



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Month of February 2015 _____

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ March 25, 2015 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Regular Board Meeting – February 18, 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).

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

February 18, 2015

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015
United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 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 6:01 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. **Board Announcements**

No Board Announcements

- IV. **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. Additionally, pursuant to board policies BED (LEGAL) and BED (LOCAL), drifting from the stated topic or becoming disruptive shall result in a warning from the board president. A second violation will result in forfeiture of your allotted time and removal from the board meeting. Disruptions include speaking on behalf of or against a person running for political office, promotion of a for-profit organization, or advertisement of products or services to the Board.

Alejandro Obregón – Concerned Parent – Addressed the board and expressed his concern for the condition of the roads in Los Centenarios on Hwy. 59. He stated he understands the condition of the roads is not good but he does not want the children to stop going to school and wants the school buses to continue servicing the students in their area. He stated that many parents are working to better the roads but they have not received any help from the county in the last five years. Mr. Obregon also stated he is concerned with students being mistreated by bus drivers. He said he is a concerned parent who wants his children to continue going to school but does not want them being mistreated. He thanked board members Ricardo Rodriguez and Juan Roberto Ramirez for helping them out at one time and said he does not want anything just given to them, he stated they want to work with the board and with the county.

Mr. Santos stated Mr. Eduardo Zuniga and Mr. Joe Aranda would be available to address Mr. Obregon's issues and concerns regarding the employees and that they will continue working with the county to help them with the road concerns.

Mr. Montemayor stated the main concern there was the private roads and recommended that Mr. Obregon also contact the county attorney to help with his issues.

V. Recognitions

None

VI. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment
- C. Approval of Tax Refunds
- D. Approval of Resolution to update signatures for Safety Deposit Box Access
- E. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- F. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

G. Approval to Conclude the Two-Way DUAL Cluster II Elementary Bilingual Program

H. Approval of the District School Calendar for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mr. Eduardo Zuñiga presented the following additional Requests for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds:

Trautmann Elementary School, sponsored by Javier Montemayor in the amount of \$4,000.00 for end of the year field trip busing for fifth graders.

PEP Program, sponsored by Rick Rodriguez in the amount of \$7,500.00 for district-wide student presentation by Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbush

UISD Police Department, sponsored by Javier Montemayor and Juan Roberto Ramirez in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the implementation of the Neighborhood Watch Program

Trautmann Middle School, sponsored by Javier Montemayor for a PA system for the gym at the TMS 6th grade campus

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza Flores Oliveros
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of December 2014 and January 2015.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes and requested that the board accept the donations totaling \$48,100

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- C. Naming of Facilities CW (LOCAL) – Board President Appoints Committee – No Action necessary by Board

No Action Required

- D. Discussion/Action to approve Trautmann Park Lease Termination Agreement with County of Webb

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that Mr. Montemayor, Mr. Zuniga, Mr. Davila and himself had attended a meeting with the Webb County Commissioners Court and they authorized what the board had recommended which is the termination of the lease with the Webb County. Mr. Cruz stated the lease termination was for \$1.00, UISD keeps all improvements with the exception of some benches which will be returned to the county.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VIII. 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 6:14 p.m.

- A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Discussion re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities
2. Consultation with legal counsel regarding Resignation Agreement / Grievance submitted by Tomas Martinez
3. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding legal issues in relation to parent / student complaints of R.R. / M.R. and C.V. / V.V.

- B. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

1. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, in regards to Grievance Hearing of Diamantina Peña
2. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, in regards to Grievance Hearing of Maria Ostiguin

IX. 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 7:02 p.m.

- A. Action in regards to grievance submitted by Tomas Martinez and authorize legal counsel to take appropriate legal action in regards to same and other matters related thereto

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation is to deny a grievance hearing request submitted by Mr. Tomas Martinez due to the previously executed Voluntary Retirement Agreement

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Judd Gilpin
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discusson: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- B. Action regarding Grievance Hearing of Diamantina Peña

Mr. Juan Cruz stated no action was taken on this item and the administrative decision was upheld the at Level 2

- C. Action regarding Grievance Hearing of Maria Ostiguin

Mr. Juan Cruz stated there was no recommendation at this time and no action was necessary on this item

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2015, was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Javier Montemayor, President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary