

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 19, 2021

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Daniel Ceballos, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Nina Conway, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Kelsey Cook	Lorena Ceballos	Richard Gonzalez
	Tony Bonilla	Maribel Trevino	Rachel Neff
	Laura Cueva	Vanessa Peterson	Amy Leos
	Amy Whaley		

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order via live stream.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Present, Hector Lopez– Absent, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 6

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

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in a prayer.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**
Sara Zamora, 8th Grade Student at Seale Jr. High School, led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There were no comments from the public.

5.0 **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**
5A **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH – JANUARY 21, 2021**
Dr. Jose Moreno informed the board members that Governor Greg Abbott declared January 2021 as School Board Recognition Month as a tribute to the hard-working school board members who play such an important role in our communities and schools. The appreciation should be a year-round process, taking advantage of the designated month ensures that board members receive the thanks that they deserve. A video was presented, to the Board, with clips from the school district’s staff and students (from each of the campuses) thanking the school board members. A thank you basket filled with goodies was presented by each of the campus principals to the Board. A dinner was also provided during the recess part of the board meeting. Also, each campus principal would extend an invitation to an individual board member to visit their campus during the month of January.

Motion #6642 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to go into recess.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
5:48 p.m.

Motion #6643 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to reconvene back from recess.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:16 p.m.

5B **ESC II SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING WORKSHOP ON EVALUATING AND IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES (EISO) TRAINING - JANUARY 27, 2021, RISD HATTIE MARTIN CAFETERIA – 6:00 PM**
Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the Education Service Center Region II would be hosting the Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes Training on January 27, 2021,

at the RISD Hattie Martin Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged all board members to attend the required training.

5C TASB GOVERNANCE CAMP – MARCH 3-6, 2021 – VIRTUAL

Dr. Jose Moreno announced that the TASB Governance Camp would be held virtually this school year on March 3-6, 2021. If anyone was interested in attending to please let him know.

5D RISD COVID-19 UPDATES

Ms. Amy Whaley reported that the school district had opted into the Texas Education Agency's program for free COVID-19 testing. They started to test on January 8, 2021, and out of all of the tests that they administered, they had two tests positive. The test is free and convenient because if anyone had any mild systems, they can be tested at their individual campuses.

5E MEDICAL ADVISOR FOR ROBSTOWN ISD

Mrs. Amy Whaley reported that this was something new and it was to the school district's advantage to contract with a medical advisor. The costs for the medical examiner would be \$1000.00 a year. The name of the medical advisor was Dr. Eric Baggerman and his role would be as an independent contractor and they would work through the 21st Century Program.

5F DISTRIBUTION OF UPDATE 116

Dr. Jose Moreno distributed Update 116 to the Board. He informed them that the majority of the policies were legal; however, the update had around four to five local policies. The update would be brought back to the Board at the next regular board meeting for approval. The local policies are the only ones that need board approval.

5G 2020-2021 RISD INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PRE-K ADOPTION

Dr. Jose Moreno presented a list of committee members that would serve on the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for Pre-K Adoption. After the committee reviews the material, it will be brought to the Board for approval at a future board meeting.

5H CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that on February 2, 2021, they will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the softball field. The baseball field will be completed by Thursday, and they should start on the baseball field next week. Overall, the demolition was complete, but they still needed to fix a gas line and finish replacing some bricks. A final walk-through would be done with the demolition company to make sure that the items had been corrected.

5I SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that they officially started the facility study with TASB today. The study will help with the Board and Superintendent Goals. The whole assessment would take a couple of months; however, it would be updated every year. A workshop has been scheduled for February 1, 2021, at

5:30 p.m. The administration will be applying for the Cycle 11 Twenty-First Century Program grant. The grant needed to be submitted by Thursday of this week. The grant was for \$1.5 million; however, the school district might not receive the whole \$1.5 million because last school year they only received \$1.4 million.

Motion #6644 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to move item 8A-Discuss and Consider Approval of RISD Annual Financial Audit Report for September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020 right before item 5J – List of Bills.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:43 p.m.

8.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

8A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RISD ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2019, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020

Mr. Carlos Casco, the school district’s independent auditor, presented the September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020, Annual Financial Audit to the Board. He thanked the Board for their public service, and he hoped everyone had had a chance to review the audit. The audit was very clean, and it received a modified opinion, which is the best opinion a school district can receive. The unassigned fund balance was a little over \$8 million, and the expenditures were at \$27 million, which is what the school district spent for the fiscal year. The cost to operate the school district on a daily basis is around \$75,000. The school district is in good financial shape, and it is fiscally strong based on its operations. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Financial Audit Report for September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020, as presented by Cascos & Associates.

Motion #6645 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
6:55 p.m.

5J LIST OF BILLS

Ms. Nina Conway reported that the list of bills totaled \$595,149.11 for the month of January, excluding payroll. As always, if they had any questions on the list of bills to let her know, and she will provide whatever information is requested.

5K FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT/QUARTERLY REPORT ON INVESTMENTS
Ms. Nina Conway reported that they were four months into the fiscal year. The functions were at 33%, for the exception of the following three functions that exceeded the 33%: 1) Function 53 – Computer Processing Technology, 2) Function 61-Community Service, and 3) Function 99 – Appraiser/Tax Collections. The athletic department had two functions that were over the 33% (maintenance of football field and security required at athletic events). The tax collection is close to 33% for the first quarter. The administration is required, at least quarterly, to present the school district’s investment funds. The money that they have in the Lone Star Government Fund was moved into a higher-yielding trust fund.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

6A MINUTES

6B BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items as listed.

Motion #6646 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee I. Gonzalez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:05 p.m.

7.0 GOVERNANCE

7A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC)

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that every school year the Board needed to approve the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for transparency purposes. The SHAC members serve voluntarily, and the council consists of community members, employees, and parents. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the School Health Advisory Council members as presented.

Motion #6647 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:06 p.m.

7B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (FFCRA)

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that “due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, it is highly likely that the school district’s employees may exhaust all available and accrued leave due to personal illness, to care for a close family member with the illness, or due to the requirement to quarantine after close contact with an individual who has a lab-confirmed positive case of COVID-19.” The administration would like to provide a local extension of the EPSL provision through June 30, 2020. Ms. Kelsey Cook presented a resolution regarding Families First Coronavirus Response Act, for their review and approval. She reported that as of December 31, 2020, the CARES Act expired. They would like to extend the benefits to the employees by ten days. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the resolution regarding Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) as presented.

Motion #6648 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan 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 – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:15 p.m.

8.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

8B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THE 2021-2020 FISCAL YEAR

Ms. Nina Conway presented the Budget Calendar for the 2021-2020 Fiscal Year, for the Board’s review and approval. She reported that the calendar had a good timeline and the dates for the upcoming board workshops. The calendar is exactly like last school years, for the exception of some of the dates being moved. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Budget Calendar for the 2021-2020 Fiscal Year as presented by Ms. Conway.

Motion #6649 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 – Not present during the motion, H. Lopez – Absent and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 5 No - 0 Absent – 2
7:17 p.m.

8C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR THE 2021-2020 FISCAL YEAR AGREEMENT WITH FIELDTURF USD, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,092.00 TO ADDRESS THE SOIL STABILIZATION SOLUTION FOR THE FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL, AND BASEBALL FIELDS, FOR CONCRETEE BARRIER SURROUNDING THE LONG JUMP PAD AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD, AND FOR CONCRETEE PATHWAYS FOR THE SOFTBALL FIELD, PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED AND CONSISTENT WITH ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER, 8, 2020, AGENDA ITEM 8A AND ON DECEMBER 14, 2020, AGENDA ITEM 8C

Dr. Jose Moreno explained that the original AIA Document was for \$2,766,063.00, for all three fields. The Board then voted on November 8, 2020, to add \$250,228.00 for the soil stabilization on a contract change order request. A second contract change order request was added for \$4992.00 for the long jump pad, and \$1,872.00 for the concrete pathways, making the total AIA Document \$3,023,155.00. He wanted to make this official for auditing purposes. After discussion, Dr. Moreno recommended approving the original price of the contract for \$2,766,063.00, plus the \$250,228.00, plus the \$4992.00, and plus the \$1,872.00, for a total amount of \$3,023,155.00.

Motion #6650 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan 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 – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:23 p.m.

8D APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RISD 21ST CENTURY GRANT CYCLE 11

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that one of the requirements of the grant is that a letter of support needed to be submitted by the Board of Trustees. He read the letter of support, to the Board, for their review and approval. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the letter of support for the RISD 21st Century Grant Cycle 11 as presented.

Motion #6651 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:24 p.m.

to obtain their hours and at the same time help the school district. The school district presently has an MOU with San Marcus University. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the MOU with Our Lady of the Lake University.

Motion #6654 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 – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:27 p.m.

9D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HB3: EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CCMR GOALS

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that this was a requirement that the school district has to have by the end of the month. The Board will be establishing Board and Superintendent Goals, but now they needed to be aligned with HB3 goals. The Board also has to establish goals for early childhood that lead up to the performance in Reading and Math in third grade. He reviewed the plan which included the annual goals, annual targets for student groups evaluated in closing the gaps domain, targeted professional development, and annual targets that may be set for students in bilingual or ESL Programs for Robert Driscoll, Lotspeich, and San Pedro Elementary Schools. The plan would be for five years, and it would have to be evaluated every year. He also reviewed the RECHS and Salazar Crossroads CCMR Plan Campus Goals. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the HB3: Early Childhood and CCMR Goals as presented.

Motion #6655 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee I. Gonzalez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:39 p.m.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074 AND 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

10A DISCUSSION OF RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMINATIONS
10B CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY CONCERNING LEGAL MATTERS
(UNDER SECTION 551.07) OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

Motion #6656 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to go into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and 551.071.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:39 p.m.

Motion #6657 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to reconvene back from executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
9:13 p.m.

11.0 **OPEN SESSION**

11A **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMINATIONS**

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Personnel List as presented in executive session.

Motion #6658 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 – Yes, H. Lopez – Absent, and B. Roldan – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
9:13 p.m.

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #6659 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
9:14 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 01-19-21 except for the executive session.)

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BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Hector Lopez, Trustee
Bertha Roldan, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent

VISITORS: Richard Gonzalez

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order via live stream.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Ismael Gonzalez – Present, Hector Lopez– Present, and Bertha Roldan – Present

Present – 7

Absent – 0

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