



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

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

SUBMITTED BY: Alejandra Salinas / Griselda Rodriguez **OF:** Superintendent's Secretary

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 22, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Board Meeting Minutes for:

Regular Board Meeting – February 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

February 19, 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 – ABSENT
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Member – ABSENT
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Member – ABSENT

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

- I. **An announcement was made by the Board Vice-President, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:41 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.**

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - A. **Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.**

- III. **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.

No Public Comments

IV. Recognitions

A. WEBB COUNTY SHERIFF MARTIN CUELLAR – PUBLIC SAFETY ASSISTANCE RECOGNITION

B. TRAUTMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS – FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS
COMPETITION QUALIFIER – 1ST PLACE – ADVANCE TO REGIONALS

C. UNITED SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – AUSTIN CAPITAL CUP WINTER
NATIONALS – 1ST PLACE DIVISION GRAND CHAMPIONS

D. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA HS NATIONALS – 1ST PLACE
INTERMEDIATE NON-TUMBLING

E. MIDDLE SCHOOL REGION MUSICIANS
Trautmann Middle School
United Middle School
Washington Middle School
Los Obispos Middle School
Raul Perales Middle School
Lamar Bruni Vergara Middle School
Gonzalez Middle School
Clark Middle School
United South Middle School

F. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND – AREA MEMBERS

G. 2020 TEXAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION AREA MUSICIANS – ALL STATE
MUSICIANS
J.B. Alexander High School
United South High School
United High School

H. UIL CONGRESS – 2020 STATE QUALIFIERS

I. UIL CROSS EXAMINATION DEBATE – 2020 STATE QUALIFIERS
J.B. Alexander High School
United High School

V. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Budget Amendments
- C. Approval to Adopt Resolution regarding Review of Investment Policy and Strategies
- D. Approval of Property Tax Refunds for the month of January 2020
- E. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- F. Approval of Additional Appraisers for the 2019-2020 School Year
- G. First and Final Reading of Policy DHE (LOCAL) Employee Standards of Conduct Searches and Alcohol/Drug Testing
- H. Approval of CTE Innovative State Course – Occupational Safety & Environmental Technology I
- I. Approval of Additional Class Size Waivers for the 2019-2020 School Year
- J. Approval of Expedited State Waiver in the Area of Staff Development
- K. Approval of Application for Expedited State Waiver for Accelerated Instruction after Third STAAR Administration for Student Success Initiative
- L. Approval of Expedited State Waiver for Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System

Ricardo Rodriguez – made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items V-A thru V-L

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto J. Santos read the donations into the minutes for a total amount of \$16,229.82

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of December 2019 and January 2020

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

C. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

Mr. Eduardo Zuniga read one additional request from Kazen Elementary in the amount of \$2,910.00 to purchase two-way radios.

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

D. PUBLIC HEARING: Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Exemption Waiver

Mr. Javier Montemayor made a motion to open the Public Hearing

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ms. Gloria Rendon presented information regarding full day pre-kinder. (Presentation attached)

Mr. Javier Montemayor made a motion to close the Public Hearing

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Approval of Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Exemption Waiver

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor
Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sessions of the Texas Open Meetings Act

The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion Re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities

B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting

TGC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion, including Consultation with Legal Counsel, regarding Right of Entry Letter for Survey and Site Assessment (ROE-S) received from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Matters Incident Thereto

C. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting

TGC 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits; Closed Meeting

1. Student Activity Fund Audits: Elementary Schools – Ruiz, Killam, Muller, Prada, Fasken, DeLlano, Cuellar, Veterans, Salinas
2. Student Activity Fund Audits: Middle and High Schools – United High, United High 9th Grade, Perales Middle, Los Obispos Middle, Cherish Center
3. Investments (PFIA) Audit
4. Surplus Sale Audit
5. Status of On-going Audits

VIII. 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 7:19 p.m.

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Right of Entry Letter for Survey and Site Assessment (ROE-S) received from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Authorizing the Superintendent to Execute the Required Documents Related to Same

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2020 was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ramiro Veliz III, President

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

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



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver
Public Hearing
February 19, 2020

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver

Summary:

House Bill 3 requires that full-day PreKindergarten be provided for all eligible four-year old students.

Exemption Conditions:

Exemptions may be granted if it determined that:

1. **The District would be required to construct classroom, repurpose or lease a classroom facility or issue bonds for the construction or repurposing of a classroom facility;**
2. Implementation of a full-day program would result in fewer eligible children being enrolled in PreKindergarten.

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver

Additional Exemption Criteria:

The District may not receive an exemption unless it has solicited and considered at a public meeting the following:

- a. Proposals for partnerships with public or private entities regarding offering full day preKindergarten for eligible four-year-old students. **The District did post on its website and in the Laredo Morning Times (January 16, 2020) an ad advising Childcare Providers/Early Learning Centers of District's interest in receiving proposals for partnership and the criteria required. A meeting was held on January 23, 2020 at 201 Lindenwood for all interested Childcare providers to attend. The Deadline to submit proposals was January 30, 2020.**

Proposals received: None

Full-Day PreKindergarten Program Campuses

Full-Day PreKindergarten Programs in the District (14 schools) ***Half-Day Programs (16 schools)***

Johnson High School Feeder

1. Kennedy Zapata
2. Juarez Lincoln
3. Prada--Head Start Collaboration
4. Arndt--Head Start Collaboration
5. Veterans
6. Roosevelt--Head Start Collaboration
7. Perez
8. Centeno--Head Start Collaboration

Alexander High School Feeder

1. Newman--Head Start Collaboration
2. Gutierrez --clustered at Newman site
3. Clark Elem. --clustered at Newman site
4. *Nye
5. *Colonel Santos Benavides
6. *Elementary #30 to open 2021-2022

United High School Feeder

1. *Malakoff
2. *Borchers
3. *San Isidro
4. *De Llano
5. *Trautmann Elem.
6. *Fasken
7. *Finley
8. *Kazen
9. *Muller

United South High School Feeder

1. Freedom--Head Start Collaboration
2. Zaffirini--Head Start Collaboration
3. Cuellar--Head Start Collaboration
4. *Bonnie Garcia
5. *Ruiz
6. *Salinas
7. *Killam

Exemption Waiver -- Year One: 2019-2020

Exemptions from Full-Day PreKindergarten

Effective September 1, 2019

With a three-year exemption, the District must demonstrate good faith attempts to comply with the new requirements and offer full-day PK for all eligible students at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

2019-2020 School Year: Year One of Exemption

- ◆ Gather data which shall include the total number of additional classrooms needed;
- ◆ Hold a public meeting to solicit proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Consider proposals and make decision to:
 - a. Establish partnership and/or
 - b. Construct, repurpose, lease new space, or issue bonds

Exemption Waiver -- Year Two: 2020-2021 Year Three: 2021-2022

2020-2021 School Year: Year Two of Exemption

- ◆ If necessary, hold another public meeting to solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Begin providing full-day to some eligible four-year old children through:
 - a. At least one partnership with an early learning center and/or;
 - b. At least one constructed, repurposed, leased classroom(s)

2021-2022 School Year: Year Three of Exemption

- ◆ If necessary, hold another public meeting to solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Increase full-day opportunities for eligible four-year old children through:
 - a. At least one additional partnership with an early learning center and/or;
 - c. At least one additional constructed, repurposed, leased classroom(s).

2022-2023 School Year:

- ◆ District shall begin offering full day PK for all eligible four-year old students
- ◆ District may apply for an exemption renewal if unable to offer full-day PK for all (renewed only once).

FULL DAY PRE KINDER ADJUSTMENT

YEAR 1 - 2019-2020

YEAR 2
2020-2021

NAME OF SCHOOL	HOUSE #	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	CURRENT TEACHERS	PROJECTED TEACHERS	Head Start Child.	SEP	CLASSROOMS NEEDED
KILLAM ELEM							
CUELLAR ELEM		152	5 (2 HS)	7	2	0	3 classrooms needed / 2 vacant classrooms available / 1 portable bldg needed
BONNIE GARCIA ELEM							
ZAFFIRINI ELEM		175	5 (2 HS)	0	2	1	4 classrooms needed / 4-portable classrooms available

YEAR 3
2021-2022

NAME OF SCHOOL	HOUSE #	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	CURRENT TEACHERS	PROJECTED TEACHERS	Head Start Child.	SEP	CLASSROOMS NEEDED
SALINAS ELEM							
RUIZ ELEM		148	2	7		5	6 classrooms needed / 2 available / 2 portable buildings needed

YEAR 4
2022-2023

NAME OF SCHOOL	HOUSE #	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	CURRENT TEACHERS	PROJECTED TEACHERS	Head Start Child.	SEP	CLASSROOMS NEEDED
FINLEY ELEM							
KAZEN ELEM		110	2	5		3	4 classrooms needed / 2 vacant inside classrooms available / 1 portable needed
FASKEN*		110	2	5		3	
MULLER ELEM		130	2	6		4	2 portable buildings needed
NYE ELEM							
TRAUTMANN ELEM		154	2	7		5	6 classrooms needed / 5 vacant classrooms available / 1 portable building needed
BORCHERS ELEM							
MATTIAS DE LLANO ELEM							
MALAKOFF ELEM		186	3	9		6	8 classrooms needed / 6 vacant classrooms inside / 2 portable classrooms needed
ELEM #30		188	2	9		7	Cover opens 2021-22 school year - New Boundaries will be established
SAN ISIDRO ELEM							
COL SANTOS							

CONTINGENT ON REPURPOSING OF CLASSROOMS/FINANCES AND HEAD START COLLABORATION EXPANSION