



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Month of February 2013 _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Delia Campos _____ **OF:** _____ Board Secretary _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ March 20, 2013 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- Regular Board Meeting – February 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**

February 20, 2013

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
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Member

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 Wednesday, February 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.

Javier Montemayor – I just wanted to let everyone know that the Laredo Fair and Exposition will open up to the Public. It's their 50th Anniversary and there will be a lot of UISD kids that will be attending, also it's a good family event. Make plans to go out there and enjoy yourselves. It starts next Wednesday and runs through Saturday. Thank you

IV. Recognitions

1. **ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL COMPETITION – MEDIUM INTERMEDIATE DIVISION – NATIONAL CHAMPS – AWARDS FOR “BEST USE OF PARTNER STUNTS” AND “BEST USE OF TUMBLING”**
2. **LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL COMPETITION – VARSITY NON-TUMBLING DIVISION – NATIONAL CHAMPS – AWARD FOR “BEST USE OF JUMPS”**
3. **UNITED MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – ALAMO NATIONAL COMPETITION – 1ST PLACE INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION – LEVEL CHAMPIONS**
4. **UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – NCA SENIOR & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL COMPETITION – 2ND PLACE – VARSITY NON-TUMBLING DIVISION**
5. **UISD 2013 TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIANS**
6. **UISD MATH BEE COMPETITION**

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Review of LEGAL Policies in TASB Update 96

No action required

VI. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- C. Approval of Sale of Sale of Salvage of Copier Equipment
- D. Approval of Board Travel for the Month of March 2013

- E. Approval of Requests from Board Members re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses
- F. Second Reading of Policy CH (LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition
- G. Second Reading of Policy EHDC (LOCAL): Alternative Methods for Earning Credit – Credit by Examination without prior Instruction

Motion by: Ramiro Veliz, III advised the Board that the Business and Instructional Committee Members had met and were recommending the approval of items A-G:

Seconded by: Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez

Discussion:

In Favor: Judd Gilpin, Pat Campos, Javier Montemayor, Rick Rodriguez and Ramiro Veliz, III

Opposed:

Abstained: Juan Roberto Ramirez and Ricardo Molina

VII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes for the Month of January 2013

1. Public Hearing – January 16, 2013
2. Regular Board Meeting – January 16, 2013

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

B. Donations

Mr. Santos read the donations into the minutes and requested that the Board accept the generous donations to UISD totaling 17,347.55.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

C. Approval of Resolution to Commit Portions of the General Fund unassigned Fund Balance

Laida Benavides – Mr. Gilpin, Members of the Board, Mr. Santos and Members of the Audience. We are bringing to you this Resolution to Commit Portions of the General Fund unassigned Fund Balance. I believe something was presented at the Business Committee regarding the amount that we are asking the Board to commit from our unassigned fund balance the amount of \$1,260,020.36. By committing these funds we are applying for what we call E-rate funds and what this will allow us to do is apply for over \$10M in grant money that the Federal government would allow us to use on certain data cabling network equipment, access points, UPS and video conferencing at those elementary schools that qualify for these types of funds. This type of grant does require a matching portion and this is the \$1.2M that we would be setting aside right now then that's when we come back to you and put it in our budget book. For right now we are committing that amount from our fund balance.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

D. Approval of Resolution re: Vouchers, Taxpayers Savings Grants, Tax Credits and Mechanisms that Reduce Public Education Funding

Mr. Eddie Zuniga – Good evening, Mr. Gilpin, Members of the Board. We are asking the Board to consider and approve the resolution where the Board is asking the legislature to reject any kind of legislature that is introduced. Bottom line that attempts to divert public funds away from public schools in form of Vouchers, Taxpayers Savings Grants, Tax Credits and Mechanisms that Reduce Public Education Funding. There has been some legislature that has been introduced that threatens the level of funding to Texas schools. We are asking the Board to approve this resolution and to reject any type of Resolution being introduced.

Motion: So moved

Motion by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous
Opposed:

E. First Reading of (LOCAL) Policies in TASB Update 96

No Action Required

VIII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session at 6:51 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
 - 1. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, re: rescind proposed termination of Javier Reyes' continuing contract
 - 3. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, in regards to propose termination of the continuing contract of classroom teacher(s)
- B. 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. Newman Elementary Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 2. Centeno Elementary Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 3. Los Obispos Middle School Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 4. United High School Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 5. Malakoff Elementary Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 6. Finley Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 7. Fasken Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 8. Col. Santos Benavides Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 9. United South Middle School Student Activity Fund Audit
 - 10. Status of on-going Audits

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:14 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. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, re: rescind proposed termination of Javier Reyes' continuing contract

I move to rescind the proposed termination of Javier Reyes' Continuing Contract in light of Mr. Reyes' resignation from UISD as an employee.

Motion: So moved

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Pat Campos

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed

- B. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, in regards to propose termination of the continuing contract of classroom teacher(s)

Roberto J. Sanchez - I recommend that the Board of Trustees propose the termination of Robert Sanchez' continuing contract for the reasons discussed in closed session and authorize me to send notice to Mr. Sanchez.

Motion: So moved

Moved by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Javier Montemayor

Discussion:

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2013 was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Judd Gilpin – President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary

