

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 23, 2025

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Larry Cantu, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee  
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All board members were present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent  
Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent  
Adriana Tagle, Assistant Superintendent  
Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Joshua Garcia Cecilia Loera Stringer  
Dr. Amanda Covarrubias

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:00 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 – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 7

Absent – 0

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 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

Dr. Marc Puig led the audience and the Board in prayer.

**3.0                    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

**4.0                    VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

**MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

**5.0                    PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

**6.0                    ACTION ITEM(S)**

**6A                    DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA IN MAY OF 2025 TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS**

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the out-of-state travel request for the elementary students to travel to Orlando, Florida, in May of 2025, to compete at the international academic competitions. The administration still had some things to work through. Joshua Garcia discussed some of the preliminary work that they have done and what kind of resources they might need to move forward. A total of twenty-two students qualified to attend the competition, and one of the rules is that the students must stay at the hotel where the competition is being held. They started to look at how many rooms and how many students would be attending. They are looking at May 21<sup>st</sup> as the departure date May 26<sup>th</sup> of May as the return date. They looked at the days and what was on the itinerary, and who would be attending. A meeting was held with the parents to pass out the information and ask if they had any questions. The parents were concerned about how they were going to pay for the trip. He did not promise them anything but that it would be taken to the Board for their approval on the funding. Dr. Amanda Covarrubias reported that this was an educational trip, and it was not about travel but about transformation. At this time, eighteen of the twenty-two would like to attend. She asked for their support in saying Yes. After the discussion, Dr. Puig recommended allowing the Science Bee students to have this opportunity.

Motion #7616 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:18 p.m.

**7.0** **CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.071 AND 551.074**

7A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

1) SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

2) SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into the executive session under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 on the Superintendent's Evaluation and Superintendent's Contract.

Motion #7617 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:19 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Bobby Marroquin joined the board meeting during the executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion #7618 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to reconvene from the executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
8:46 p.m.

**8.0** **OPEN SESSION**

8A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Marc Puig informed the board members that they did not have any personnel to approve at this time.

1) ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

President Lori Ann Garza announced that the superintendent had met all of his goals.

Motion #7619 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent's evaluation as conducted in the executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
8:48 p.m.

2) ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

After the discussion, the Board recommended increasing the superintendent's salary by \$15,000 to be effective on April 24, 2025. The salary would go from \$190,000 to \$205,000. Also, they approved to increase his car allowance by \$150, from \$650 to \$800, to be effective on April 24, 2025.

Motion #7620 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve increasing the superintendent's salary by \$15,000 to be effective on April 24, 2025. The salary would go from \$190,000 to \$205,000. Also, they approved to increase his car allowance by \$150, from \$650 to \$800, to be effective on April 24, 2025.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
8:49 p.m.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7621 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0  
8:49 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 04/23/25, except for the executive session.)

