



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** \_\_\_\_\_ Board Minutes

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Winch \_\_\_\_\_ **OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ Board Secretary

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_ January 19, 2011

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

Regular Board Meeting – December 15, 2010

**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

December 15, 2010

**In Attendance**

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

**Board of Trustees**

Pat Campos – President – arrived 6:22  
Juan A. Molina, Jr. – Vice President  
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Secretary – arrived 6:08 p.m.  
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - absent  
Judd Gilpin – Member – arrived 6:12 p.m.  
Javier Montemayor – Member  
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Member

**I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Call to Order.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, December 15, 2010, in the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. President Pat Campos made an announcement calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:00 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.**

Mr. Roberto Santos, Superintendent of Schools, advised Mr. Juan Molina, Jr. Vice-President, that a quorum was not present, so they would begin the meeting with Item V- Recognitions.

**IV. 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.**

No one signed to speak during Public Comments.

Ms. Campos called for a motion to move Item VIII-C.

**C. Approval of Independent Audit Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2010**

Motion: So move.

Moved by: Ramirez

Seconded by: Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

**V. Recognitions – considered before Public Comments**

The Board recognized the following organizations, students and employees for outstanding accomplishments:

1. United ISD - AP Scholars for 2010
2. UISD Librarians - Youth Village Library
3. Cross Country - State Qualifiers
4. United High School Football Team - Area Finalist - Division State Playoffs
5. Alexander High School Football Team - Regional Semi-Finalist - Division II State Playoffs

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

**1. Distribution of Board Policy BBD (Exhibit) - Board Members - Training and Orientation**

Mr. Santos advised the Board that the report on Board continuing hours must be provided for the public in December even though they had approved the hours earlier in the year.

**2. Report on Completion of the Required Continuing Education Training for School Board Members**

From January 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010, the Board members had acquired the following continuing education hours were:

Campos	15
J. Molina	66.25
R. Molina, Sr.	13.50
Ramirez	37
Gilpin	16.50
Rodriguez	26.50
Montemayor	5

## **VII. Consent Agenda Items**

- A.** Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B.** Approval of Budget Amendments
- C.** Approval of Tax Refunds
- D.** Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- E.** Approval of request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) as the solicitation method of procurement for the Installation of a New Fire Alarm System at Nye Brantley Building and Demolition of Warehouse Building and Parking Addition at Central Administration Complex
- F.** Approval of CSP2010-070 Cherish Center Renovation Package
- G.** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between UISD and Boys and Girls Club of Laredo
- H.** Approval of Sale of Salvage Equipment
- I.** Approval of Request from Judd Gilpin for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for United High School for \$2,774
- J.** Approval of Requests from Juan Antonio Molina, Jr. and Ricardo Rodriguez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for United South High School for \$21,000
- K.** Approval of Request from Juan R. Ramirez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Fasken Elementary for \$3,000
- L.** Approval of Request from Pat Campos for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Newman Elementary for \$5,720
- M.** Approval of Requests from Ricardo Molina, Sr. for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Kennedy/Zapata Elementary for \$9,992 and Juarez/Lincoln Elementary for \$10,400 and Salvador Garcia Middle School for \$25,000
- N.** Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans for the 2010-2011 School Year

Motion: Mr. J. Molina advised the Board that the Business and Instructional Committee Members had met and were recommend the approval of  
The following items:

Moved by:	Ramirez
Seconded by:	Rodriguez
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

Ms. Campos addressed Ms. Pam Juarez, Associate Superintendent, and complimented her and all the campus principals for their development of their campus improvement plans. She said though it took a long time, she had read them all.

### **VIII. Items for Individual Consideration**

#### **A. Board Minutes**

1. Special Called Meeting – November 9, 2010
2. Special Called Meeting – November 11, 2010
3. Regular Board Meeting – November 18, 2010
4. Special Called Meeting - November 30. 2010

Motion: Motion to approve.

Moved by: J. Molina  
Seconded by: Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

#### **B. Donations**

Mr. Santos read the donations into the minutes and requested that the Board accept the generous donations to UISD totaling \$5,821.00.

Motion: Motion to approve.

Moved by: J. Molina  
Seconded by: Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

#### **C. Approval of Independent Audit Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2010**

This item was considered before Item VI.

Motion: So move.

Moved by: J. Molina  
Seconded by: Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

Ms. Campos then called for a motion to approve Item VIII-C.

Mr. Victor Barron, representing Patillo, Brown, and Hill, LLP. congratulated the District for earning an unqualified opinion which is a clean opinion with no findings in the report. He said the District had a healthy fund balance that was changed to almost \$96 million. Mr. Barron thanked Mr. Sam Flores and his staff for the ease of auditing.

Motion: So move.

Moved by: Ramirez  
Seconded by: Gilpin  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**E. Discussion and possible action to authorize, by Resolution, the Superintendent of Schools' authority to amend the Energy Price and extend the Term of the Agreement with U. S. Energy Savings if market energy price rates fall below the current contracted rate of \$0.0782 per kilowatt hour.**

Ms. Cordy Flores-Jackson addressed the Board requesting the Superintendent be given the authority to enter into a blended extended plan because the prices are only fixed for one day.

Motion: Motion to approve.

Moved by: J. Molina  
Seconded by: Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**IX. Closed Session: Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:39 p. m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:**

Mr. Ramirez thanked Ms. Benavides who is retiring this year for her years of service.

**A. 551.071 Consultation with the Board's Attorney  
551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints Against Personnel**

1. Consider Appointment of Director of Staff Development

**B. 551.071 Consultation with the Board's Attorney  
551.072 Discussion on the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property  
Discussion of Proposals for Sale and/or Acquisition of Real Property**

1. Report on the status of negotiations and consideration of terms of conveyance pertaining to 14 Acres of unplatted property, for school sites in the Cielito Lindo Subdivision located on the south side of St. Luke Boulevard, approximately 200 feet east of the intersection of St. Luke Boulevard and *Ejido* Avenue to be conveyed by *Cielito Lindo, Ltd.*
2. Report on the status of negotiations and consideration of terms of conveyance pertaining to a tract of up to 28 Acres of unplatted property, for an elementary school site in *Cuatro Vientos Sur* and *Cuatro Vientos Norte* located east of *Ejido Street* and at the termination of Avenida de Mexico as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto to be conveyed by Richard Hachar

3. Report on the status of negotiations pertaining to a development agreement with EG Ranch, Ltd. pertaining to 40 acres located off Hwy. 359, south of City of Laredo Landfill

**C. 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. Trautmann Middle School Student Activity Fund
2. Trautmann 6th Grade Student Activity Fund
3. United South Middle School Student Activity Fund
4. United Middle School Student Activity Fund
5. Col. Santos Benavides Elementary School Student Activity Fund
6. Newman Elementary School Student Activity Fund
7. Gutierrez Elementary Student Activity Fund
8. Status of On-going Audits

**D. 551.0821 School Board; Personally Identifiable Information about Public  
School Complaint  
551.082 School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or  
Complaint**

1. Discussion, including Consultation with Legal Counsel, re: Complaint raised by Parent J.V. on behalf of child D.V.

**X. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. No action was taken in  
Closed Session.**

Mr. Santos advised the Board that the recommendation for the Director of Staff Development was Aleida Perez-Sanchez

**A. Appointment of Director of Staff Development**

Motion: So move.

Moved by: J. Molina

Seconded by: Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

**B. Discussion and possible action to enter into negotiations and possible  
execution of a Purchase Agreement to purchase 14 Acres of unplatted  
property, for school sites in the *Cielito Lindo* Subdivision located on the south  
side of St. Luke Boulevard, approximately 200 feet east of the intersection of  
St. Luke Boulevard and *Ejido* Avenue to be conveyed by *Cielito Lindo*, Ltd.**

Ms. Sonya Garcia, UISD General Counsel, advised the Board that the recommendation was to approve entering into an Earnest Money Contract and option to close within 30 days on a 14 acre tract in *Cielito Lindo Subdivision* as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion: So move.  
Moved by: J. Molina  
Seconded by: Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**C. Discussion and possible action to enter into negotiations and possible execution of a Purchase Agreement and possible purchase pertaining to a tract of up to 28 Acres of unplatted property, for an elementary school site in *Cuatro Vientos Sur* and *Cuatro Vientos Norte* located east of *Ejido* Street and at the termination of *Avenida de Mexico* as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto to be conveyed by Richard Hachar**

Ms. Sonya Garcia advised the Board that the recommendation was to enter into an Earnest Money Contract to purchase 28 Acres of unplatted property, for an elementary school site in *Cuatro Vientos Sur* and *Cuatro Vientos Norte* located east of *Ejido* Street and at the termination of *Avenida de Mexico* as shown on Exhibit "A" attached as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion: So move.  
Moved by: Rodriguez  
Seconded by: Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**E. Discussion and possible action to enter into a development agreement pertaining to 40 acres located off Hwy. 359, South of City of Laredo Landfill**

Ms. Garcia advised the Board that no action was to be taken on this item.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2010 was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Pat Campos – President

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Juan Roberto Ramirez - Secretary