Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors Meeting

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

February 27, 2018

Minutes

The Board of Directors met on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018** at Region One Education Service Center, Brownsville Extension Office. **Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Chairperson, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.** The invocation was given by Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by Board Member, Mr. Rey Hernandez.

Members Present Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Chairperson; Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Vice-

Chairperson; Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Mr. Rey

Hernandez, Board Members.

Members Absent Mr. Pete Garcia, Secretary; Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Mrs. Laura M.

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Others Present Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director; Dr. Eduardo Cancino,

Deputy Director; Ms. Connie Lopez, Deputy Director; Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Deputy Director; Mr. Ali Kolahdouz, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Benjamin Avalos, Ms. Theresa Cantu, Ms. Betty Cardenas, Ms. Annette S. Garcia, Ms. Carmen Garcia, Ms. Celina Perez, Ms. Gloria Perez, Ms. Lori Ramos, Ms. Anabel Rangel, Ms. Angela I. Rocha, Mr. Mark Wallace, staff; Mr. Raymond Gignac and

other representatives from Gignac & Associates Architects.

Public Comment No groups or individuals were present to address the board.

Executive Director's Report

Brownsville Extension Office Report

At the request of Dr. Gonzalez, Ms. Anabel Rangel, Curriculum and Instruction Director at the Brownsville Extension Office, provided an update on services offered from the Cameron County location. Ms. Rangel shared that the goal of the C&I Brownsville Extension Office is to offer targeted and specific professional development training addressing collaborative and instructional approaches toward the education of diverse learners to include Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners. Ms. Rangel briefed the Board on several new initiatives currently offered to teachers, as well as campus and district administrators in the surrounding school districts and charter schools. The new initiatives for 2017-2018 included New Office Structure, Aspiring Principal Academy (APA), Cohort II, Creating Highly Effective Successful Schools Academy (CHESS), Increased Onsite services, Increased Professional Development Sessions, New Teacher Academy, Collaboration with District Level Conferences.

Dr. Gonzalez also requested Ms. Teresa Cantu, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Director to provide a brief update on the ECI program. Ms. Cantu reported that under IDEA-C the ECI program

provides services to children 0-35 months with disabilities or developmental delays. The ECI program currently provides services to 782 children and their families in the Cameron County area with 267 pending referrals. Ms. Cantu reported that as a result of the program's outstanding performance, the Region One ECI program was allotted additional state dollars which the program used to assist families with Respite Services. In addition to the therapists and case workers that make up the ECI staff, Ms. Cantu reported that a Child Find Initiative, Transition Initiative, and a Behavioral Specialist was added to the program offerings.

Presentation of Architectural Draft Designs by Architect Raymond Gignac for Edinburg ESC Conference Center

Representatives from Gignac & Associates shared proposed plans for two upcoming construction projects including updates and expansion of the Laredo Extension Office and the construction of a multi-purpose conference Center at the Region One Edinburg location. Construction plans for the Laredo Office includes new office/administrative space and the completion of an empty shell space which will serve as a larger meeting room space. The exterior will be updated, as will the main entrance and lobby of the building. The Region One Edinburg location plans include a 1,200 capacity multi-purpose conference center which can be used to serve larger groups, or the area can be configured to up to five smaller rooms.

Personnel Matters

Additions/New: None

Assignments

RESIGNATIONS:

NAME: Barbara Grayson

DEPARTMENT: Office of Technology Learning

POSITION: Coordinator HIGHEST DEGREE HELD: Masters

ANNUAL SALARY: \$94,702 (\$38,551)

PAY GRADE: 104
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 28
DAYS EMPLOYED: 92/226
REASON FOR LEAVING personal
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/31/2018

NAME: Elda Christian

DEPARTMENT: Office of Project Rise

POSITION: Specialist HIGHEST DEGREE HELD: Masters

ANNUAL SALARY: \$85,951 (\$42,595)

PAY GRADE: 102
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 34
DAYS EMPLOYED: 112/226
REASON FOR LEAVING personal
EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/28/2018

Check Register – Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Center's check register for the month of January, 2018 was included for the Board's review.

On a motion made by Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez and a second by Mr. Raul R. Chapa, the Board of Directors approved consent agenda Items 6-13 as listed below:

Minutes of January 23, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Budget Amendments for January, 2018

Approval of the Budget Amendments for January, 2018 as presented.

Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2018

Approval of the Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2018 as presented.

Quarterly Investment Report Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended November 30, 2017 as presented.

Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Further Processing of USDA Foods for SY19 RFP 19-AGENCY-000038 Approval of the CNP-South Texas Cooperative Processing of USDA Foods Proposal 16-11-03-E1 to the following vendors noted below: The following vendors meet the proposal requirements outlined in Processing of USDA Food for SY19. Actual donated food allocations and end product selections are dependent upon, USDA/TDA purchase of donated food requests, and CNP-STC member selection of end products and cost/price analysis for the procurement of specific items to meet their menu needs, nutrition goals, storage capabilities and student preferences:

Alpha Foods Co. - Waller, TX; Prairie Mills Baking Company dba. Bake Crafters Food Company Basic American, Inc. dba Basic America Foods -Walnut Creek, CA; Bongards Creameries - Bongards, MN; Brookwood Farms, Inc. - Siler City, NC; Buena Vista Foods Products, Inc. - Azusa, CA; Calfed Financial Corporation, dba Red Gold, LLC - Elwood, IN; Cargill Kitchen Solutions, Inc. - Monticello, MN; Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation - Wichita, KS; Chinese Food Solution, Inc. dba Asian Food Solutions - Oviedo, FL; Comida Vida, Inc. - Fairmont, MN; ConAgra Foods, Inc. - Troy, OH; Del Monte Foods, Inc. - California; ES Foods -Woodbury, NY; Fit Foodz, Inc. - Atlanta, GA; Foster Poultry Farms dba Foster Farms - Livingston, CA; Fresh Innovations CA, LLC - Burlington, WA; Goodman Food Products dba Don Lee Farms - Inglewood, CA; High Liner Foods (USA), Inc. - Portsmouth, NH; Horizon Snack Foods, Inc. -Livermore, CA; Idahoan Foods, LLC - Idaho Falls, ID; J&J Snack Foods Sales Corp. - Pennsauken, NJ; J.R. Simplot Company - Boise, ID; Jennie-O Turkey Store Sales, LLC - Willmar, MN; JTM Provisions Co., Inc. -Harrison, OH; Kraft Heinz Foods Company - Pittsburgh, PA and Chicago IL; Lamb Weston - Kennewick, WA; Land O Lakes - Saint Paul, MN; Let's Do Lunch, Inc. dba Integrated Food Service - Gardena, CA; Lux Bakery, Inc. - San Antonio, TX; M.C.I. Foods, Inc. - Santa Fe Springs, CA; Maid-Rite Specialty Foods, LLC - Dunmore, PA; McCain Foods USA, Inc. -Lisle, IL; Michael Foods, Inc. - Minnetonka, MN; Nardone Bros Baking -Hanover, PA; National Food Group, Inc. - Novi, MI; Omnibus Trading Corporation dba Chef's Corner Foods - Hayward, CA; Out of the Shell, LLC dba Lings - South El Monte, CA; Peterson Farms Fresh, Inc. -Shelby, MI; Pilgrim's Pride Corporation - Greeley, CO; Rich Chicks, LLC

- Tracy, CA; Rich Products Corporation - Buffalo, NY; Rodriguez Foods, Ltd. - Ft. Worth, Texas; S. A. Piazza & Associates, LLC - Clackamas, OR; Schwan's Food Service, Inc. - Marshall, MN; Smucker Foodservice, Inc. - Orrville, OH; Tabatchnick Fine Foods, Inc. - Somerset, NJ; Tasty Brands, LLC - Syosset, NY; Trident Seafoods Corporation - Seattle, WA; Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc. - Springdale, AR; Uno Foods, Inc. - Brockton, MA; Wawona Frozen Foods Products, Inc. - Clovis, CA.

Region One Education Service Center Independent Auditor Services RFQ 13-03-10, Extension 4 of 4 Approval of the Region One Education Service Center Independent Auditor Services RFQ 13-03-10, Extension 4 of 4 to *Patillo, Brown and Hill, Brownsville, TX*.

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)

Approval of request to join the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA).

Donation from the Hidalgo County Bar Foundation For Mock Trial Competition Approval to accept the donation of \$3,000 from Hidalgo County Bar Foundation.

Consider Procurement Method, Selection Criteria, Review and Ranking Committee, Prevailing Wage Rate and Authorization to seek Proposals/ bids for Construction Projects Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Raul R. Chapa seconded the motion to approve Competitive Sealed Proposals as the procurement method for the construction of the Project, as well as using the "Criteria to Consider" as described in Section 2269.055 of the Texas Government Code. Approval was also made to recommend designating the following nine (9) persons to comprise the evaluation and ranking committee:

- The three (3) Board of Trustees Facilities Committee members (Gutierrez, Garcia, Gomez, and Requenez appointed herself as Board Chair)
- Executive Director
- Deputy Director for Business, Operations & Finance Support
- Director for Facilities and Operations
- Project Architect/Engineer
- Deputy Director for Instructional Support
- Laredo Extension Office Director

 Purchasing will act as the facilitator for the evaluation and ranking committee.

The Board adopted the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor, more commonly referred to as Davis-Bacon. The Board also authorized administration to seek Competitive Sealed Proposals for the construction of the new Conference Center to be located at our ESC in Edinburg. The motion carried unanimously.

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Sec. 2269.055. CRITERIA TO CONSIDER. (a) In determining the award of a contract under this chapter, the governmental entity may consider:

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(2) the offeror's experience and reputation;

(3) the quality of the offeror's goods or services;

(4) the impact on the ability of the governmental entity to comply with rules relating to historically undervutilized businesses;

(5) the offeror's artery record;

(6) the offeror's proposed personnel;

(7) whether the offeror's financial capability is appropriate to the size and scope of the project; and of the offeror's proposed personnel;

(8) the offeror's proposed personnel;

(9) In determining the state of the offeror's financial capability is appropriate to the size and scope of the project; and of proposed personnel;

(a) Consider and apply any existing laws, including any criteria, related to historically undervutilized businesses; and

(2) consider and apply any existing laws, rules, or applicable municipal charters, including laws applicable to local governments, related to the use of women, minority, small, or disadvantaged businesses.

Added by Acta 2011, 23nd leg., R.S., Ch. 1129 (R.B. 628), Sec. 2.08, eff. September 1, 2011.

Redesignated from Government Code, Chapter 2267 by Acts 2013, 63rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 141 (S.B. 1093), Sec. 2.2003, eff. September 1, 2013.
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Adjournment to Closed or Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Board Chairperson, convened the meeting into Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act for the following purposes:

A. Evaluation of the Executive Director and Discussion of Contract

Reconvene into Open Session for Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez, Board Chairperson, reconvened the meeting into open session at 12:24 p.m. **The following action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session:**

A. Evaluation of the Executive Director and Discussion of Contract

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr. seconded the motion to approve a one-year extension to the Executive Director's Contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Suggestions for Future Meetings Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director, reminded Board members that there would not be a Board meeting in March.

Announcements

The following announcements were shared with the Board:

A. Upcoming Board Conferences

- 78th Annual NSBA Conference, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX, April 7-9, 2018
- Region One School Board Association Spring Conference, South Padre Island Convention Center, May 18-19, 2018
- **B.** Upcoming Events (Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez)

March, 2018

- Spring Break March 12-16, 2018 Region One ESC Offices Closed
- Easter Holiday Friday, March 30, 2018 Region One ESC Offices Closed

April, 2018

- ESC Inclement Weather Day Monday, April 2, 2018 Region One ESC Offices Closed
- ESC Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2018 Region One ESC, Edinburg, Texas

Adjournment

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Raul R. Chapa seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.