



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Month of December 2011

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ January 18, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2011

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 Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb**

December 14, 2011

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Judd Gilpin – President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President
Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian
Pat Campos – Member (arrived at 6:40 pm)
Juan A. Molina, Jr – Member
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, December 14, 2011, in the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. President, Judd Gilpin made an announcement calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:03 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. 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.

No Public Comments

IV. Recognitions:

The Board then recognized the following organizations, students and employees for outstanding accomplishments:

- A. United I.S.D. AP Scholars 2011**
- B. United South High School–Cross Country–Regional Qualifier–State Qualifier**
- C. United High School – Honorary Longhorn Cheerleader**
- D. United High School - UIL Invitational Meet–First Place Computer Science Programming Competition**
- E. United High School Honorary JV Football Player**
- F. J. B. Alexander High School Tennis Team – District Champions**
- G. J. B. Alexander High School Cross Country Girls Team – State Qualifiers**
- H. J. B. Alexander High School Volleyball Team – Regional Semi-Finalists**
- I. UISD Library Science Department**
- J. United High School – Ultimate Robotics Team 0 1st Place Best Award**
- K. LBJ High School Varsity Football Team – Overall Record 6-4 – Best in School History**
- L. United High School Varsity Football Team – Regional Semi-Finalists**
- M. J. B. Alexander High School Varsity Football Team – Regional Semi-Finalist**

V. Superintendent's Report

- A. Review of LEGAL Policies in TASB Update 91

Mr. Santos informed the board that they didn't have anything at this time.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Juan Antonio Molina, Jr. advised the Board that the Business and Instructional Committee Members had met and were recommending the approval of the following items: (VI. A, C, D, E, F, G)

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- C. Approval of Request from Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for the PEP Program for \$5,000
- D. Approval of Request from Juan A. Molina, Jr. for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for the Los Obispos Middle School for \$3,500
- E. Approval of Design Build as the Method of Procurement for the Design and Construction of New Science Labs for Alexander, Lyndon B. Johnson & United South High Schools
- F. Discussion/Action to Authorize Superintendent to submit letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts retaining the District's Right to Eminent Domain as provided by Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code
- G. First Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 91

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Juan A. Molina

Seconded by: Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Javier Montemayor, Jr., Pat Campos, Ricardo Molina, Judd Gilpin, Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Juan A. Molina, Jr.

Abstained: Juan Roberto Ramirez – Mr. Ramirez stated he abstained because he was absent

VII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes

1. Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2011

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Juan A. Molina

Seconded by: Pat Campos

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

B. Donations

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Juan A. Molina, Jr.

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

C. Approval of Independent Audit Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2011

Mr. Sam Flores addressed the board and informed them that UISD completed the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and announced that we got the highest opinion which is a non-qualified opinion and there were no material findings within the audit. He also informed the board that we had a member of the Audit Firm present in case they had any questions.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Juan A. Molina

Seconded by: Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

VIII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session at 7:06 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
1. Consultation with legal counsel in regards to Webb County School Lands, including possible authorization to Superintendent/legal counsel to proceed with filing of document(s) with Webb County in order to secure increased financial benefits from the Webb County School Lands Funds
 2. Consultation with legal counsel re: delegation of settlement authority to Superintendent
 3. Discussion and possible action to discuss and consider proposed settlement offer in Cause Number 2010-CVQ-1428-D3; Ricardo G. Arredondo v United Independent School District; 341st Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas
- B. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
551.072 Discussion on the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
Discussion of Proposals for Sale and/or Acquisition of Real Property
1. Report on the status of negotiations and possible decision whether to terminate negotiations or execute an Acquisition and Development Agreement with EG Ranch, Ltd. pertaining to several tracts totaling approximately 51 acres located off Hwy. 359, south of City of Laredo Landfill.
- C. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel
1. Level III Grievance - Rosa Elizondo
- D. 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 Fund Audits
 - Trautmann Middle School 6th Grade
 - Gonzalez Middle School
 - Clark Middle School
 - Perez Elementary
 - Bonnie Garcia Elementary
 - Kennedy Zapata Elementary
 - Salinas Elementary
 - Muller Elementary

2. Employee Drug Testing
3. Employee Leaves and Absences
4. Status of on-going Audits

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:06 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

- A. Action re: authorization to Superintendent/legal counsel to proceed with filing of necessary document(s) with County of Webb in order to secure increased financial benefits from the Webb County School Lands Funds

Mr. Juan Cruz addressed the board and recommended to authorize Superintendent Santos and Legal Counsel including Richard P. Morales to proceed to share relevant documents with Webb County in order to secure increased financial benefits from the Webb County School Lands Funds as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion: So moved

Moved by: Juan A Molina, Jr.

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

- B. Action re: proposed settlement offer in Cause Number 2010-CVQ-1428-D3; Ricardo G. Arredondo v United Independent School District; 341st Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas

Mr. Juan Cruz addressed the board and recommended to reject the settlement offer in Cause Number 2010-CVQ-1428-D3; Ricardo G. Arredondo v UISD; 341st District Court, Webb County, Texas as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion: So moved

Moved by: Juan A. Molina

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

- C. Discussion and possible action with respect to either terminating negotiations with E.G. Ranch, Ltd. or entering into an Acquisition and Development Agreement with EG Ranch, Ltd. pertaining to several tracts totaling approximately 51 acres located off Hwy. 359, south of City of Laredo Landfill

Mr. Juan Cruz addressed the board and recommended to authorize Legal Counsel and Administration to proceed with the Acquisition and Development Agreement with EG Ranch, Ltd. pertaining to several tracts totaling approximately 51 acres located off Hwy. 359, south of City of Laredo Landfill.

Motion: So moved
Moved by: Pat Campos
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

- C. Action re: Level III Grievance of Rosa Elizondo

Juan Roberto Ramirez moved to deny Rosa Elizondo's Level III Grievance as discussed in Closed Session. No action was taken.

Motion: So moved
Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded by: Pat Campos
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

Mr. Juan Cruz addressed the board and stated Mr. Juan Molina had the recommendation for Awarding of Bids, Proposals and Qualifications.

Mr. Juan A. Molina moved to approve Awarding of Bids, Proposals and Qualifications.

Motion: So moved
Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded by: Pat Campos
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of Dec. 14, 2011, was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Motion: So moved

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

Mr. Javier Montemayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez addressed the audience and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Judd Gilpin – President

Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary