misuse of computers can lead to losing that privilege

Judd Gilpin – commented that it seems like if you have a kid in school that is misbehaving you throw them out of the school that's probably not too effective and turning off the computer doesn't seem like it's going to work.

Annette Perez – stated it would depend on the nature of the behavior. She said they do want the teacher to re-direct and the counselor to reach out to that child and teach them appropriate behavior. Ms. Perez stated they are working on several slides that would teach a child the expected behavior. She explained that removing a child from remote instruction would be the last resort and said it would have to be something extremely serious for this to happen, something like public lewdness or indecent exposure.

Judd Gilpin – stated that legally for the purpose of state statutes and whatever our guidelines are, we can't just throw a student out of the regular school and said we are going to be very limited on what we can do.

Juan Cruz – stated they would have to go through the whole due process just as if it were in front of you. In order to do that, you can't just easily suspend a kid. He added that they can suspend a kid for three days and from there they have to have the due process and removal for 45 days. If they continue to misbehave in an alternative setting then its JJAEP. He said they have to go through that progressive discipline either in or out of the classroom.

Judd Gilpin – stated that when we have buildings, we can't just say go to your house. He added that we kind of have no option here; when you turn someone off from the computer, you're basically kicking him out.

Juan Cruz – replied that is not going to be happening just at just like that.

Javier Montemayor – stated that he's heard situations where parents don't want their child to show the video or show their face on camera and they're not complying with the district rules and regulations. Does the code address these situations?

Annette Perez – replied that we have paper packets provided by instructional department we can provide a paper packet in situations like that and added that remote instruction has much greater benefits than a paper packet.

Juan Cruz – added that you go back to the code; it's either religious or philosophical objection in order for them to be exempt from any type of school activity so if there's already commissioned decisions as to what a religious or philosophical objection is, we don't want parents to think that they can just liberally not participate in a classroom setting whether it's on campus or in a remote classroom setting. He added that unless they can validate that, they are going to be

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

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Juan Cruz – addressed Mr. Veliz and stated they have to reconsider the awards which you already passed but we can go back, on the bids and proposals. He added that he received a message that it is something that purchasing department is not ready for, which is item IV-D under Consent.

Javier Montemayor – made a motion to re-consider Item IV-D

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Judd Gilpin
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

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Cordy Jackson – stated she just wanted to clarify that RFP 2020-018 – Face Masks and Gloves District Wide will be brought to the board in the July board meeting.

Juan Cruz – stated that all the other items are for approval. He said recommendation is to approve everything with the exception of item IV-D – Protective Gear.

Javier Montemayor - made a motion to table that item for the July board meeting.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Judd Gilpin
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

F. Approval of Disposition of Mobile Learning Device (MLD) to Graduating Senior Students at Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) High School Early College

Hector Cavazos – addressed the board requesting their approval for the disposition of mobile learning devices to graduating senior students at LBJ High School Early College. He stated that as per the department of instructional technology one to one Mobile Learning Device Parent / Guardian and Student Procedures it is for a cost of \$20.00 per student per chrome book.

Roberto J. Santos – asked if these were students that have had the device since they were freshmen.

Hector Cavazos – replied yes they have had them since the 9th grade.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Judd Gilpin
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

G. PUBLIC HEARING: To solicit input from the public and interested parties on an Application of Corazon Energy, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code

Ramiro Veliz, III – stated the time was 12:54 p.m. and asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Fortunato Paredes – stated they have members from Corazon Energy that will explain where they are with this project. He stated this project is about a 464 million dollar investment according to the State Comptroller. It's about 303 million and will get on the tax roll for UISD in 2022.

George Gunnoe – introduced himself and stated he is the lead developer on the Corazon project and mentioned he is accompanied by Sam Gregson via Zoom who is a Senior Tax Consultant. Mr. Gunnoe explained the status of the project.

Ramiro Veliz, III – asked if there were any Public Comments and requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Judd Gilpin
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Public Hearing closed at 12:59 p.m.

- H. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and approving the Application of Corazon Energy, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code

Juan Cruz – stated the recommendation is to approve the resolution as presented.

Fortunato Paredes – stated they have two consultants that were hired through UISD to work on this project who would like to address the board.

Fred Stormer and Dan Casey – addressed the board with information on the Findings of Fact of the Corazon Energy project. (presentations available upon request)

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Judd Gilpin
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

I. Discussion and Possible Action on an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VI. Closed Session:

The board adjourned into closed session at 1:19 p.m.

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion Regarding Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities

B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting

TGC 551.072 Deliberating Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding purchase by Laredo Independent School District of approximately 25 acres in the Lomas Del Sur Subdivision, Lots 16, 17, 21 & 22, of Block 12, as well as acreage adjacent to Lomas Del Sur Subdivision in Abstract 546, Porcion 35 (14.86 acres), such acreage being within the United Independent School District's geographic boundaries, legal options regarding same that may be considered by the Board of Trustees, and retaining Valls and Marroquin, LLP as legal counsel for this matter and matters incident thereto.

2. Report on status of negotiations regarding a proposed exchange or donation, or combination of both, of real property concerning a 60 acre UISD tract described as a tract out of a tract containing 155.0 acres, more or less, situated in Webb County, Texas, being out of Porcion 6, Abstract 6 38, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee and Porcion 7, Abstract 39, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee, such tract also being out of a 1,000 acre tract recorded in Volume 2412, Pages 248-255, W.C.O.P.R. for a Mandel Family Interest tract described as a tract of land between 60 to 100 out of a 638.7019 acre tract of land Originally out of the Mandel Tract being a 1,486.2 acre tract, situated in Porcion 6, Blas Maria Diaz, Abstract 38, Webb County, Texas as well as the consideration of all factors pertaining to the decision to move forward with such negotiations and the associated costs to do the feasibility study pertaining to such swap, donation or a combination of same

C. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Meeting

TGC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion Regarding Internal Auditor's Annual Evaluation and Employment Contract

VII. Reconvened from Closed Session:

The board reconvened from Closed Session at 2:08 p.m.

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding retaining Valls and Marroquin, LLP as legal counsel regarding purchase by Laredo Independent School District of approximately 25 acres in the Lomas Del Sur Subdivision, Lots 16, 17, 21 & 22, of Block 12, as well as acreage adjacent to Lomas Del Sur Subdivision in Abstract 546, Porcion 35 (14.86 acres), such acreage being within the United Independent School District's geographic boundaries

Juan Cruz – stated the recommendation is to retain the firm of Valls and Marroquin in connection with the Laredo ISD land transaction as depicted on Agenda Item VII-A as presented.

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

MOTION PASSES

- B. Discussion and possible action on legal options regarding purchase by Laredo Independent School District of approximately 25 acres in the Lomas Del Sur Subdivision, Lots 16, 17, 21 & 22, of Block 12, as well as acreage adjacent to Lomas Del Sur Subdivision in Abstract 546, Porcion 35 (14.86 acres), such acreage being within the United Independent School District's geographic boundaries

Juan Cruz – stated the recommendation is to defer Agenda Item VII-B as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion: So Move
Moved by: Ricardo Molina
Seconded by: Judd Gilpin
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- C. Possible action on proceeding with negotiations regarding a proposed exchange or donation, or combination of both, of real property concerning a 60 acre UISD tract described as a tract out of a tract containing 155.0 acres, more or less, situated in Webb County, Texas, being out of Porcion 6, Abstract 38, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee and Porcion 7, Abstract 39, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee, such tract also being out of a 1,000 acre tract recorded in Volume 2412, Pages 248-255, W.C.O.P.R. for a Mandel Family Interest tract described as a tract of land between 60 to 100 out of a 638.7019 acre tract of land Originally out of the Mandel Tract being a 1,486.2 acre tract, situated in Porcion 6, Blas Maria Diaz, Abstract 38, Webb County, Texas as well as the consideration of all factors pertaining to the decision to move forward with such negotiations and the associated costs to do the feasibility study pertaining to such swap, donation or a combination of same

Juan Cruz – stated the recommendation is to approve the engineering study subject of the land transaction as described in Agenda Item VII-C.

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

D. Action Regarding Internal Auditor's Evaluation and Employment Contract Extension

Juan Cruz – stated the recommendation is to approve the Internal Auditor's Evaluation and extend her contract through June 30, 2022 as discussed.

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2020 was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Ramiro Veliz III, President

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Superintendent's Secretary