



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Months of January/February 2016

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ March 23, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Regular Board Meeting – January 20, 2016
2. Public Hearing – January 20, 2016
3. Regular Board Meeting – February 17, 2016
4. Special Called Meeting – February 23, 2016

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).

January 20, 2016

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 – ABSENT
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Member –PRESENT
Judd Gilpin – Member – ABSENT
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member – ABSENT

A Public Hearing for Presentation of Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

I. Open Hearing

An announcement was made by the Board President, Javier Montemayor, opening the Public Hearing of the United Independent School District at 4:30 p.m.

II. Texas Education Code §39.053 Presentation of TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report) describing the District’s Educational Performance

Ms. Eloisa Diaz announced that she would like to defer the reading of the minutes from the last DEIC meeting for February.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Mr. Perez
Seconded by: Estela de la Garza
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ms. Emma Leza presented information on the United ISD 2014-2015 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) – ***This presentation is available upon request***

Ms. Leza stated that based on Chapter 39, it is required that we publish the annual report and it has to include the performance of the district, the campus performance objectives, the report on violent and criminal incidents, and information received under the Texas Education Code. She also informed the board that these published

reports are being sent to all the campuses and that they must hold this public hearing to discuss the information on the TAPR Report.

Ms. Leza discussed the following items of TAPR Overview:

- The TAPR provides information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas. The reports also provide extensive information on school and district staff programs, and student demographics
- TAPR is a comprehensive reporting system set by statute that replaced the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS)
- TAPR was first published in the 2012-2013 school year
- TAPR contains the data used to determine district and each campus' accountability rating
- TAPR reports data collected through the state data reporting system (Public Education Information Management System – PEIMS) and the student assessment system

Ms. Leza stated that they have determined that we have met the accreditation status and it is based on the 2014 FIRST Rating of "Superior" Achievement and also the 2014 Accountability rating of "Met Standard"

Ms. Leza went over some of the changes to this year's report and discussed the following items:

- 2015 Accountability Rating
- State of Texas 2015 Accountability Standards
- State of Texas 2015 Accountability System – Distinction Designations Earned
- 2014 – 2015 District Profile

Ms. Leza then reviewed the following points from the TAPR Report.

- District Performance Grades 3-5
- District Performance Grades 6-8
- District Performance End of Course
- STAAR Percent at Postsecondary Readiness Standard
- STAAR Percent at Advanced Standard – Level III
- STAAR Percent Met or Exceeded Progress
- Student Success Initiative 5th Grade
- Student Success Initiative 8th Grade
- Sub Group Performance
- Bilingual / ESL Participants Meeting Phase-In Standard or Above
- Graduation Rates
- College and Career Ready Graduates
- Advanced Placement
- SAT / ACT Results
- Graduates in TX Institution of Higher Education
- Attendance Rates and Annual Dropout Rates

Ms. Annette Perez presented the Report on Violent and Criminal Offenses

Dr. Alicia Carrillo presented information on the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

Ms. Emma Leza continued with the District Profile – Student Information

Mr. David Garcia presented the District Profile – Staff Information

Ms. Laida Benavides presented the District Profile – PEIMS Financial Standard Report / 2012-2013
Financial Actual Report

Ms. Emma Leza asked if anyone had any questions and gave information on how to access the Texas Academic Performance Reports and Additional District Data

Mr. David Gonzalez made a statement to thank staff, students, parents, board of trustees, and superintendent for their support for quality instruction at UISD

Mr. Roberto Santos also thanked our teachers, campus administrators, campus support staff, district-wide administrators, and stated that we, as a group of support, are able to provide the quality of education that we need for our students. He said it all goes back to the teachers and how long we have been able to retain these teachers and noted that is the key to success.

He also stated that the reason that is the key is because of the support from the board of trustees to provide good competitive salaries and benefits for all the employees.

Mr. Santos also thanked the students and the parents for all the support they give us and noted that in the end it is the board of trustees that give us the tools needed to be successful.

He stated that several years ago we were never close on the scores between the region and the state but now we are there and we are getting better.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Javier Montemayor asked for the public comments right after opening the public hearing.
NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. Close Hearing

Ms. Elouisa Diaz asked for motion to close the public hearing

Motion: So Move
Moved by: Sally
Seconded by: (Person Not visible in video)
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

V. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Public Hearing of January 20, 2016, was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Javier Montemayor, President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary

January 20, 2016

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, January 20, 2016 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 President, Javier Montemayor, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:00 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. **Board Announcements**

Ms. Aliza F. Oliveros congratulated the principal, staff and students at Henry Cuellar Elementary School for a job well done with "The Leader in Me" presentation.

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez asked for a moment of silence for the student that passed away last Saturday.

Javier Montemayor stated for the record that Mr. Ricardo Molina was present. He also stated he wanted to recognize Mr. Ernesto Longoria who has been an employee of UISD Food Service Staff for the past 34 years and has been cooking for us for a long time.

Mr. Montemayor congratulated Mr. David Gonzalez' staff, all the teachers and everyone involved with the outstanding success that United has had lately with the graduation rates and outstanding scores.

- 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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, on and indivisible.

IV. Recognitions

Mr. Roberto Santos stated that before they moved on to the recognitions, he wanted to recognize the board of trustees. He mentioned that this month is board recognition month throughout the state of Texas and on behalf of 6,000 employees and over 42,000 students, thanked the board for the support they have always given us. Mr. Santos announced that they would be showing a "We are United" video that Susan Carlson and her staff prepared and it includes some of our students and represents who we are.

- A. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL ULTIMATE ROBOTICS TEAM – 1ST PLACE BEST AWARD AND 1ST PLACE ROBOT TOURNAMENT – SAN ANTONIO BEST ROBOTICS COMPETITION
- B. ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

V. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval to Adopt Resolution regarding Review of Investment Policy and Strategies
- C. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- D. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Design and Construction of San Isidro Elementary School
- E. Approval of CSP 071-2015 John B. Alexander High School Parking Lots, Traffic Loop, and Athletic Facility Improvements and the related budget amendment to cover cost of aforementioned project
- F. Adopt Resolution adopting Employee Separation from Employment Incentive to Full Time District Employees for the 2015-16 School Year
- G. Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar
- H. Approval of Resolution regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization
- I. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez stated that the Business and Instruction Committees met on January 12th and made a motion to approve items V-A thru V-I.

Mr. Judd Gilpin stated he wanted to wait another thirty days on item V-E. His motion is to modify Mr. Javier Montemayor's motion to approve all items except V-E.

Mr. Montemayor clarified that they have a modified motion to approve items V-A, B, C, D, F, G, H, and I.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Judd Gilpin

Seconded by: Aliza Flores Oliveros

Discussion: *Mr. Eduardo Zuniga requested the approval of the following six additional requests for discretionary funds and read them into the minutes:*

- *Request for 14 school bus positive behavior messages sponsored by Mr. Ramiro Veliz*
- *Request from Perez Elementary for ipads for student incentives for academic performance and perfect attendance sponsored by Mr. Rick Rodriguez*
- *Request from Perez Elementary for ipads for student incentives for academic performance and perfect attendance sponsored by Mr. Ramiro Veliz*
- *Request for 5 school bus positive behavior messages sponsored by Mr. Rick Rodriguez*
- *Request from Juarez Lincoln Elementary for 2-way radios sponsored by Mr. Ricardo Molina*
- *Request from Cuellar Elementary for student incentives sponsored by Mr. Rick Rodriguez and Ramiro Veliz*
- *Request from United South High School to sponsor NCAA Sr./Jr. National Championship in Dallas, Texas sponsored by Mr. Rick Rodriguez and Ramiro Veliz*

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VI. **Items for Individual Consideration**

A. Approval of Board Minutes for the Month of December 2015

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes for a total of \$9,063.00

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Ricardo Molina made a motion to elect Ricardo Rodriguez for President

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that Mr. Rodriguez was the secretary so now they need to fill that spot

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez made a motion to elect Ms. Aliza Flores Oliveros for Secretary

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

D. Adopt Resolution in Regards to Cyberbullying Legislative Action

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that this agenda item was one that the board had requested previously and he came up with the language for it. He explained that the intent of this resolution is to address the issues of cyberbullying that not only permeate in Laredo but also recently at Alamo Heights where they had some challenges with this type of attacks that are going on against students through the internet.

He explained that the law right now addresses bullying, the Texas Education Law does, but it's only in relation to what happens in a school related activity or on school property and the intent of this resolution is to hopefully get awareness to the legislators that are in our area to spawn the legislation that would criminalize cyberbullying like other states have done so.

He also stated that if the legislation were to pass as requested by the UISD board (if the motion is passed tonight) it would define cyberbullying as transmitting, sending or posting communication by electronic means with the purpose to frighten, coerce, intimidate, threaten, abuse or harass another person and the transmission was in furtherance of severe, repeated, or hostile behavior toward the other person without regard to where the transmission originates and it would be classified as a Class B misdemeanor.

Mr. Cruz further stated that the key is regardless of where it happens, on school property or on a Saturday night or on Thursday afternoon away from school, if it disrupts the operations or it affects the school district student from being able to feel comfortable in his or her academic environment then the school district would be able to prosecute it as a form of criminal punishment.

He stated that this is something that would take cyberbullying to another level but in light of what we see in the newspapers in and out of Laredo, it is something that does require serious attention and he was glad to put it together as requested by Mr. Roberto Santos and the school board members.

Mr. Gilpin stated that he was understanding that we are getting some feedback from other school districts and they are supportive of it as well.

Mr. Juan Cruz responded yes and that Webb Consolidated ISD has it on the agenda for next week and also Zapata County ISD and stated that he was going to be speaking on social media affecting school districts on Monday at the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Cruz further stated that if this passes tonight, he will be presenting to an audience of Texas superintendents and administrators and hopefully will be able to carry this forward and encourage other school districts to also pass because they want to get as many school districts as possible behind this.

Mr. Judd Gilpin suggested that we reach out to LISD if they're not already looking into this.

Mr. Javier Montemayor stated he has been in contact with Senator Zaffirini's office who is also taking an interest in assessing this issue. He commented that they want to see how widespread it is and how severe it's become so he has been referring them to our administrators and to the board counsel to talk about some of the issues that we've had and how it can lead to suicide or other emotional stress on our students. Mr. Montemayor mentioned that she is looking into it to present it to legislature. He also said it is hard to address when there is no penalty or no criminal law offense assigned to it so hopefully more districts will look into it.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VII. Closed Session: Board adjourned into closed session at 6:33 p.m. pursuant to the following sessions of the Texas Open Meetings Act

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Firearms on School Grounds

VIII. Reconvened from Closed Session at 7:11 p.m., the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez announced that Mr. Javier Montemayor and Mr. Judd Gilpin were excused during closed session.

No Action Taken in Closed Session

IX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2015, was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Javier Montemayor, President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary

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

February 17, 2016

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78043.

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

- I. An announcement was made by the Board President, Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:00 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. **Board Announcements** - None
- 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.
- IV. **Recognitions:**

Prior to the start of the Recognitions, Ms. Roni Cantu Yunes addresses the Board Members and states that the State of Texas this year had a theme for School Board Members – "Super Heroes for Our Schools". School Board Members are honored with a special video created by the ITV Department of United ISD. Following the viewing of the video, the Board Members are thanked for all of their hard work and dedication to the students of United ISD and a special presentation is made. The Board Members are then each presented with a "Super Hero Cape" that has the UISD logo, a Super Hero Comic Book and a copy of the video produced by ITV. The presentation was made by "Batman" aka Alex Salas from Col. Santos Benavides, "Superman" aka Oscar Arriola from Bonnie Garcia Elementary and "Wonder Woman" aka Analise Bordel also from Bonnie Garcia. And once again thanked for all that they do for United ISD.

- A. BOWL-A-THON
- B. USHS TEACHER AND RECIPIENT OF AMERICA'S TEACHER PROGRAM AWARD
- C. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM – 1ST PLACE REGION
- D. TRAUTMANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM – 1ST PLACE PRIMARY RATED (REGION)
- E. TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIAN
 - 1. JB ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL
 - 2. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL
- F. "VOCES UNIDAS" ELEMENTARY CHOIR – QUALIFIED TO PERFORM AT TEXAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
- G. NYE ELEMENTARY WILDCAT CHEER TEAM
 - 1. TEXAS ELEMENTARY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – 1ST PLACE – GRAND LEVEL CHAMPIONS (IN ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS)
- H. UNITED MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEAERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 1ST PLACE CHAMPIONS – INTERMEDIATE JH/MS DIVISION
- I. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 1ST PLACE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – VARSITY ADVANCE NON TUMBLING DIVISION
- J. L. B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 2ND PLACE – VARSITY ADVANCE NON TUMBLING DIVISION
- K. J. B. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 2ND PLACE – MEDIUM INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
- L. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP – NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Following the Board Recognitions, Mr. Mike Garza approached the podium and stated that a Special Recognition would also like to be given to Mr. Roque Vela, Jr. "Mr. Vela is a special individual in our community who has partnered with UISD to support all programs that benefit our students. And for the second year in a row, he has donated the use of his facility in order for the District to come together and raise funds for the Partners for Scholars program. In the last two years combined, over \$20,000 has been raised for this very important program". On behalf of Mr. Santos and the Board members, he was thanked and presented with a plaque.

Also recognized by Mr. Mike Garza was Mr. Juan Narvaez, Mayor Pro Temp for the City of Laredo.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Resolution to update Bank Signature Card, Safety Deposit Box Access
- C. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- D. Approval of Salvage Equipment
- E. Approval of CSP 071-2015 John B. Alexander High School Parking Lots, Traffic Loop, and Athletic Facility Improvements and the related budget amendment to cover cost of aforementioned project.
- F. Approval of CSP 082-2015 United High School 9th Grade Campus HVAC Upgrades
- G. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

- H. Approval of PDAS Appraisers for the 2015-2016 School Year
- I. Approval of Additional Maximum Class Size Waivers for 2015-2016 School Year
- J. Approval of Innovative Physical Education Course for Elective Credit

Motion: Ramiro Veliz, III

Moved by: Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Eduardo Zuñiga approached the podium and stated that he would like to add to the record some additional discretionary funds that are being requested. The following requests are being made:

Zaffirini Elementary, Claudia Benavides, Principal. Sponsored by Rick Rodriguez - \$1,000, and Ramiro Veliz, III - \$500.00, for purchase of two television sets for viewing science videos in the cafeteria.

Gonzalez Middle School, Patricia Perez, Principal. Sponsored by Rick Rodriguez - \$5,000 for electronic dictionaries for ELL students and other equipment.

Gonzalez Middle School, Patricia Perez, Principal. Sponsored by Ramiro Veliz, III - \$2,000 for park benches and trees for the beautification of the school.

Salinas Elementary School, Abraham Rodriguez, Principal. Sponsored by Rick Rodriguez - \$3,000 for the purchase of iPads for the Pre-Kinder students.

Motion: Javier Montemayor, Jr.

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Ramiro Veliz, III

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VI. Items For Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos addresses the Board: Yes, Mr. Rodriguez and Members of the Board, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees graciously accept the following donations that will be attached to the minutes. We had one donation of over \$1,000:

United South Middle School received a donation from the United South Middle School Cheer Parent Group for \$6,474.60. We graciously accept the donation and thank the Booster Club Parent Group.

Motion: Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Javier Montemayor, Jr.

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. First Reading of FFA (LOCAL) Student Welfare – Wellness and Health Services

As per Mr. Juan Cruz, Attorney, No Action Is Required

VII. **Closed Session: Board adjourned into closed session at 6:48 p.m. pursuant to the following sessions of the Texas Open Meetings Act:**

As per Mr. Juan Cruz, Attorney: The items are 7A and 7B under 551.071, .074, and .076.

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Property Valuations Legal Issues and Appeal re: same
2. Status of Pending Grievances

B. 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints Against Personnel

551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices

1. Student Activity Funds Elementary Schools – Bonnie Garcia, Roosevelt, Killam, Salinas, Centeno, Arndt, Col. Santos Benavides, Fasken, Gutierrez, Borchers, Cuellar Elementary
2. Student Activity Funds Middle and High Schools – United Middle, Alexander High School, L.B. Johnson High School
3. State Compensatory Education Audit
4. Bus Driver Rotation and Field Trip Billings Audit
5. Status of on-going audits

VIII. **Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:04 p.m., the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session**

No Action Taken

IX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2016 was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Motion: Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

Moved by: Judd Gilpin

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, President

Aliza Flores Oliveros, Secretary

Special Called Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

February 23, 2016

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

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

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the United ISD Boardroom, 201 Lindenwood Dr., Laredo, TX 78045.

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. An announcement was made by the Board President, Ricardo Rodriguez, calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:07 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board members was NOT 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.

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez announced that the meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

Mr. Ronald Rodriguez addressed the board president and stated for the record that both grievants were present, he and his wife, as well as the Villarreal. He commented that none of the respondents were present either. Mr. Ronald Rodriguez stated that confidential information has been provided to the board for their review and if they have any questions they are available to answer them. Mr. Ronald Rodriguez also stated that they had requested a live presentation with Juan Cruz and he asked that they carefully consider that request as required by law at the appropriate time. He then asked what steps they take at this time.

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez replied that at this point the meeting will be rescheduled and our attorney will consult with the rest of the board and will inform them of the new date and time.

Ms. Christina Villarreal stated for the record that these hearings have been pending for more than a year because the former president, Mr. Javier Montemayor, held them back and hoped that there would be no further delay and that it be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Ronald Rodriguez also added that there is a motion to recuse Mr. Montemayor from further proceedings and asked that Mr. Montemayor take action to voluntarily recuse himself from further proceedings. He commented that he also thought that it was very unfair to set them all at one time because there's more than 1,000 pages and he didn't think anyone can possibly prepare to review all that.

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez stated that all that will be taken into consideration for the next meeting.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act**

- A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

1. Hearing of Level Three grievance filed by R.R./M.R.

- March 4, 2015, Level Three Grievance
- March 26, 2015, Level Three Grievance
- April 10, 2015, Level Three Grievance
- June 24, 2015, Level Three Grievance
- Consolidated July 9, 2015 and July 16, 2016 Level Three Grievances
- September 5, 2015, Level Three Grievance
- September 23, 2015, Level Three Grievance

2. Hearing of Level Three grievance filed by V.V./C.V.

- March 4, 2015, Level Three grievance
- March 4, 2015, Level Three grievance
- March 26, 2015, Level Three grievance
- Consolidated March 31, 2015 and September 8, 2015 Level Three grievances
- Consolidated July 9, 2015 and July 16, 2016 Level Three grievances
- September 21, 2016, Level Three grievance

V. **Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session**

A. Action re: Level III Grievance filed by R.R./M.R.

B. Action re: Level III Grievance filed by V.V./C.V.

IV. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the Special Called Meeting of February 23, 2016, was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, President

Aliza Flores Oliveros, Secretary