## ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 801 NORTH FIRST STREET ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

# BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUGUST 19, 2024

#### **MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President

Larry Cantu, Vice-President Cezar Martinez, Secretary

Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary

Erik Gallegos, Trustee Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent Adriana Tagle, Assistant Superintendent Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: There were no visitors that signed in.

#### 1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:43 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present -6 Absent -0

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members are present, that this meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

#### 2.0 <u>BOARD WORKSHOP: BUDGET PLANNING</u>

2A REVIEW THE 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET, TAX RATE AND DEBT

**DEFEASANCE** 

Dr. Marc Puig conducted the Board Workshop on the 2024-2025 proposed

budget, tax rate, and debt defeasance. He informed the board members that they would receive one hour of Tier III Training for this workshop. He reviewed the following items with the Board: 1) 2024-2025 Draft Budget, 2) Budget Priorities (use fund balance, remain a leader in salary/benefits, and employee retention, improve facilities, address debt strategy, and evaluate program effectiveness; revise academy programming; and efficient operating costs), 3) Budget planning calendar, 4) Estimates/Assumptions used to prepare the budget, 5) Budget draft with and without capital improvements, 6) Proposed tax rate and tax rate trend, 7) Debt strategy, 8) Fund Balance, 9) Total and Interest and Sinking fund, 10) Employee salaries, and 11) Total I & S Debt. The recommended tax rate and budget will be presented to the Board on August 26, 2024, for board approval. The school district's present fund balance will be at \$16.8 million at the end of the year; however, it will be around \$13-14 million dollars after the budget amendments are withdrawn. The school district needs a minimum of \$7.5 million in the Fund Balance so the school district is very healthy at this time.

### 3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7475 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes - 6 No - 0 Absent - 0 7:46 p.m.