



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Month of March 2013

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ April 17, 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- Regular Board Meeting – March 20, 2013

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**

March 20, 2013

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Judd Gilpin – President – PRESENT
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President – ABSENT
Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary – PRESENT
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian – PRESENT
Pat Campos – Member – PRESENT
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member – PRESENT
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member – PRESENT

Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Call to Order

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 on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 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 **6:05 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.

Mr. Gilpin requested a motion to move Item IV – Recognitions, before Public Comments

Motion:	So Move
Moved by:	Pat Campos
Seconded by:	Ricardo Rodriguez
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	None

IV. Recognitions

- A. Region One ESC Child Find Art Contest**
- B. United South High School – Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) – Teach Tomorrow Summit State Competition**
- C. UISD Swim Team – State Qualifiers**
- D. United High School – All State Musician – Texas Music Educators Association**
- E. UISD ITV Department**
 - 1. Videographers Awards
 - 2. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Lone Star Chapter
 - 3. International Video Association – Golden AVA Awards
 - 4. Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) Media Awards Contest
- F. UISD Public Relations/Communications Department – Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) Media Awards Contest**
- G. Alexander High School – Girls Basketball Team – Regional Quarterfinalist**
- H. Alexander High School – Boys Basketball – Area Qualifiers**
- I. United High School – Boys Basketball – Regional Semi-Finalist**

One person signed up for Public Comments:

Abdul Mohammed – spoke on Item IV-C – Recognitions – Mr. Mohammed introduced himself and stated he is the father of Ayesha Mohammed, Alexander High School swimmer who went to state meet in Austin. He stated he is also the head coach for the Laredo Tritons Swim Club. He thanked the board and Coach Bobby Cruz for the support they have provided to the district’s aquatic program as it continues to grow. Mr. Mohammed said he would also like to call for the board to consider an aquatic center that can hold swim competitions. He stated they currently have over 150 swimmers in the Laredo Tritons Swim Club and it is the feeder program for the district’s swim teams. He mentioned there are over 120 swimmers in all the high schools that use that one facility. He asked for the board to consider a new facility where swimming competitions can be held here in Laredo so they won’t have to do as much travel. He mentioned he had with him some of the parents of the high school swimmers, board members of the Laredo Tritons Swim Club as well as the coach and assistant coach of the high school program. Mr. Mohammed thanked the board for their time.

Mr. Judd Gilpin thanked Mr. Mohammed for all the work he does for the community.

Mr. Santos addressed the board and announced that the ITV Department had prepared a video for Board Appreciation Month.

Ms. Susan Carlson addressed the board and gave a brief summary of the video and explained that due to the complexity of the video they were not able to have it ready on time. She also stated that in February, she and her staff were in Corpus Christi receiving their TSPRA awards and mentioned that last year’s board appreciation video “The Genie and the Seven Wishes” won a gold star award.

Mr. Santos thanked Ms. Carlson and her staff for putting the video together and thanked the board on behalf of the 43,000 students and 6,000 employees, for the job that they do for United ISD.

Mr. Santos recognized our ex Chief of Police, Ray Garner, and thanked him for all that he did for United. Mr. Santos mentioned he really set the tone for that department and the city recognizes his leadership to be able to hire him and looks forward to working with Chief Garner.

Mr. Judd Gilpin thanked him for all the things he did here at United and look forward to all the great things he will do at the City.

Mr. Ricardo Molina, Pat Campos and Mr. Javier Montemayor all thanked Chief Garner for his service and support of the district and wished him well at the City.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements**
- B. Approval of Tax Refunds**
- C. Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance**

D. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

E. Approval of Board Travel for the Month of April 2013

F. Approval of Request from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

G. Second Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 96

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez advised the Board that the Business/Instructional Committee Members had met on March 5, 2013 and was recommending the approval of Items V-A through V-G.

Motion:	So Move
Moved by:	Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by:	Pat Campos
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	None

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes for the Month of February 2013

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	None

B. Donations

Mr. Santos read the donations into the minutes and requested that the Board accept the generous donations to UISD totaling \$17,575.00

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

VII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session at **6:45 p.m.** 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
551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
1. United Middle School Activity Fund Audit
 2. Gonzalez Middle School Student Activity Fund Audit
 3. Status of on-going Audits

VIII. Reconvened from Closed Session at **7:58 p.m.**, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

Mr. Gilpin mentioned there is no action needed for the items discussed in closed session.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2013 was adjourned at **7:58 p.m.**

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Pat Campos
Seconded by:	Javier Montemayor
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Opposed:	None

Judd Gilpin – President

Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary