

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 14, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Erik Gallegos, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cantu, Vice-President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent  
Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent  
Adriana Tagle, Assistant Superintendent  
Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Sandra Blanton	Abigail Cano	Ray Williams
	Julio Rangel	Adan Botello	Ruben Sanchez
	Mike Tamez	Antonio Gonzalez	Gianna Morales
	Rachel Medrano	Maribel Trevino	Belinda Alaniz
	Benny Villalobos	Yvette Villalobos	Jaime Velasco
	Carol Palacios	Jessica Garcia	Jacqueline Padilla
	Anisa Chavera	Holly Bockholt	

**1.0**      **GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:00 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 – Absent, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 5

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** **MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

President Lori Ann Garza led the audience and the Board in prayer.

**3.0** **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

**4.0** **VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

**MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

**5.0** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Trustee Cezar Martinez informed the audience that “the Robstown ISD Board of Trustees welcome comments from citizens on any agenda items or non-agenda items. Those wishing to address the school board must provide their name for the record and observe a three-minute time limit. During this time, the Board of Trustees may not respond to the citizen's concerns as per the Texas Open Meetings Act.” Chief Mike Tamez thanked the Board for the assistance that was given to them by the school district. He was very grateful for the funding because it helped fund the stipends for his dispatchers, and it also helped them financially. The Police Department was there to work hand in hand with the school district. Maria Lucio expressed her concerns about the candidate who could be ineligible to run for school board and the integrity of the election. She wanted to know and the community wanted to know when was the school district made aware of the situation, how long was it before the school district decided to verify if it was true or not and why did it take so long, etc.

**6.0** **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

**6A** **ROBSTOWN ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION INNOVATION GRANTS AWARD**

Katrina Alejandro reported that on October 8, 2024, the RISD Education Foundation visited several campuses throughout the school district. The foundation awarded the first round of checks to teacher recipients for a total amount of \$30,418.14. Judge Tony Gonzalez, President of the RISD Education Foundation, and Dr. Julio Rangel, Past President of the RISD Education Foundation shared a few words. Dr. Rangel

introduced several members of the foundation who were present at the Board meeting because they work hard to produce the results that they have. He expressed his gratitude to the members because it would not be possible without their help. He was now the past president and Judge Tony Gonzalez will be the new president. Dr. Rangel presented a check to the Board in the amount of \$30,418.14 for the teacher grants. Since 2017, they have raised \$193,054.23 for teacher grants, and the purpose of the funds was for innovative projects.

6B NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

Katrina Alejandro reported that during the month of October, they celebrate Principals Month. She acknowledged the dedication of the principals to continue to go above and beyond for their students and staff. Their commitment to implementing the core values and district mission is evident in their daily campus activities. The following principles were recognized by the administration: Gianna Morales, Robert Driscoll Stem Academy; Jacqueline Padilla, Lotspeich Leadership Academy; Jaime Velasco, San Pedro Fine Arts Academy, Anisa Chavera, Seale Jr. High School; and Maribel Trevino, RECHS. The principals were presented with a gift basket in honor of Principals Month.

6C RECOGNITION OF ESL TEACHER

Katrina Alejandro announced that Abigail Cano was named the ESL/Bilingual Teacher Educator by the Education Service Center Region II. She was recognized for her commitment to the success of her students, especially those in the ESL/Bilingual Program. Her innovative teaching methods and dedication have contributed to both the academic and personal growth of her students. Her passion for education shines through the lives of her students.

6D POWERLIFTING WORLD RECORD

Katrina Alejandro recognized the following three RECHS students for competing at the National level: 1) Leaya Alaniz competed at the USA Powerlifting Raw Nationals meet in Salt Lake City, Utah; 2) Taylor Alaniz competed at the USA Powerlifting Raw Nationals meet in Salt Lake City, Utah; 3) and Jaley Larivey competed at the USA Powerlifting Equipped National meet in Atlanta, Georgia. Jaley won the 165-pound with a 375-pound squat, a 201-pound bench, and a 330-pound deadlift. Taylor won the 56KG 124-pound class with a 260-pound squat, 155-pound bench, and a 315-pound deadlift. Leaya won the 52KG 114-pound class, 170-pound bench, and 297-pound deadlift, and broke a world record on her squat for her age and weight class with a 314-pound squat. The ladies that competed are part of the back-to-back state powerlifting team. These students have demonstrated extraordinary discipline and dedication, and have achieved record-breaking results.

6E PROUD YOU'RE A PICKER AWARD

There was no Proud You're a Picker Award at this time.

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**LIFE SAVER AWARDS**

Katrina Alejandro recognized Gianna Morales, Principal at Robert Driscoll Stem Academy for administering the Heimlich maneuver on a student who was choking in the cafeteria during lunch. Also, Marcus Chalk, Christian De Leon, and Adan Botello helped a student who was having an emotional crisis by following all the procedures required in the situation.

Trustee Cezar Martinez announced that anyone wishing to address the Board during the public comments at a board meeting must sign up before the meeting gets started. Since the meeting had already started anyone wishing to address the board after the meeting had started would not be able to do so.

Motion #7501 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to move items No. 12 and 13 up after item No. 6.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:27 p.m.

President Lori Ann Garza announced that the Board will convene into executive session pursuant to sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the Board will adjourn into closed session for the the purpose of considering the appointments, employment, evaluations, resignations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees. Also, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding candidate qualifications and eligibility requirements for the trustee position.

Motion #7502 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to reconvene from the executive session.

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:56 p.m.

**13.0 OPEN SESSION**

13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Marc Puig announced that there were no personnel recommendations at this time.

13B DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE POSITION PLACE 4  
The school district’s attorney, Juan Cruz, was present to answer any questions that the board members had about this item. Mr. Cruz informed the board members that

basically under the election code which governs the city, county, state, and school districts across the State of Texas, the school district only checks for the following three things: 1) The form, 2) The content, and 3) The procedure. The school district does not conduct any investigations. If a candidate does forget to fill out a box they have five days to fill out anything that they forgot to fill out. In this situation there was no wrongdoing by the school district. There are no school districts that conduct background checks on any candidates because it is not a requirement of the law. The school district was notified on Monday and the candidate was informed of the issue and was given two weeks to clear it up. He did not submit anything to the school district by the deadline. The school board can declare someone ineligible before the early voting starts. The last day that the school board has to declare someone ineligible is October 20, 2024. After discussion, Mr. Cruz recommended for the Board to declare Gilbert Cervantes ineligible to run for RISD Board of Trustees Place 4.

Motion #7503 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cruz and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve Mr. Juan Cruz’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:06 p.m.

**7.0 PRESIDENT REMARKS:**

**7A TASA/TASB CONVENTION ON SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

President Lori Ann Garza announced that the board members presented at the TASA/TASB Convention on September 27-29, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Marc Puig stated that it was one of the best presentations presented by a school district and he was proud to be a part of it. Trustee Cezar Martinez announced that he had been selected to serve as a delegate to the TASA/TASB Convention. Delegates discuss teacher raises and advocate for public education. He was very honored to represent Robstown as the delegate to the TASA/TASB Convention.

**7B SCHOOL BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION RECORD – NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

President Lori Ann Garza announced that “under the State Board of Education Rule, completing required continuing education each year of service is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. As Board President, I am required to announce the name of each member who has completed the required continuing education, has exceeded the required continuing education; and is deficient in meeting the required continuing education.” Trustee Cezar Martinez announced the following: “The requirement for training are measured as of the first anniversary of the date of the trustee’s election or appointment or

two-year anniversary of his or her previous training as applicable. There are eight training areas for board members continuing education: 1) Local District Orientation, 2) Orientation to the Texas Education Code, 3) Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, 4) Team Building, 5) Additional Continuing Education, 6) Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals, 7) Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children, and 8) School Safety. To the extent applicable to each board member, I will announce the completion or deficiency as to required training. For members who still have time remaining to complete the required training, I will announce those board members who have scheduled timely training and those who have not yet scheduled to train. At the conclusion of this announcement, I will announce any board member's training in excess of the continuing education requirements." He announced that no new board members were required to complete the Local District Orientation training for the time period covered by this announcement and no new board members were required to complete the Orientation to the Texas Education Code training for the time period covered by this announcement. The following board members have completed the Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code Training, Team Building, Additional Continuing Hours, Evaluating Student Academic Performance, and Setting Goals, Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children, and School Safety: Lori Ann Garza, Larry Cantu, Cezar Martinez, Bobby Marroquin, Erik Gallegos, and Mario Mesa. The following board members exceeded the required amount of continuing education training: Lori Ann Garza (28 hours), Larry Cantu (25 hours), Cezar Martinez (37 hours), Bobby Marroquin (19 hours), Erik Gallegos (11 hours), and Mario Mesa (16.50 hours).

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#### UPDATE TO THE ROBSTOWN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

President Lori Ann Garza announced that Judge Tony Gonzalez has been previously announced as the new Robstown ISD Education Foundation President.

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#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS:**

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#### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Dr. Marc Puig passed out an update to the Superintendent's Report. The report contained the following three components: 1) Literacy as a Foundation for Student Success – He will be collaborating with the administration, principals, and the PK-12 Literacy Team on literacy expectation and framework, 2) District Operations and Financial Stewardship – The Facilities Committee met and they are moving forward on improving the school district's infrastructure, they received a donation of a stadium plaque valued at \$3800 by Weaver and Jacobs, and 3) Enrollment and Attendance - The school district's current enrollment stands at 2,589 students, with an average daily attendance (ADA) of 2,265, surpassing the budget target of 2,150 attendance rate. The enrollment has increased by seventy-five students.

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#### **PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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#### **FOOD SERVICE UPDATE**

Dr. Marc Puig announced that Ray Williams will be the new Food Service Department Director for the school district. Mr. Williams is coming from West Oso

ISD. He is very experienced in being a leader in the Food Service Department. Mr. Ray Williams stated that he was very honored to come work for Robstown ISD. He has been in the business for the past forty-five years. His aim and his goal is to please the students. He has met with the staff as a group, working on getting new equipment, working on the menus, and staffing.

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#### ACADEMIC UPDATE

Josh Garcia presented the Academic Update for the month of October. He reported that their work is always rooted into the pillars of teaching and learning which starts with Tier 1 Instruction, PLCS, Learning Walks, and Coaching. He shared that the Learning Walks are informal classroom observations aimed at gathering insights into instructional practices and are pivotal in developing sessions across the school district. He shared the number of learning walks they have conducted at the different campuses, a list of teachers that they have visited, and those who are making visits with them. As of October 11, 2024, they have completed 159 learning walks districtwide. Belinda Alaniz highlighted on the percentages for those that did not meet, approaches, meets, and masters for Lotspiech, San Pedro, and Robert Driscoll 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading and Math, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading and Math, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading and Math, and Science. Also, the junior high school students had 100% in Algebra I (Cumulative Assessment Data with STAAR Performance Standards). She shared the percentages for Algebra, Biology, and US History. Rachel Medrano presented the mClass percentages for San Pedro Fine Arts, Lotspeich Leadership Academy, and Robert Driscoll Jr. STEM Academy. She highlighted the campuses that have seen growth on their benchmark in the different grade levels. They have started to see increases in the data across the entire district. Each of the campus principals highlighted some of the academics that they have going on at their campus.

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#### TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Richard Gonzalez reported that they have completed the E-rate wireless project for Seale Jr. High School and Robstown Early College High School. They have expanded their infrastructure for internal and external access points. Last week, they started a project for communication. A total of 186 speakers will be installed at the high school for internal and external use. The installation is going to be a complete overhaul. They are refreshing all of the phones throughout the school district. Also, the phones in the classrooms will have an emergency button.

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#### M & O UPDATE

Ron Lawver reported that the trees are in, the lights are in, the landscape is complete, the irrigation has been set, and the sidewalks and ramps are ready for the RECHS Parking Lot. The parking lot is around 98% completed. Dr. Marc Puig reported that they are still waiting on the boulders. The bus barn area has a new parking lot and a new automotive gate has been installed at the new parking lot. They replaced all of the lights at the baseball field parking lot. Three panels in the big gym have been replaced, and the HVAC Project is still ongoing and should be completed soon. He met with ICONIC Signs for the signage for the new gym. This project will take

about six weeks. In the old locker room, they will start with Phase I by cleaning it out this Saturday. The same company that cleared Ortiz will be cleaning out the old locker room. Spectrum will be coming out to check the scoreboards for the baseball field. They will start focusing on tree trimming districtwide. He has implemented an incentive for the campus custodians where at the end of the school year, he will see who had the highest score on the most improved and highest score on cleanliness. They maintain their buses by doing preventative maintenance and at this time they are running accurately. They have already submitted one report to TEA and they are working on the second report. The roofing project was looking very positive.

9E ORDER OF ELECTION UPDATE

Dr. Marc Puig presented an update to the Order of Election. The Order was updated with the voting locations and the hours. A copy was presented.

9F RISD DONATIONS

Dr. Marc Puig thanked the following donors for donating to the school district: 1) Hilda Emanuel - \$100 for the Seale Jr. High School Weevil Mascot Uniform, 2) Chick-Fil-A - \$201.03 to the RECHS Pickeretts, 3) Roland Ramos - \$100 to the Seale Jr. High School Cheerleaders, 4) Rusty and Sheena Miller - \$100 to the Seale Jr. High School Cheerleaders, 5) Robstown Housing Authority donated an electric stove to Robert Driscoll Stem Academy, and 6) Office Depot donated ten office chairs to the school district.

9G LIST OF BILLS

9H FINANCIAL STATEMENT/QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Dr. Marc Puig informed the board members that the list of bills and financial statement/quarterly investment report was attached for their review. If anyone had any questions please let him know.

**10.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

10A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10B APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

10C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION WAIVER

10D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE EXCEPTION WAIVER

10E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MODIFIED SCHEDULE/STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING DAY WAIVER

10F DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RISD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2024-2025

10G DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2024 CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVY FOR THE ROBSTOWN ISD

10H DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) EXCEEDING \$50,000 TO CCISD FOR REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items A-H as presented.



Motion #7504 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:24 p.m.

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DEED OF GIFT TO ROBSTOWN MUSEUM**

Dr. Rumaldo Juarez gave a brief history of how the Robstown Museum got started. He reported that the museum is used by high school and university students when researching the history of Robstown. The museum provides a very good service to the areas. His purpose in being present at the Board meeting was to request the transfer of a deed of the Bullard Public School for Mexicans Historical Marker. He has been in contact with the Smithsonian and they are willing to take the historical marker and pay for the costs of shipping, etc. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the deed of gift to the Robstown Museum for the historical marker.

Motion #7505 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:35 p.m.

**11B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCES DAY RESOLUTION**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the proclamation that was issued by Gregg Abbott, Governor of Texas, for Human Resources Day. President Lori Ann Garza read the following resolution for Human Resources Day: "Whereas, the Human Resources division is instrumental in recruiting, selecting, resourcing, and retaining quality staff in support of providing an excellent education for all students; and Whereas, Human Resources plays a key role in fostering satisfaction and loyalty among employees by allowing for professional growth and development and keeping employees informed about policies, working conditions, compensation, and benefits; and Whereas, Human Resources monitors and manages current and future workforce trends, organizational culture, legal and legislative trends, and ethical and social responsibility; and Whereas, Human Resources is an important part of the district leadership and is vital to the overall productivity and efficiency of the district's workforce; and Whereas, Human Resources is a valued and respected department

that sustains the district’s most important asset – its people; Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Robstown ISD does hereby resolve that October 9, 2024, will be observed as Texas Education Human Resources Day throughout the district. The Board also encourages students, staff, and parents to express their appreciation for our human resources team members for their dedication and commitment to Robstown ISD employees and students.” Dr. Marc Puig complimented Diana Silvas and her team for igniting brilliance and their commitment to their jobs. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Human Resources Day Resolution.

Motion #7506 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the resolution as read by President Lori Ann Garza.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:42 p.m.

11C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR SOFTWARE (SKYWARD)  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for software for Skyward as presented.

Motion #7507 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:43 p.m.

11D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR 2024 POLICE VEHICLE  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving a purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for the purchase of a 2024 F150 Ford for the police department. This would be the last vehicle needed to complete the Police Department fleet.

Motion #7508 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:45 p.m.

11E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S)  
EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR JEAN'S RESTAURANT SUPPLY  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase order exceeding  
\$50,000 for Jean's Restaurant supplies as presented.

Motion #7509 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to  
approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:49 p.m.

11F DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENT PERFORMANCE  
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  
Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that the improvement performance goals and  
objectives were similar to last school year. He recommended approving the  
Improvement Performance Goals and Objectives as presented.

Motion #7510 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to  
approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:49 p.m.

**12.0 CLOSED SESSION - SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074**

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT,  
EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE,  
OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Motion #7511 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa  
to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas  
Government Code Sections 551.074.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:50 p.m.

Motion #7512 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos  
to reconvene from the executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:53 p.m.

**13.0** **OPEN SESSION**  
13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS,  
EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS,  
DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES  
Dr. Marc Puig announced that he did not have any recommendations at this time.

**14.0** **ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion #7513 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
8:52 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 10/14/24, except for the executive session.)

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Dr. M. Gomez, Jr. Wendell Olson

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5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the audience.

6.0 **BOARD WORKSHOP**

6A **RISD FACILITY PLANNING: REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOFING**

Dr. Marc Puig reported that they have had long conversations about the school district’s facilities and especially the replacing and repairing some of the school district’s roofs. The school district had a comprehensive roof review done by TASB back in 2020 followed by another one done by TASBO in 2024. Ron Lawver and himself have had some conversations with roofing companies. The goal is to replace and repair the roofs. He has invited Wendell Olson with Coryell Roofing to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Olson reported that Marcus Borchert spent two days in Robstown and did an intensive review of the school district’s roofs. He was able to repair thirty-three leaks throughout the school district. Ortiz alone had thirteen leaks. Also, Mr. Olson presented the benefits of going with Coryell for the school district’s roof replacement and repairs. He explained the process, the product, and what they were proposing to do if they were chosen to replace and repair the school district’s roofs.

Trustee Mario Mesa excused himself from the Board Workshop at 6:51 p.m.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7514 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 2  
7:35 p.m.

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 24, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President  
Cezar Martinez, Secretary  
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary  
Erik Gallegos, Trustee  
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Cantu, Vice-President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent

VISITORS: Luis Almada  
Mike Smith  
Wendell Olson

**1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

At 6:00 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 – Absent, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 1

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 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER**

Dr. Marc Puig led the audience and the Board in prayer.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0

**VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

**MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the audience.

6.0

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

6A

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS DISTRICTWIDE ROOFING REPLACEMENT & REPAIR PROJECT**

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving a resolution to address the districtwide roofing replacement and repair project. The resolution would acknowledge the efforts that have been made in this particular project. Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following resolution: “Resolution of the Board of the Trustees for the Robstown Independent School District Committing to Maintaining the District’s Assets and Optimal Learning Environments, Whereas, the Robstown Independent School District (“District”) is governed by the Board of Trustees (Board) who, as a body corporate have the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District; and Whereas, the Board is committed to ensuring safe, functional spaces for students and staff, reinforcing the District’s vision to ignite brilliance and protect District resources; and Whereas, a Texas Association of School Board’s (TASB) Facilities Assessment was conducted on September 1, 2020, and revealed severely depleted roof systems Districtwide; and Whereas, on April 4, 2024, full roof replacements were recommended following a comprehensive roof assessment conducted by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) Facilities Management Review; and Whereas, during a Board Workshop held on April 29, 2024, District administration informed the Board that TASB Facility Assessment data indicated roof replacement estimates exceeding ten million (\$10,000,000) dollars; and Whereas, during a second Board Workshop held on July 17, 2024, District Administration informed the Board that the Districtwide roof assessment findings were reviewed and estimated a total roof replacement of seven and one-half million (\$7,500,000); and Whereas, districtwide roof repair assessments were discussed during an October 3, 2024, Facility Committee Meeting which estimated a roof repair-only cost of one hundred and thirty-five thousand (\$135,000); and Whereas during a Board Facility Workshop held



on October 15, 2024, District Administration presented a comprehensive districtwide roofing solution with a revised cost estimate of two million eight hundred thousand (\$2,800,000) dollars. Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Robstown Independent School District, hereby determines that all the above recitals are adopted as findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this resolution for all purposes. Be it further resolved that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to take all such necessary actions necessary and appropriate to implement the necessary comprehensive districtwide roofing solutions consistent with Board policies. Adopted and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, by the Board of Trustees.” After discussion, President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to adopt the resolution as read by Trustee Cezar Martinez.”

Motion #7515 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the resolution as read by Trustee Cezar Martinez.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:06 p.m.

6B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING COOPERATIVE METHOD FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE RISD DISTRICTWIDE ROOFING REPAIR  
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchasing cooperative method for the districtwide roofing replacement project with Coryell Roofing. Wendell Olson, Commercial Sales Manager, for Coryell Roofing informed the Board that the roof at Ortiz needed to be replaced not repaired so the amount for reroofing would be going up and the repairs would go down. He reviewed the following campuses that will need to be re-roofed and repaired: 1) Seale Jr. High School (Metal Section) \$1,162,193.13 - re-roofed, 2) Seale Jr. High School (Mod-Bit Repairs) Repairs - \$10,363.86, 3) New roof for Ortiz Intermediate - \$899,278.23, 4) Hattie Martin – (Metal Portion) re-roof for \$280,537.77, 5) Hattie Martin repairs for \$11,101.86, 6) RECHS repairs for \$29,115.80, 7) RECHS old locker room for \$267,811.88, 8) RECHS awning by gym for \$90,919.19) Lotspeich Leadership Academy repairs for \$19,251.18, and 10) San Pedro Fine Arts Academy repairs for \$19,391.18. The total for repairs for new roofs will be \$2,700,740.20, and the total repairs will be \$89,223.88 for a total of \$2,789,964.08 roofing projects for Robstown ISD. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchasing cooperative method for the procurement of Robstown ISD Districtwide Roofing Projects with Coryell Roofing.

Motion #7516 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:28 p.m.

6C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ARCHITECT TO REPRESENT RISD ON THE ROOFING PROJECT  
Dr. Marc Puig informed the board members that PBK was an award-winning firm and they were present to share how they were going to prepare the school district’s interest in the roofing project. The school district is required by law to hire an architect to look after the school district’s interests. Luis Almada reported that they were out of San Antonio, and at his business, they have a lot of in-house consultants that help. Matt Smith reported that, at PBK, they handle anything that has to do with the roof and exterior of buildings as far as assessment, peer review, construction administration, and making sure that they are building it in accordance with the plans. They also determine the school district’s needs, and priority of repairs and ensure that the roof is designed properly and installed correctly. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving PBK as the architect to represent RISD on the roofing projects.

Motion #7517 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:32 p.m.

6D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PLAN OF FINANCE RELATED TO THE POTENTIAL ISSUANCE OF MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATIONS OF CERTAIN EXISTING DISTRICT FACILITIES  
Robert Tijerina presented and discussed the financing for the roofing project that was discussed previously. A finance plan can be used by school districts to borrow money from the market to finance these types of projects. The finance plan does not require a bond election only board approval. The roofing project is going to cost close to \$2,800,000. The total amount of the finance is \$2,800,000, plus \$70,000 for the costs of issuance for a total of \$2,870,000. He presented a snapshot of the school district’s existing maintenance and operations debt. The first payment of the finance plan will come up in 2026 at a 4.400% interest or less depending on board approval. The financing would be for fifteen years. If the item of sale is approved on November 21, 2024, they can receive the bond money on December 19, 2024. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Plan of Finance as related to the potential issuance of maintenance tax notes for the repair and renovations of

certain existing district facilities. Also, the school district could have an opportunity for the interest to be lower.

Motion #7518 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:47 p.m.

6E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDER EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE WITH TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION PROCEEDS COSTS INCURRED TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REHABILITATE AND EQUIP EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES  
Robert Tijerina informed the board members that this order was a resolution that allows school districts to take care of expenses from the General Fund until the bond proceeds come in. Once the bond money comes in, they can put the money back in the General Fund. Also, the resolution allows the school district to get reimbursed for any expenses incurred up to sixty days. Without a reimbursement resolution, the school district cannot get any reimbursement from bond monies to put back into the general fund. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving an order expressing official intent to reimburse with tax-exempt obligation proceeds costs incurred to maintain, repair, rehabilitate, and equip existing school facilities.

Motion #7519 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
6:52 p.m.

7.0 **DISCUSSION: RECHS PRELIMINARY FIELD HOUSE FOUNDATION REPORT**

Dr. Marc Puig announced that this item was for discussion only. He shared with the Board the preliminary report on the RECHS Field House. He stated that they had some things that they needed to figure out. They have two options that have been discussed with the facility committee. The first option is to rebuild and the second option is to build a new structure. Ron Wheaton will be submitting numbers for the rebuilding of the athletic facility. The decision will be up to the board on what they want to do. After the discussion, Dr. Puig mentioned that he would follow up with a board workshop to review and decide on an option.

**8.0** CLOSED SESSION - SECTIONS 551.074  
8A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT,  
EVALUATION, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR  
DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into executive session, Section 551.074.

Motion #7520 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:00 p.m.

Motion #7521 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene from the executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:31p.m.

**9.0** OPEN SESSION  
9A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS,  
EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS,  
DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving Elizabeth McGehee's, Kindergarten Teacher, at Robert Driscoll Stem Academy.

Motion #7522 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:32 p.m

**10.0** ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7523 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 1  
7:33 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 10/24/24, except for the executive session.)