

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 23, 2021

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President - (Video Conference)
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Hector Lopez, Trustee – (VideoConference)
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All in attendance

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Richard Gonzalez Hector Gomez Pam Kwiatkowski
Lisa Persyn Eric Gonzalez Leeroy Gonzalez
Anisa Chavera Laura Cueva

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:03 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, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Present, Hector Lopez– Present, and Bertha Roldan – 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/PRAAYER

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a 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 – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Trustee Bertha Roldan read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

5A

ROBSTOWN ISD REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE USE OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF II (ESSER II) FUNDS

Dr. Jose Moreno presented the use of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) funds to the Board. He reported that the grant was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021, Section 313 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Funds. The intent and purpose of the funding is to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students. A total of \$5.5 billion was appropriated to the State of Texas and the school district’s allocation will be \$5,568,488. Because of the hold harmless a certain percentage, will be taken off the total designated to the school district. The grant period was from March 13, 2020 (Pre-award) through September 30, 2022. Also, he reviewed the program guidelines, the key changes from ESSER III, additional changes, district allocation, and things to keep in mind. The proposed expenditures included the following: 1) Retention Stipends in lieu of raise - \$500,000, 2) TEA Foundation School Program (FSP) – Supplant of \$4,300,000, 3) Food Service - \$250,000, 4) General Fund Salaries of \$1,851,828, and 5) Indirect Cost of \$766,660. ESSER II was a one-year funding only. The following are the next three steps that they need to take: 1) Submit application, 2) Post requirements on the school district’s website, and 3) Post application and uses of fund plan no later than thirty days of receiving the ESSER II Notice of Grant Award.

6.0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET AND 2021-2022 TAX RATE

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that anybody from the public could ask any questions on the proposed 2021-2022 Budget and 2021-2022 Tax Rate. Mrs. Vanessa Riggs reported that when they work on the budget, they look at the enrollment and the tax rate.

The school district's actual ADA was 2089 last school year. She reviewed the enrollments for the last several school years, and the enrollment has been going down. The school district had a 2.58% increase on the certified property values for the 2021-2022 school years. The proposed budget included the \$72,226,759 in certified values, an M & O rate of \$1.0436, a total of \$6,380,288 in collections, and a total of \$16,782,691 in state aid. She reviewed the M & O and I & S tax rates for the past ten years, the current and proposed tax rate, and the tax effect on an average residence. They are evaluating the class sizes to see where reductions can be made through attrition, due to the ADA/enrollment raises are not being recommended at this time. The retention incentives will be funded from ESSER III over the next three years. The total debt service for the 2021-2022 was \$885,684,76. This school year, they saved \$548,000 by consolidating Ortiz Intermediate, and employees will receive \$2500 for the next three years as follows: \$1500 the beginning of the school year, \$400 in December, and \$600 at the end of the year out of the ESSER III grant and an additional \$1000 stipend for the 2021-2022 school year will be added from the ESSER II grant. The budget was reduced by \$90,000 by reducing the supplies accounts by 5%, employee travel and miscellaneous accounts were reduced by 10%, and travel funds will not be allowed to be moved to other account codes. She reviewed the campus allocations, department budgets, and other special requests. After the ESSER II adjustments, the school district will have a balanced budget. She presented three different tax rate scenarios; however, she recommended the following tax rate: \$1.0436 for M & O and \$.5200 for the I & S for a total of \$1.5636 tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year. This tax rate will effectively be raised by .1689% and will raise taxes for the M & O on a \$100,000 home by \$1.76. In the Food Service Fund, as of August 21, 2021, the expenses exceeded revenues by \$411,973.54. The school district is still waiting on a one-time payment of \$151,000 from TDA, the beginning fund balance was at \$219,065, the summer feeding program balance was at \$251,330, and they will be requesting a transfer in from the Summer Feeding Fund of \$200,000. There were no questions from the community.

7.0

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

7A

TASA/TASB CONVENTION 2021 – SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021 – DALLAS, TEXAS

Dr. Jose Moreno reminded the board members to register for the upcoming TASA/TASB Convention on September 24-26, 2021, in Dallas, Texas.

7B

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Jose Moreno presented the board members with a list of daily enrollments by grade level. Ms. Kelsey Cook presented the enrollment initiatives through marketing to the Board. She reported that the school district held a Block Walk on June 27, 2021, a two-minute television commercial was presented on KIII Domingo Live on July 25, 2021, radio advertisements on Magic 104.9 on July 30, 2021, a television commercial package was delivered on August 9, 2021, Skylert Phone calls are made weekly, social media was done weekly, and postings on the school district's website are posted on a daily basis. Also, they are doing Geo-Targeting with a five-mile radius and banner video samples are also being put out.

7D **ROBSTOWN ISD FOOD SERVICE UPDATE**
Mr. Chris Teager, RISD Food Service Director, presented a brief presentation on the school district's food service to the Board. He reported that they had training for the managers and assistant managers on recipes and several other topics. They held a food tasting test at the Robstown Early College High School for students to taste different foods and a survey was sent out to the students. At the high school, they will be offering more homemade items for breakfast, which allows them the ability to serve a more exciting menu. They will have a menu planning class, a roving chef, promotions, more taste testing, and more surveys in the upcoming months.

7E **LIST OF BILLS**

7F **FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

Dr. Jose Moreno asked the board members if they had any questions on the List of Bills and or on the Financial Statement Report. There were no questions.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8A **APPROVAL OF FINAL 2020-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR GENERAL FUND, DEBT SERVICE AND FOOD SERVICE FUNDS**

8B **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8C **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

8D **APPROVAL OF ADJUNCT FACULTY AGREEMENT BETWEEN NUECES COUNTY AND RISD FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #6799 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Not present during the motion

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:28 p.m.

9.0 GOVERNANCE

9A **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UPDATE 117 AFFECTING THE FOLLOWING (LOCAL) BOARD POLICIES: CH, CV, AND DEC**

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving Update 117 affecting, the following (LOCAL) Board Policies: CH, CV, and DEC as presented.

Motion #6800 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Not present during the motion.

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:29 p.m.

9B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASB DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE 2021 TASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY IN DALLAS, TEXAS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2021, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
Dr. Jose Moreno informed the Board that they needed to approve a TASB Delegate and Alternate to the 2021 TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas, Texas on September 24-26, 2021.

Motion #6801 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to nominate Trustee Cezar Martinez as the TASB Delegate to the 2021 TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas, Texas, on September 24, 2021, through September 26, 2021.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
7:32 p.m.

Motion #6802 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to nominate Trustee Larry Cantu as the TASB Alternate to the 2021 TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas, Texas, on September 24, 2021, through September 26, 2021.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
7:33 p.m.

9C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS/REVISIONS TO THE RISD BOARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the RISD Board Operating Procedures was a breathing and living document and could be updated at any time. After discussion, the Board approved to make the following three revisions: 1) To remove item G on page 10 of the manual, 2) To add the purchase of bereavement flowers for the immediate family members of the Board. Dr. Moreno would look into what was defined as immediate family members (husband, wife, children, siblings, etc., and 3) To add on page 7 on item F the words *and or* after the word superintendent. The Board would approve the revisions after all of the corrections had been made.

9D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD

REGARDING DISTRICT-PROVIDED EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Dr. Jose Moreno informed the Board that the state was no longer supporting the additional ten days for anyone that was out because of COVID-19. The ten days expired on December 31, 2020. The administration was recommending for the Board to approve a resolution to provide ten days of emergency paid leave for all eligible full-time employees through the end December 31, 2021. In order for an employee to qualify, they have to be vaccinated or have a valid medical or religious exemption. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving a Resolution of the Board Regarding District-Provided Emergency Paid Sick Leave for District Employees.

Motion #6803 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

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

DISCUSSION OF RISD STUDENT DRESS CODE AND COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Dr. Jose Moreno shared with the Board a TASB Update and the school district’s attorney update on the mandating of mask. The TASB update had the following question: “Could a mask mandate be adopted as a “dress code” requirement rather than health rule?” TASB’s response was the governors executive order appears to restrict this option with its broad prohibition on local mask requirements. The attorney general has sent a warning letter to all school districts identified ss having masks mandates, regardless of how the mandate was characterized. The school district’s attorney stated that at this time, on the mask being a part of the dress code there was no way around it. Also, Dr. Moreno was happy to report that they had around 85% of the school district’s employees and students wearing their mask. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended to call an emergency meeting to approve a resolution to mandate masks.

10.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

10A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RISD 2021-2022 COMPENSATION PLAN

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the Finance Committee had met several times to review the 2021-2022 Compensation Plan. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving the 2021-2022 Compensation Plan as presented.

Motion #6804 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee H. Lopez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
8:03 p.m.

10B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ROBSTOWN ISD TAX RATE FOR 2021-2022
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the tax rate as follows: Maintenance and Operations - \$1.0436, the Interest and Sinking Fund - \$.5200, for a total tax rate of\$1.5636.

Motion #6805 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – No, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – No

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 2 Absent – 0
8:35 p.m.

10C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ACCELERATED 2021-2022 BUDGET USING STATE COMPENSATORY FUNDS
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs reported that the school district is legally required to identify and adopt an Accelerated 2021-2022 Budget using State Compensatory Funds. The total revenues are at \$3,628,779 and total expenditures of \$2,130,024 and the spending requirement (55%) was \$1,995,828. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Accelerated 2021-2022 Budget using state compensatory funds as presented.

Motion #6806 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
8:43 p.m.

10D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended adopting the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget as presented at the Public Hearing previously held.

Motion #6807 A motion was made by Trustee H. Lopez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
8:44 p.m.

10E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CARRY FORWARD AND RE-APPROPRIATE 2020-2021 ENCUMBRANCES AND FUND COMMITMENTS INTO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Dr. Jose Moreno mentioned that Mrs. Vanessa Riggs was requesting approval to carry forward and re-appropriate 2020-2021 encumbrances and fund commitments into the fiscal year 2020-2021. Mrs. Vanessa Riggs stated that she did not know for sure if she would be carrying forward any purchase orders; however, she did have some purchase orders on technology. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving to carry forward and re-appropriated 2020-2021 encumbrances and fund commitments into the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Motion #6808 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
8:45 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Larry Cantu left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

10F DISUCSSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF ROBSTOWN REGARDING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT CASA BLANCA-RBST 1.2 ACS OUT OF E POR BLK 2A (PARK) AND GRIFFEN W R-RBST BLK 6 LOT 9 ETAL, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BEATRIZ TAGLE PARK OR “TURTLE PARK.”

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that this was a memorandum of understanding with the City of Robstown regarding real property located at Casa Blanca-RBST 1.2 ACS out of E Por BLK 2A (PARK) and Griffen W R-Rbst Blk 6 Lot 9 ETAL, otherwise known as Beatriz Tagle Park or “Turtle Park.” If the Board approves it, he will forward it to the City of Robstown for their legal counsel to review. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6809 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to move forward with the MOU with the City of Robstown for a fifty year lease.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
8:47 p.m.

10G DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDDING OF RFP:21-0012-LICENSES SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY; RFP:21-0013 ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES AND RFP:21-0014 – DIAGNOSTITION
Dr. Jose Moreno reported that the administration had requested for proposals for Licenses Specialist in Schools Psychology, Orientation and Mobility Services and Diagnostician. Mrs. Vanessa Riggs recommended to go with Dubois Psychological Clinic and Trinity Educational Services for the Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, Irma Cantu for the Orientation and Mobility Services, and Julianna Alegria for the Diagnostician. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving the recommendations made by Mrs. Riggs.

Motion #6810 A motion was made by Trustee H. Lopez and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
8:51 p.m.

10H DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDDING OF RFP:21-0015-SELF-FUNDED WORKER’S INSURANCE AND RFP:21:0017-EXCESS WORKER’S COMPENSATION INSURANCE
Dr. Jose Moreno requested awarding the RFP for self-funded worker’s insurance and RFP for excess worker’s compensation insurance. Mrs. Vanessa Riggs recommended awarding the self-funded worker’s insurance to TRISTAR, and the RFP for the worker’s excess compensation insurance to Frost Banking Investment Insurance. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving the recommendations made by Mrs. Riggs.

Motion #6811 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee H. Lopez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
8:52 p.m.

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INSTRUCTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING POSSIBLE ACTION ON EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEL MAR COLLEGE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEARS

Dr. Jose Moreno requested the Board's approval on the Early College Program Memorandum of Understanding with Del Mar College for the 2021-2022 School Years. He stated that this MOU was on-going from year to year.

Motion #6812 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Not present during the motion, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:53 p.m.

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12A

CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

DISCUSSION OF RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMINATIONS

Motion #6813 A motion was made by Trustee H. Lopez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to go into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Not present during the motion, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
8:54 p.m.

For the record, Trustee Bertha Roldan left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Motion #6814 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene back from executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes, and B. Roldan – Absent

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:25 p.m.

13.0
13A

OPEN SESSION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMINATIONS

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the resignations, appointments, and terminations as discussed in executive session.

Motion #6815 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Absent

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 5
9:26 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6816 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Yes and B. Roldan – Absent

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:26 p.m.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 24, 2021

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President (Video Conference)
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent

VISITORS: Richard Gonzalez

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, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez - Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Present, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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

Trustee Ismael Gonzalez led the board members and the public in a 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 – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Trustee Bobby Marroquin read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AS PER POLICY BED (LOCAL))

There were no comments from the audience.

6.0 CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

- 6A DISCUSSION OF RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND TERMINATIONS
- 6B DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL EVALUATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

Motion #6817 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to go into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:06 p.m.

Motion #6818 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene back from executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:55 p.m.

7.0 OPEN SESSION

- 7A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & TERMINATIONS

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that they did not have a Personnel List at this time.

- 7B ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL EVALUATION

The following motion was made in referenced to this item:

Motion #6819 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's evaluation as discussed in executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:56 p.m.

7C ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
The following motion was made in referenced to this item:

Motion #6820 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to modify the superintendent's contract with a one-year extension, no salary increase, and a \$100 increase for expenses.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:57 p.m.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6821 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
8:02 p.m.

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Hector Lopez, Trustee (Video Conference)
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent

VISITORS: Richard Gonzalez Kelsey Cook

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 5:15 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, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez - Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Present, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 1

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/PRAAYER

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a 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 – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Bertha Roldan read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AS PER POLICY BED (LOCAL))**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following statement: “The Robstown ISD Board of Trustees welcomes comments from citizens on any agenda items or non-agenda items. Those wishing to address the school board must provide their name for the record and observe a three-minute time limit. During this time, the Board of Trustees may not respond to the citizens as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.” There were no comments from the public.

6.0 **GOVERNANCE**

6A **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MANDATING THE USE OF FACE MASKS IN DISTRICT FACILITIES AND BUSES**

Dr. Jose Moreno asked the Board to approve a resolution of the Robstown ISD Board of Trustees mandating the use of face masks in district facilities and buses. He informed them that the school district has continued to do contact tracing, continued to provide rapid testing, and continues to monitor on a daily basis. They want to make sure that they continue to protect the health and safety of the school district’s students and staff. He proposed approving a resolution, as a team of eight, to mandate masks for thirty days. The mask mandate will be from August 27, 2021, through September 27, 2021. At a future date, they will announce the requirements for sporting activities. He read the following sections from the resolution: “Whereas, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has not authorized COVID-19 vaccines for children under the age of 12; and Whereas, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (“DSHS”) have identified at least four variants of the COVID-19 virus, of which the Delta variant has been determined to be two times more contagious, and causes a greater percentage of hospitalizations, when compared to the original virus. Whereas, based on the Board’s substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the district’s students, staff, and community, as well as its interest in accomplishing the District’s educational purpose, the Board seeks to adopt this Resolution in an effort to control and mitigate the spreading of COVID-19 and its variant.” The resolution will exempt a child under two years old, a person that cannot wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask as defined by the Americans with Disability Act, a person with a qualifying religious exemption as approved by the school district, and a person for whom wearing a mask would create

a risk to their workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by solely by the school district. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving a resolution of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees mandating the use of face masks in district facilities and buses for thirty days.

Motion #6822 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee H. Lopez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent , H. Lopez – Yes, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
5:26 p.m.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6823 A motion was made by Trustee H. Lopez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Yes, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
5:27 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 08-25-21, except for the executive session.)