

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District**

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm in John H. Harrell Auditorium, 1 Coyote Trail, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

A. A roll call and establishment of a quorum.

Members present: Luis Fernandez, Rob Fowler, Laura Perez, Javier Flores, Anabel White, Cal Lambert, JJ Suarez

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Anne Marie Espinoza, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Zeke De La Fuente, Norma Carranza, Randy Harris, Victor Baron, Cash Keith, Mario Rangel, Mario Rodriguez, Wade Miller, Dr. Hector Lopez, Dr. Bryan Perez, Elsa Ayala, Patricia Merlos, Jorge Cerna, Yolanda Gonzales, Sylvia Uriegas, Margaret Tarski, Christy Perez, Elaine Valenzuela, Josh Gutierrez, Michelle Gonzales, Priscilla Sanders, Jennifer Zamora, Rey Ovalle, Russell Lee, Miranda Dvorak, Kathryn Cura, George Anthony, Cheryl Renfro, Master Sgt. Ken Childs,

Guests present: Mr. Pruski, Heather Connelly, Aimee L., Christina Castro, Deyanira Rios, Carly Smith, Dean Olds, Estella Morales, Jesse Rizo, Angie Garza, Diana Flores, Annette Cardenas, Brenda Faulkner, Esperanza Escamilla, Raul Gonzales, Elizabeth M., Bonnie Bartek

Media present: Sofi Zeman (ULN), Michael Robinson (Uvalde Hesperian)

B. Moment of Silence

There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. Invocation was led by Pastor Tony Gruben, Baptist Temple Church.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by

E. Board Recognition

2023-2024 Teachers of the Year:

Batesville School: Jacob Mewhinney

Dalton Elementary: Kathryn Cura

Flores Elementary: Cheryl Renfro

Uvalde Dual Language Academy: Jennifer Zamora

Morales Junior High: Yolanda Gonzales

Uvalde High School: Bernard Bujard

Uvalde Elementary: Elaine Valenzuela

Crossroads Academy: George Anthony

UCISD Garcia & Mireles Elementary District Teacher of the Year:

Elaine Valenzuela

UCISD Garcia & Mireles Secondary District Teacher of the Year:

George Anthony

2023-2024 Bus Driver of the Year:

Sylvia Uriegas was named PCAT Regional Bus Driver of the Year and State Bus Driver of the Year. Sylvia was presented with a \$1,000 check from PCAT.

2. Open Forum

Jesse Rizo spoke in open forum regarding adding items to the agenda/release of report

3. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Chohlis presented the following items:

JJAEP

Campus Violence Prevention Specialist

Chief Gutierrez presented an update on the Police Department

- Intruder Audit - April has not been conducted yet
- Threats- incident at Uvalde Elem -feces
- ACE program training on Raptor
- Law passed Safe firearms building storage center- how to educate parents on gun safety if a child is in possession of a weapon. We will have it posted on our website.

Texas Police Chiefs Association report came out October 2022

Synopsis was given by Mr. Patterson to the board in November 2022

District Needs Assessment launched today for transparency - Thought Exchange

To be used for board and district, campus goals based on feedback and will be open until April 24th

We signed a contract with TASB for policy review- March 2025

Strong foundation grant - TEA waived Lone Star Government

Shared gratitude - Anonymous donor paid for track team Olive Garden dinner after their track meet about a week ago and to

Mr. Finn Ewing of the Texas Coaches High School Association for the completion of the donation of the state of the art weight room makeover at Uvalde High School. The ribbon cutting took place today.

Shared gratitude to Beto Torres and his family for sharing him with us.

Thank you to staff

4. Consent Agenda:

The motion was made by Javier Flores and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on March 25, 2024.
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on March 25, 2024.
- C. Item of information regarding Maintenance and Operations.
- D. Item of information regarding Transportation.
- E. Item of information regarding SFE.
- F. Item of information on the district's investment activity for March 2024.
- G. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for March 2024.
- H. Item of information for revenues and expenditures as of March 2024.

- I. Item of information on the tax collection activity for March 2024.
- J. Item of Information for the district's federal program activity for March 2024.
- K. Item of information on Student Attendance.
- L. Item of information on Student Discipline.

5. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

- A. Item of information on School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC).
Information was presented by Niki Henderson.
- B. Consider approval of the adoption of a Resolution Regarding Reproductive Education Curriculum and Materials.
The motion was made by Anabel White and seconded by Laura Perez to approve a resolution regarding the reproductive education curriculum and materials at a public school board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and consider approval of a donation from and Memorandum of Understanding with Hazel Health.
The motion was made by Rob Fowler and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Hazel Health's donation for the whole child student health access at school at home donating five years of service with the help of Superior Health. The motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Consider approval of the contract with Centegix.
The motion was made by Rob Fowler and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve a contract with Centegix for the installation of technology at district facilities which includes professional development for staff on how to monitor devices in an emergency for five years including mapping for the amount of \$50,000 for year one, \$30,000 per year for four years. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

- A. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for March 2024.
The motion was made by Cal Lambert and seconded by JJ Suarez to approve the accounts payable for March 2024. The motion was carried unanimously.
- B. Consider approval of the 2024 summer school pay rates for staff.
The motion was made by Anabel White and seconded by Cal Lambert to approve summer school pay rates as follows:
 - a. Professionals (Teachers) \$40 per hour
 - b. Paraprofessionals (Instructional aides) \$20 per hour
 - c. Student workers \$10 per hour
 - d. Nurses (RN) \$40 per hour
 - e. Nurses (LVN) \$30 per hour
 - f. Summer School Food Service Support Personnel Hourly Rate
 - g. Summer School Food Service Management Personnel Hourly RateThe motion was carried unanimously.

7. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Consider approval of Instructional Materials Allotment TEKS Certification.
The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Anabel White to approve the submission of the IMA TEKS Certification. The motion was carried unanimously.

The board met in closed session at 7:52 pm.

8. Closed session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

- A. Deliberations concerning the renewal of teacher and professional contracts.
- B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

The board reconvened at 9:05 pm

9. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed.

- A. Consider and take possible action regarding the renewal of teacher and professional contracts.
The motion was made by Rob Fowler and seconded by Cal Lambert to approve the renewal of teacher and professional contracts as presented in closed session. All in favor except for Laura Perez and JJ Suarez Abstained.
- B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.
No action.

10. Adjournment

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Anabel White to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Board Secretary

Date

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.