

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on September 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Cal Lambert, JJ Suarez, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, Robert Quinones

Members absent: Laura Perez

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Anne Marie Espinoza, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Zeke De La Fuente, Cash Keith, Mario Rangel, Mikka Sanchez, Dr. Bryan Perez, Jennifer Griffin, Yoli Rodriguez, Jorge Cerna, Jennifer Torres, Rodney Harrison, Patricia Merlos, Dr. Hector Lopez, Melissa Castaneda, Niki Henderson, Victor Baron, Christy Perez, Julie Mize, Margaret Tarski Rodriguez, Russell Lee, Sandra Gonzales,

Guests present: Ronnie Garza, Angie Garza, Deyanira Salazar, Rosenberg Risa, Hector Gonzales, Denise Feldtman, Carlos Lopez, Emma Trimble, Santa Hernandez, Lupita Estrada, Anna Santos, Norma Luna, Manuel Luna, Xavier Reyes, Richard Castle, Guadalupe Estrada, Diana Ramirez, Rita Maldonado, San Juanita Cardenas, Angelica Zapata, Veronica Fernandez, Cynthia Ruiz, Veronica Nevarez, Juanita Rodriguez

B. Moment of Silence

JJ Suarez recognized the heavenly birthday of Jailah Nicole Silguero on September 19th and Alexandria “Lexi” Rubio on October 20th.

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

C. Invocation was led by Emma Trimble

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet/ Lieutenant Commander Evanni Esquibel and Cadet/ Lieutenant Justus McKeon

E. Board Recognition

Our Child Nutrition Team was recognized for the successful implementation of the Non-Congregate Feeding Program summer months of June and July.

- Norma Luna
- Manuel Luna (Volunteer)
- Xavier Reyes
- Guadalupe Estrada
- Diana Ramirez
- Rita Maldonado
- SanJuanita Cardenas
- Angelica Zapata

- Veronica Fernandez
- Anna Santos
- Santos Hernandez
- Cynthia Ruiz
- Veronica Nevarez
- Juanita Rodriguez
- Richard Castle

2. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Chohlis shared the following:

DOMAIN 1: High Quality Curriculum And Effective Instruction

- Texas Strategic Leadership grant partners, C& I team, and principals started the landscape analysis gathering documentation form across grade levels and disciplines.
- High Quality Instructional Material implementation is underway

DOMAIN 2: Effective, Well Supported Staff

- Ten dedicated staff members have been working diligently in the 240 Practice Certification platform for a total of 95 hours and 15 minutes
- 2 of 5 uncertified administrators became certified, leaving us with 3 administrators still working on certification.
- C & I team had 25 campus support touch points las week
- C & I has 207 classroom walkthroughs for the year so far.
- We have 51 teachers in certification programs this year and will keep the board updated (down from 70 last year)

DOMAIN 3: Positive School Culture

- The Parent Outreach program is underway and the first meeting was held this month with 8 families in attendance to learn more about RESPECT. We are working on providing childcare to increase participation. POP meetings will be held twice a month for a total of 16 opportunities to engage in parent learning.
- Dr. Perez offered 2 Title I presentations at El Progreso Library for stakeholders to be informed.
- UCISD currently has 570 approved and trained volunteers waiting to serve our students and staff. Mrs. Chohlis would like to thank all for their support of the District.
- District attendance for the month so far is 91%. Enrollment as of 9/13/2024 was 4015.
- CHDI 387 visits; 309 students and 77 employees; 28% uninsured.
- Dr. Lopez shared information on attendance
- Safety & Security: Facility audits took place last week. All 13 District facilities were audited by a comprehensive team of individuals which included campus and district administrators, custodians, maintenance people, UCISD Police Officers, City of Uvalde PD, representatives for the District Attorneys office, County Emergency Management Officials, experts from ESC Region 4, The Director of the Center for Safe Schools in Pennsylvania, former special forces operators, and owners of Slidesoft Technologies, for a total of 62 people from across the city, county, state and nation.
- Living assessment tool from Slidesoft
- Donation of a behavior threat assessment tool to both us and the county
- The reports will be ready in the next week and we will be discussing them at our District Safety Meeting on September 23rd, 2024
- Creating a tool to assist us in making the door audit process easier

Upcoming Events

Board Workshops - September 23rd at 6:00 PM, October 8th at 6:00 PM

School Safety & Security Committee meeting Tuesday, September 24th @ 6 pm

TASA/TASB txEDCON 2024- September 26- 29th

DOMAIN 4: Alignment Of Financial Well Being With Student Achievement

Motivate our Students Texas Trips to Ox Ranch and Sea World are happening now to promote attendance. We appreciate Dr. Whitney and Mr. Bruce for their partnership. Thus far, attendance is up 5% on average from last year! More student attendance = better student achievement and funding.

3. Open Forum

The following spoke in Open Forum:

Ronald Garza - School vouchers

Denise Feldtman - School Shooting, Is anyone responsible

Rosemberg Risa - UCAD nomination

Carlos Lopez - Voter registration

4. Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on August 6 2024.
- B. Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on August 19, 2024.
- C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on August 19, 2024.
- D. Item of information regarding Maintenance and Operations.
- E. Item of information regarding Transportation.
- F. Item of information regarding SFE.
- G. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for August 2024.
- H. Item of information on the district's investment activity for August 2024.
- I. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for August 2024.
- J. Item of information on the tax collection activity for August 2024.
- K. Item of information for the district's Federal program activity for August 2024.
- L. Consider approval of 2024-2025 Vendor list.
- M. Item of information on Student Attendance.
- N. Item of Information on Student Discipline.

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

5. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Item of information on the UCISD Gifted and Talented Program Update.

A presentation was shared by Amy Graeber and Jennifer Torres.

- B. Consider approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the 2024-2025 District and Campus Performance Objectives. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

6. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

A. Item of information on the Tax Rate.

Information was presented by Pam Bendele.

B. Item of information Business and Operations Department Updates.

Information was presented by Pam Bendele.

C. Consider approval awarding vendors RFP 2024-199 District/Campus Shirts, Apparel, and Other Customized Items.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve vendors for district/campus shirts, apparel and other customized items with an option to renew for two additional one year awards which include Southwest Uniforms (embroidery only), Apex, Limited (embroidery only), 3 D Impressions, AHI Enterprises, BSN Sports, Custom Sportswear, Empire Printing. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

D. Consider approval of a Resolution to approve the Investment Policy and Strategies for fiscal year 2024-2025.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the Resolution to approve the Investment Policy and Strategies for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

E. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the UCISD Moving Forward Foundation of the Community Grants.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to authorize the Superintendent to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the UCISD Moving Forward Foundation for the US Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grants. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

7. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

A. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of State Health Services for Preventative Dental Services.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of State Health Services for Preventative Dental Services. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

B. Consider and take possible action to nominate candidates to be placed on the ballot for directorships at the Uvalde County Appraisal District.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Jesse Rizo to nominate Rosemberg Risa and Vicente Gonzlaez to be placed on the ballot for directorships the Uvalde County Appraisal District. The motion was carried unanimously with Jaclyn Gonzales abstaining and Laura Perez absent.

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

The board met in closed session at 9:42 pm.

A. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

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

The board reconvened at 11:18 pm

A. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations.

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the personnel items as presented in closed session. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

10. Adjournment

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with Laura Perez absent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Board Secretary

Date