

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 8, 2022

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President (Video Conference)
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Tessie Ledezma Richard Gonzalez
Lorena Ceballos

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 9:30 a.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, Ismael Gonzalez – Absent, Hector Lopez – Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 5

Absent – 2

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

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the board members and the public in a prayer. President Lori Ann Garza asked everyone to keep the family of Ismael Gonzalez in their prayers because their mother had just passed away.

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 – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

President Lori Ann Garza read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

Dr. Jose Moreno asked the board members to move item 8A – Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution of Board to Convene the District’s School Health Advisory Committee Council (SHAC) to Recommend Curriculum Materials for Human Sexuality Instruction up before Consent Agenda Items.

Motion #6925 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 – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:34 a.m.

8.0 INSTRUCTION

8A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF BOARD TO
CONVENE THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL (SHAC) TO RECOMMEND CURRICULUM MATERIALS FOR
HUMAN SEXUALITY INSTRUCTION

Lorena Ceballos reported that for the first time in more than twenty years, Texas Leaders have updated the minimum curriculum standards for health education and sex education in public schools. She reviewed what the new TEKS included and stated that one of the requirements was to partner with the school district's SHAC to review the TEKS related to human sexuality. A SHAC meeting has already been held to review their role and responsibilities. The TEKS will be appropriate for the different grade levels. Parents will have the right to opt out of any sex education lessons without penalty. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the following resolutions: "Resolution of the Board to convene the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to recommend Curriculum Materials for Human Sexuality Instruction. Whereas,

Section 28.004(e-1) (1) of the Texas Education Code requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution convening the local school health advisory council (SHAC) for the purpose of making recommendations regarding curriculum materials for the school district's human, sexuality instruction. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustee of Robstown Independent School District's hereby calls for the convening of the District (SHAC) to:

1) Hold at least two public meetings on the curriculum materials before adopting recommendations to present to the Board, 2) Recommend curriculum materials that comply with the instructional content requirements in law, are suitable for the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended, and are reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended, and 3) Present the SHAC's recommendation to the Board at a public meeting by June 2022 as read."

After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Resolution (as read) of the Board to Convene the District's School Health Advisory Committee Council (SHAC) to recommend curriculum materials for Human Sexuality Instruction.

Motion #6926 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:46 a.m.

6.0 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

6A APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS #16

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving Budget Amendment #16 as part of the Consent Agenda Item(s).

Motion #6927 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
9:47 a.m.

7.0 **BUSINESS AND SUPPORT**

7A DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RANKINGS OF PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE WELDING LAB UPGRADES PROJECT, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE/EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

Vanessa Riggs presented the following four upgrades: 1) Base Project – Building upgrades for welding lab with 32 bays for \$860,362, 2) Alternate #1 for renovations of rooms 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106 including lighting work for \$52,716, 3) Alternate #2 to replace existing light fixtures in welding lab with new fixtures for \$27,717.00, 4) Alternate #3 to add outdoor welding bottle storage facility for \$18,830. Also, included in the four upgrades was the engineering fees for \$29,000, the welding lab equipment for \$217,230, and consumable supplies for \$6,224 for a total cost of project of \$1,212,079. Also, she reviewed the timeline, rankings, and funding source. The ESSER III grant will pay a total of \$883,174 for the welding lab equipment and construction, the Jet Grant will cover \$322,680 for welding lab equipment and engineer fees, and \$6,224 would come out of the Perkins Grant for a total of \$1,212,079. A total of two proposals were submitted and the committee ranked Barcom Construction as the winner with a base bid of \$860,000,362, Alternate 1 for \$52,716, Alternate 2 for \$27,717 and Alternate 3 for \$18,830.00. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #6928 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the ranking of proposals recommended by the administration and authorize the superintendent to negotiate with the top ranked contractor for the project and go on to the next ranked until an agreeable contract can be reached for a fair and reasonable price and further authorize the superintendent to execute such contract for a fair and reasonable price from approved legal counsel.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
10:14 a.m.

For the record, Trustee Larry Cantu exited the Board meeting at 9:50 a.m.

7B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR WHITE FLEET TRUCKS

Vanessa Riggs reported that the M & O Department and the Food Service Department needed trucks for their day-to-day operations. The administration has attempted to purchase trucks and vans from several vendors but have been unsuccessful as the pandemic has continued to cause vehicle shortage. One of vendors that they contacted informed them that one of his customers had cancelled their request for two trucks, and they were available for purchase. Each of the trucks costs \$36,234 for a total of \$72,468 for two. The vendor was Silsbee Ford from Silsbee. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the purchase of the two trucks from Silsbee for \$72,468.

Motion #6929 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:05 a.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6933 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Absent, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin –Yes, I. Gonzalez – Absent, H. Lopez – Absent and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
11:05 a.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 04-08-2022 except for the executive session.)

