



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of December 2019 and January 2020

**SUBMITTED BY:** Alejandra Salinas / Griselda Rodriguez **OF:** Superintendent's Secretary

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** February 19, 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Board Meeting Minutes for:

Public Hearing – December 10, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting – December 18, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting – January 22, 2020

**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

**POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:**

This is in compliance and in accordance with Board Policy BE and BE (LOCAL).

Public Hearing – Schools FIRST  
The State of Texas  
United Independent School District  
The County of Webb

December 10, 2019

**In Attendance**

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

**Board of Trustees**

Ramiro Veliz, III – President – PRESENT (Arrived at 12:24 p.m.)  
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Vice President - PRESENT  
Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary –ABSENT  
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - ABSENT  
Judd Gilpin – Member – PRESENT  
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Member – PRESENT (Arrived at 12:24 p.m.)  
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Member – ABSENT

A Public Hearing on Schools FIRST of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building Room #1, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

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

*Javier Montemayor called the Public Hearing to order at 12:17 p.m.*

**II. Open Public Hearing**

*Javier Montemayor asked for motion to open Public Hearing*

*Mr. Judd Gilpin made a motion to open Public Hearing*

*Mr. Javier Montemayor – Second motion to open Public Hearing*

**III. Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)**

*Mr. Sam Flores stated the information being presented was for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and mentioned that UISD received an “Above Standard” opinion. Mr. Flores proceeded to explain the rating system and presented information regarding the Schools FIRST. Presentation available upon request.*

**IV. School District's Rating – Superior**

*Mr. Sam Flores explained the rating system.*

**V. Public Comments on the Report**

*No Public Comments*

**VI. Adjournment**

*Mr. Judd Gilpin made a motion to adjourn*

Motion:	So Move
Moved by:	Judd Gilpin
Seconded by:	Javier Montemayor
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

*Public Hearing was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.*

**There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Public Hearing on Schools FIRST of December 10, 2019, was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.**

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Ramiro Veliz, III, President

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Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Superintendent's Secretary

Regular Board Meeting  
The State of Texas  
United Independent School District  
The County of Webb

December 18, 2019

**In Attendance**

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

**Board of Trustees**

Ramiro Veliz, III – President – PRESENT  
Javier Montemayor, Jr. – Vice President - PRESENT  
Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary –ABSENT  
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - PRESENT  
Judd Gilpin – Member – PRESENT  
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Member – ABSENT  
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Member – PRESENT

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

- I. **An announcement was made by the Board Vice-President, 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.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - A. **Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.**
- III. **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. Additionally, pursuant to board policies BED (LEGAL) and BED (LOCAL), drifting from the stated topic or becoming disruptive shall result in a warning from the board president. A second violation will result in forfeiture of your allotted time and removal from the board meeting. Disruptions include speaking on behalf of or against a person running for political office, promotion of a for-profit organization, or advertisement of products or services to the Board.

#### **IV. Recognitions**

##### **A. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – PUBLIC SAFETY ASSISTANCE**

- Laredo Police Department
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Webb County Constable – Pct. 2
- Webb County Constable – Pct. 4

##### **B. PARTNERS FOR SCHOLARS – DANCING WITH THE STARS GRAND CHAMPION & PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

##### **C. ITV DEPARTMENT – MARCOM VIDEO CONTEST**

##### **D. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL – AP SCHOLARS**

##### **E. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – AP SCHOLARS**

##### **F. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – TENNIS TEAM – BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS / AREA FINALIST**

##### **G. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM – 29-6A DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**

##### **H. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL – AP SCHOLARS**

##### **I. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL – TENNIS TEAM – BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS / AREA FINALIST**

##### **J. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL – VOLLEYBALL TEAM – 29-6A CHAMPIONS – BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS – AREA CHAMPIONS – REGIONAL QUARTERFINALIST**

##### **K. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – UIL STATE QUALIFIER**

##### **L. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL – VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM – REGIONAL SEMI-FINALIST**

##### **M. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – AP SCHOLARS**

##### **N. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – TENNIS TEAM – DISTRICT CHAMPIONS – REGIONAL SEMI-FINALIST – SWEET 16**

##### **O. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – VOLLEYBALL TEAM – BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS – AREA CHAMPIONS – REGIONAL QUARTERFINALIST**

**V. Informational Item**

**A. Review of LEGAL Policies in TASB Update 114**

*Mr. Roberto Santos stated this was just an informational item and asked if anyone had any questions.*

**VI. Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements**

**B. Approval of Independent Audit Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2019**

**C. Approval of Property Tax Refunds for the Month of November 2019**

**D. Approval of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of United Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020; Entering into an Escrow Agreement, A Bond Purchase Agreement, and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; Delegating to certain District Administrative Staff and Officials the Authority to Approve all Final Terms of the Bonds; and Other Matters Related Thereto**

**E. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications**

**F. Approval of JOC 015-2019 8800 Mcpherson Rd. Middle School Building Renovations**

**G. Approval of Change Order No. 5 for Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc. for JOC 002-2019 Building Renovations and Upgrades at 8800 Mcpherson Campus (Future Elias Herrera Middle School)**

**H. First Reading of Policy Update 114 Affecting Local Policies**

**I. Approval of Business and Life Skills II Course for Local Credit**

*Javier Montemayor – made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A thru I*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

**VII. Items for Individual Consideration**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING: The Board will take Public Comments regarding the Proposed Addition of a Secondary Course offering titled Ethnic Studies: Mexican American History/Laredo History**

*Mr. Javier Montemayor made a motion to open the Public Hearing*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

*Mr. David Gonzalez presented information regarding the addition of a secondary course offering titled Ethnic Studies: Mexican American History/Laredo*

*Mr. Javier Montemayor made a motion to close the Public Hearing*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

**B. Approval of Secondary Course Offering titled Ethnic Studies: Mexican American History/Laredo History**

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

**C. Approval of Donations**

Mr. Roberto Santos read the donations into the minutes for a total of \$15,400.00

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Judd Gilpin

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III announced for the record that Mr. Ricardo Molina was present at 6:43 p.m.*

**D. Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of October 2019 and November 2019**

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Judd Gilpin  
Seconded by: Ricardo Molina  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

**E. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses**

*Mr. Roberto Santos stated there were no additional requests, only those on the agenda.*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

**F. Approval of 2020-2021 School Year Calendar**

*Ms. Gloria Rendon stated that administration is recommending Option 1 unanimously for the first time ever.*

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III asked if there was any change in the starting date.*

*Ms. Gloria Rendon replied August 11<sup>th</sup>*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor  
Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

**VIII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sessions of the Texas Open Meetings Act**



*The Board adjourned into closed session at 6:44 p.m.*

**A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting**

**1. Discussion Re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities**

**B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting**

**TGC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting**

**1. Discussion, including Consultation with Legal Counsel, regarding Right of Entry Letter for Survey and Site Assessment (ROE-S) received from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Matters Incident Thereto**

**IX. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session**

*The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.*

**A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Right of Entry Letter for Survey and Site Assessment (ROE-S) received from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Authorizing the Superintendent to Execute the Required Documents Related to Same**

*Stephen Trautmann stated the recommendation is to approve the Right of Entry Letter requested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the required documents.*

**Motion:** So Move

**Moved by:** Javier Montemayor

**Seconded by:** Ricardo Molina

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

**X. Adjournment**

**There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2019 was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III wished everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked everybody for a great year and a wonderful half school year so far.*

*Mr. Ricardo Molina thanked everybody on behalf of the Molina family and asked everyone to be safe and to be careful.*

*Juan Roberto Ramirez wished everybody the best holidays this year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to stay warm as there is a cold front expected.*

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Molina

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

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Ramiro Veliz III, President

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Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

Minutes submitted by: *Alejandra Salinas*, Superintendent's Secretary

**A Regular Board Meeting  
Of United ISD  
The State of Texas  
County of Webb**

**January 22, 2020**

**In Attendance:**

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent

**Board of Trustees:**

Ramiro Veliz, III, President - PRESENT

Javier Montemayor, Jr. - Vice President - PRESENT

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary - PRESENT

Ricardo Molina, Sr., Parliamentarian – PRESENT

Judd Gilpin, Member - ABSENT

Juan Roberto Ramirez, Member – PRESENT

Aliza Flores-Oliveros, Member – PRESENT

**A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the United ISD – Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043.**

**The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.**

**Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted one at one time.**

- I. Announcement by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.**

***Mr. Ramiro Veliz calls this meeting to order at 6:01 PM.***

***Mr. Javier Montemayor calls roll.***

- II. Pledge of Allegiance**

- A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

### **III. Public Comments**

*Comments shall be limited to current Board agenda items, student recognitions, or charitable causes. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker except that non-English speakers requiring a translator are limited to six minutes. The presiding Board officer may modify or waive these time limits as appropriate. Public Comments shall not be used for personal attacks by the speaker against District employees or students. Speakers who engage in personal attacks, or use insulting, profane, threatening, or abusive language during any Board meeting shall be ruled out of order by the presiding Board officer and may be escorted from the Board meeting room by District peace officers or security staff. Any concerns or complaints regarding individual District employees, students, or parents must be resolved via the appropriate complaint process, as stated in Board Policy BED (LOCAL). 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.*

### **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **IV. Recognitions**

- A. BOARD APPRECIATION – UISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- B. UNITED MIDDLE SCHOOL REGION ONE ESC HOLIDAY ART CONTEST WINNER – MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION
- C. TRAUTMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL – NEXT NFL 100 SUPER BOWL CONTEST WINNER
- D. L.B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL – TEXAS GALAXY PAGEANT
- E. BILINGUAL SCHOLARS – FALL 2019

**V. Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements**
- B. Approval of Property Tax Refunds for the month of December 2019**
- C. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualification**
- D. Approval to Adopt Resolution of Early Notification of Employee Separation from employment Incentive to Full Time District Employees for the 2019-2020 School Year**
- E. Second and Final Reading of Policy 114 Affecting Local Policies (see attached list)**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>So Move</b>
<b>Moved By:</b>	<b>Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez</b>
<b>Seconded By:</b>	<b>Ricardo Molina</b>
<b>Any Discussion:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>All In Favor:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

***MOTION PASSES***

**VI. Items for Individual Consideration**

**A. Approval of Donations**

***Mr. Roberto J. Santos:*** *Board members, we bring a couple of donations, and they, will be attached to the minutes:*

- **A donation of \$1,000.00 was received from I.B.C. "Bronze Sponsor", going towards the 2019-2020 Golf Tournament Account.**
- **A donation of a Translation Kit, with a monetary value of \$1,099.00 was received by the Federal Program, from Audio Resource Group**

**We had one donation of under \$1,000.00. Making our Gran Total: \$2,599.99  
I want to thank the businesses for helping our schools and we graciously accept.**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>So Move</b>
<b>Moved By:</b>	<b>Ricardo Molina</b>
<b>Seconded By:</b>	<b>Ricardo Rodriguez</b>
<b>Any Discussion:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**All In Favor:                      Unanimous**

***MOTION PASSES***

**B. Approval Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses**

**Eddie Zuñiga:** There was one additional request, for United high school, Mr. Alberto Aleman – principal, sponsored by Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III; In the amount of \$3,000.00 and Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez, in the amount of \$10,000.00 towards the Wind Ensemble invite to perform at the Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>So Move</b>
<b>Moved By:</b>	<b>Ricardo Molina</b>
<b>Seconded By:</b>	<b>Juan Ramirez</b>
<b>Any Discussion:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>All In Favor:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

***MOTION PASSES***

**VII. Closed Session: Board will Adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meeting Act**

***Mr. Ramiro Veliz; calls the time going into closed session at 6:24 pm, for approximately one (1) hour.***

**A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney; Closed Session**

**1. Discussion Re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities**

**B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting  
TGC 551.072 Deliberating Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting**

**1. Presentation or consideration of proposed equal exchange of real property concerning a 60 acre USD tract described as a tract out of a tract containing 155.0 acres, more or less, situated in Webb County, Texas, being out of Porcion 6, Abstract 638, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee and Porcion 7, Abstract 39, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee, such tract also being out of a 1,000 acre tract recorded in Volume 2412, Pages 248-255, W.C.O.P.R. for a Mandel Family Interest tract described as a 60 acre tract of land out of a**

638.7019 acre tract of land Originally out of the Mandel Tract being a 1,486.2 acre tract, situated in Porcion6, Blas Maria Diaz, Abstract 38, Webb County, Texas as well as the consideration of all associated costs to do feasibility study pertaining to such swap and the exchange.

- C. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting  
TGC 551.074 Personnel Matter; Closed Meeting

1. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding Board Policy DGA (LOCAL)
2. Consider the Appointment of Principal to Elias Herrera Middle School
3. Consider the Appointment of Principal for United High School

- VIII. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

*Mr. Ramiro Veliz: Reconvenes from closed session at 7:27 pm.*

- A. Report Status and possible action on consideration of a proposed exchange of real property concerning a 60 acre USD tract described as a tract out of a tract containing 155.0 acres, more or less, situated in Webb County, Texas, being out of a Porcion 6, Abstract6 38, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee and Porcion 7, Abstract 39, Blas M. Diaz Original Grantee, such tract also being out of a 1,000 acre tract recorded in Volume 2412, Pages 248-255, W.C.O.P.R. for a Mandel Family Interest tract described as a 60 acre tract of land out of a 638.7019 acre tract of land Originally out of the Mandel Tract being a 1,486.2 acre tract, situated in Porcion 6, Blas Maria Diaz, Abstract 38, Webb County, Texas as well as the consideration of all associated costs to do the feasibility study pertaining to such swap and the exchange

*No Action Taken*

- B. Possible Action to Approve First and Final Reading of Board Policy DGA (LOCAL)  
Policy stands as revised.
- C. Appointment of Principal to Elias Herrera Middle School  
Mr. Roberto J. Santos: the recommendation for Elias Herrera Middle School is Carlos Martinez

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>So Move</b>
<b>Moved By:</b>	<b>Aliza Flores-Oliveros</b>
<b>Seconded By:</b>	<b>Javier Montemayor, Jr.</b>
<b>Any Discussion:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>All In Favor:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

***MOTION PASSES***

**D. Approval of Principal for United High School**

***No Action Needed***

**IX. Adjournment**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>So Move</b>
<b>Moved By:</b>	<b>Aliza Flores-Oliveros</b>
<b>Seconded By:</b>	<b>Javier Montemayor</b>
<b>Any Discussion:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>All In Favor:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

**MOTION PASSES**

**There being no further business before the United ISD Board of Trustees, this Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2020 was Adjourned at 7:28 PM.**

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**Ramiro Veliz, III, Board President**

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**Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Board Secretary**

*Minutes completed by Griselda Rodriguez, Secretary.*

*Submitted for Approval at the February 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting.*