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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Karen Winch _____ **OF:** _____ Board Secretary _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ April 21, 2010 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Regular Board Meeting – March 24, 2010
Special Called Meeting – April 7, 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

March 24, 2010

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Pat Campos – President - absent
Juan A. Molina, Jr. – Vice President
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian
Judd Gilpin – Member – arrived during Recognitions
William "Bill" Johnson – 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 Tuesday, March 24, 2010, in the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. An announcement was made by the Board President calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:32 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.

Item V – Recognitions was considered before Public Comments

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.

Susana Torres. Ms. Torres introduced herself as the parent of a child at Killam Elementary who would be affected by the boundary changes. She asked that the Board vote against moving the students from Killam Elementary back to Cuellar Elementary. She said their children were members of Killam Elementary and in extra-curricular activities and asked that the Board vote against the proposal.

Margarita Pace. Ms. Pace addressed the Board saying she did not want the children to have to change schools (due to the boundary changes). She said their current school is near where they live. In addition, the parents work and the new campus is far away. Ms. Pace asked the Board to please not approve the change.

David Hinojosa introduced himself as a litigator with MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense Educational Fund) with an office located out of San Antonio. He said he would be addressing the item regarding the First Reading of FD (LOCAL). Mr. Hinojosa said MALDEF has brought additional funding for the border universities and UISD because of their lawsuits. He said he was addressing the admission policy being presented as there were big concerns as to how much money the school district would lose by closing the door to many students which would directly affect the Latino community. Mr. Hinojosa said if they poled the local administration they would say they are already overburdened and the policy would place an additional burden on them.

Regarding the flaws, Mr. Hinojosa referred to the process that required documentation of residency. He said the student may actually live within the boundaries, but they cannot produce the required documents. He commented that the power of attorney must also be verified. The speaker said whatever policy the District decides to use, it should not interfere with the right of the student to attend their school. Mr. Hinojosa presented a handout for the Board's review.

V. Recognitions

A. UIL Region 8 Swimming Championship Qualifier from J. B. Alexander High School

Athletic Director, Bobby Cruz, introduced Greg Garza who finished 15th in the state meet in Austin and his coach, Eugene Watson.

B. United High School Basketball Team - Region IV Semi-finalist and Final Regular State Season Ranking #4

Coach Cruz then introduced the United High School Boys Basketball team that rose to a state ranking of #4 under the leadership of Coach Archie Ramos and his staff. Students Michael Elizondo and Daniel Rosas were recognized for their exceptional accomplishments.

C. United High School Cheerleaders – NCA National Champions

Javier Vera, Director of Fine Art introduced the United High School cheerleaders who were NCA National Champions.

D. LBJ Cheerleaders – Cheer Power National Competition

Mr. Vera introduced the LBJ cheerleaders for recognition by the Board of Trustee for their placing in the Cheer Power National Competition.

The Board took a five-minute-break at 6:49 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:52 p.m.

The Board then addressed Public Comments

VI. Closed Session: Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:59 p. m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

A. 551.071 – Consultation with the Board’s Attorney

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 status of negotiations for the purchase of 12 acres of land in *Lomas del Sur Subdivision* in Webb County from A & W Real Estate 1, Ltd. Or a tender of good faith offer to purchase the property located in south Laredo east of Southgate Blvd.**
- 2. Report on the status of the negotiations and consideration of terms and possible negotiations and consideration of terms and possible execution of Agreement for Sale and Purchase pertaining to the purchase of approximately 10.00 acres of land located in the *Las Blancas* Subdivision, Unit 2 located in Webb County, Texas comprising all of Lot 2, Block 1, (approximately 3.1305 acres and adjoining property in the approximate amount of 6.86 acres) to be conveyed by Home Mart, Inc.**
- 3. Report on status and negotiation of terms for Earnest Money Contract and discussion of possible action pertaining to the purchase of approximately 12 acres of land located on Hwy. 359 and adjacent to the west side of United Independent School District Student Activity Complex Educational Center to be conveyed by Jorge O. Gutierrez and Tomas L. Izaguirre, Jr.**

D. 551.074 - Consultation with Board’s Attorney

Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

- 1. Termination Appeal Hearing of Humberto Gonzalez**

E. 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

551.076 - Considering the Deployment, Specific Occasions for, or Implementation of Security Devices or Personnel

- 1. C & T Eligibility – Carl Perkins Grant**

2. Coca Cola Exclusivity Contract

3. Status of on-going Audits

VII. The Board returned from Closed Session 8:01 p.m. and took appropriate action as discussed in Closed Session.

Ms. Sonya Garcia, UISD General counsel, advised the Board that no action was necessary on Items VII-A and VII-B.

A. Termination Appeal Hearing of Humberto Gonzalez

B. Discussion and possible action concerning the execution of a Purchase Agreement and possible purchase of 12 acres of land from the Las Lomas Del Sur Subdivision in Webb County from A & W Real Estate 1, Ltd. Or a tender of good faith offer to purchase the property located in south Laredo east of Southgate Blvd.

C. Discussion and possible execution of a Purchase Agreement and possible purchase of approximately 10.00 acres of land located in the *Las Blancas* Subdivision, Unit 2 located in Webb County, Texas comprising all of Lot 2, Block 1, (approximately 3.1305 acres and adjoining property in the approximate amount of 6.86 acres) to be conveyed by Home Mart, Inc.

D, Discussion and possible action pertaining to the purchase of approximately 12 acres of land located on Hwy. 359 and adjacent to the west side of United Independent School District Student Activity Complex Educational Center to be conveyed by Jorge O. Gutierrez and Tomas L. Izaguirre, Jr.

Motion: To approve initiation of negotiations to purchase approximately 12 acres of land located to the west side of Untied Independent School District Student Activity Complex Educational Center to be conveyed by Jorge O. Gutierrez and Tomas L. Izaguirre, Jr. as discussed in executive session.

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

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Santos advised the Board that Administration had sent the ballot to them (Region Service Center Board Elections). On Item B, the Superintendent said the regulation would be changed for the second reading.

A. Region Service Center Board Elections

B. Review of Policy FD (Regulation) – Admissions

IX. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Gilpin advised the Board that the Finance Committee was recommending the approval of the following consent agenda items.

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements**
- B. Approval of Budget Amendments**
- C. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals, and Qualifications**
- D. Employment Contracts for 2010-2011 School Year**
- E. Approval of Request from Pat Campos for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for S.T.E.P. Academy for \$8909.00**
- F. Approval of Request from Ricardo Molina, Sr. for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Juarez-Lincoln Elementary School for \$7200.00**
- G. Approval of Request from Ricardo Rodriguez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Antonio Gonzalez Middle School and United South Middle School for \$20,000.**
- H. Approval of Board Travel for the Month of March, 2010**
- I. Second Reading of Policy DC (LOCAL): Employment Practices**
- J. Adoption of Literature for Grades 6-8 , Reading Elective Grades 6-8, Literature I-IV, AP English Language, English Language Proficiency Standards, English I and II**
- K. Adoption of English and Spanish Language Arts and Reading K-1 and English and Spanish Reading 2-5**

Moved by: Gilpin
Seconded by: J. Molina
Discussion: none
Inn Favor: unanimous

X. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes

1. Regular Meeting 2.16.10

2. Special Called 2.23.10

Motion: So move.

Moved by: Ramirez

Seconded by: R. Molina
Discussion: None
In Favor: Ms. Campos abstained as she was not present at the Special Called meeting.

B. Donations

Mr. Santos read the list of donations totaling \$22,295.00 into the record and thanked all for their gracious donations.

Motion: So move.

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

C. Proposed Elementary Boundary Changes for 2010-2011

1. Kazen and Cuellar

Motion: Motion to table.

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

2. Fasken Elementary and Muller Elementary

Motion: Motion to approve.

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

D. First Reading of Policy FD (LOCAL) – Admissions

Ms. Campos noted that Item D was a First Reading and no action was required.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2010 was adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Pat Campos – President

Juan Roberto Ramirez - Secretary

Special Called Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

April 7, 2010

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Pat Campos – President
Juan Molina – Vice President - absent
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Secretary
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian
Judd Gilpin - Member
William "Bill" Johnson
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Member

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

II. A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held Wednesday, April 7, 2010 , in the U.I.S.D. Administrative Building Board Room located at 301 Lindenwood Drive, Laredo, TX 78045. An announcement was made by the Board President calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 7:30 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. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Closed Session:

Ms. Campos apologized to those present for beginning the meeting after the scheduled time. She explained that the Board was attending a ceremony where our students from United High School were being recognized by the City of Laredo.

Ms. Campos then advised the Board that it was not necessary to enter into Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act as there were no action items to be considered in Closed Session:

- A. 551.071 Consultation with 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**

V. Action Items

A. Consideration for Award of the following CSP Proposals for Construction Projects:

- 1. HVAC Replacement at Clark Elementary, Newman Elementary, and Trautmann 6th Grade – QSCB Bond**
- 2. HVAC & Electrical Upgrades for Technology MDF (computer network) rooms at Nine Campuses – QSCB Bond**
- 3. Roof Replacement at Clark Middle and Newman Elementary – QSCB Bond**
- 4. HVAC & Electrical Upgrades for HWY 359 Instructional Office Building – Maintenance Budget**
- 5. PA System Replacement at Alexander High School – Maintenance Budget**
- 6. Parking Lot Addition at Washington Middle School – Maintenance Budget**
- 7. Sewer System Replacement at Trautmann Elementary – Maintenance Budget**
- 8. Detention Pond Project at Col. Santos Benavides Elementary – Maintenance Budget**

Mr. Santos introduced Cordy Flores-Jackson, Director of Purchasing, who presented the summary of Administration's recommendations (outlined on the next page) to the Board. Ms. Jackson advised the Board that they would table Item CSP 2010-011 – Newman and Clark Elementary roof replacements.

Summary of Recommendation(s)

Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP)

CSP 2010-010

Clark Elementary, Newman Elementary, & Trautmann 6th
Grade Campus HVAC Replacements

Zertuche
Construction

\$2,316,390

CSP 2010-011

Newman Elementary & Clark Middle School Roof
Replacements

Pending

Pending

CSP 2010-012

Technology MDF Room Upgrade for Nine Campuses

Zertuche
Construction

\$345,000

CSP 2010-013

Alexander High School PA System Replacement

Zertuche
Construction

\$179,066

CSP 2010-014

Washington Middle School Parking Lot Addition,
Trautmann Elementary Sewer System Upgrade, & Col.
Santos Benavides Elementary Detention Pond / Erosion
Control

Rhino Builders

\$346,500

CSP 2010-015

Electrical & HVAC Upgrades to the Instructional Building
& Service Center Building

Zertuche
Construction

\$225,214

Mr. Ramirez's motion was clarified by legal counsel, Ms. Sonya Garcia.

Ms. Campos asked if there was motion to approve in regards to the CSP proposals for construction project as presented by the Administration?

Motion: Motion to approve.

Moved by: Ramirez

Seconded by: Rodriguez

Discussion:

Mr. Johnson asked how long it was before the HVAC units needed to be replaced. Mr. Enrique Rangel, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities/Construction/Student Services, responded that it was usually around every 15 years. He said, however, that the unit at Clark was 18-20 years old.

Mr. Johnson then asked about the retention pond at Col. Santos Benavides Elementary. Mr. Rangel responded that they would be improving the pond and elevating it so it can be used for baseball and soccer fields and a general activity area for students. He said they would be redirecting 40% of the pond based on an excellent design by Crane Engineering. Mr. Johnson asked about the number of acreage. Mr. Rangel responded that it was about 4%.

Mr. Rangel advised the Board that this project was part of the overall master plan. He said they were also building a ramp for ADA accessibility. Mr. Johnson asked where the parking would be. Mr. Rangel said it would be at the campus. He said they were going to have handicap ramps and sidewalks as a gathering area for students. Mr. Rangel stated that they would also have erosion control. Mr. Gilpin interjected that the grade at the bottom of the pond is very important. Mr. Rangel responded that the City had also commented on the grade. He commented that they are trying to make it maintenance free. He said the pond lends itself to that as it has concrete gutter and drains well. He added that they were also placing a fence around the three acres.

Mr. Ramirez asked when the project would be started. Mr. Rangel responded that they have to prepare the site, but that he felt all would take place in June or July. Mr. Ramirez then asked how many trees could be saved. Mr. Rangel responded that there were nine trees, and they were trying to save 5 trees and relocate them. However, he said the transplants often do not thrive due to the heat.

Ms. Sonya Garcia, UISD legal counsel, clarified Mr. Ramirez's motion.

In Favor: Unanimous

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Special Called Meeting of April 7, 2010 was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Pat Campos, President

Juan Roberto Ramirez - Secretary