



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Board Minutes for the Months of March, April and May 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Griselda Rodriguez **OF:** Office of Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: July 21, 2020

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the USD Board of Trustees approve the Board Meeting Minutes for the Months of March, April and May 2020

1. Emergency Telephonic Conference Meeting – March 26, 2020
2. Special Called Meeting – April 3, 2020
3. Regular Board Meeting – May 13, 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).

Emergency Telephonic Conference Meeting
The State of Texas
United Independent School District
The County of Webb

March 26, 2020

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Ramiro Veliz III, President, - PRESENT

Javier Montemayor, Jr., Vice-President – PRESENT

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Ricardo Molina Sr., Parliamentarian – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Juan Roberto Ramirez, Member – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Aliza Flores- Oliveros, Member – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Judd Gilpin, Member – PRESENT

I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call to Order

Mr. Ramiro Veliz calls roll calls Roll (See Attendance Above) at **12:00 PM**.

II. Public Comments:

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officials, students, or parents must be resolved via the appropriate complaint process, as stated in 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

III. Re: District's Plan Affecting Instruction, Operations, Students and Staff due to Coronavirus Pandemic and Matters Related Thereto

Administration addresses the UISD board to update them on local and state governance regarding the Covid-19 pandemic crisis.

Administration brings up concerns about the well being of faculty, staff and students and brainstorm as to what steps or procedures to implement in order to continue to provide the top level of instruction to all students.

The curriculum and instruction department must check out laptops. Will we prioritize? what levels to start with? Graduating students and students at risk or in programs like Odyssey should take priority. Seniors for example need to meet their credits for graduation.

The technology department will need to provide access to students in order for them to access class work. Student needs, credentials, logins and passwords. What about the individuals who do not have internet?

UISD is requiring that all personal wear the appropriate protective gear. Masks and gloves are being provided by the district and 6 ft. distancing is being implemented. Campuses and department buildings are being sanitized.

Just as important, administration takes a fast action to provide warm meals to all students ages 18 and under. Selected campuses were designated for curb side pick ups that include both breakfast and lunch per student. Send the information on the school sites to social media. March 23, through April 3, 2020. Will we request I.D.'s for students?

Should parents not be allowed to get off their vehicles?

A Call Center has been set in place since day one, to address and listen to parent concerns Mon – Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM 473-8000.

Administration put together a questionnaire and is currently collecting information from faculty and staff for any employee possibly traveling in/out of the city, most especially to and from hot spots where the current pandemic is most prominent. What procedure should be set in place for anyone who has been at risk of contact?

All school-sponsored travel has been cancelled to ensure the safety and well-being of both students and staff. Also all activities, including practices are suspended through May 4, 2020. Legal counsel will prepare/review a resolution to propose such cancellations.

Letter through the human resources department, addressing all full-time employees to ensure them they will continue to get paid, despite the district closure. Substitutes are not full-time employees.

Is the district extending the closure?
Will graduation be cancelled?

The district is considering cancel all employee evaluations.

The state announces the cancellation of STAAR/EOC/STAAR Alt for the 2019-2020 school year.

The UISD Administration will work with board members and legal counsel to address the health and safety concerns of all students, faculty and staff of UISD at the next board meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Motion:	So Move
Moved By:	Javier Montemayor
Seconded By:	Judd Gilpin
Any Discussion:	NONE
All In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

*There being no further business of the UISD Board of Trustees, this Emergency Telephonic Conference meeting of March 26, 2020, is adjourned at **1:56 PM.***

Ramiro Veliz, III, President

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

These Minutes were completed by Griselda Rodriguez, reviewed by Gloria S. Rendon and submitted for approval at the July 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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

April 3, 2020

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Ramiro Veliz III, President, - PRESENT

Javier Montemayor, Jr., Vice-President – PRESENT

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary – PRESENT

Ricardo Molina Sr., Parliamentarian – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Juan Roberto Ramirez, Member – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Aliza Flores- Oliveros, Member – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

Judd Gilpin., Member – PRESENT (Via Teleconference)

- I. **Announcements by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been dully 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 roll and establishes a quorum (See Attendance Above) at 12:02 PM.

- II. **Public Comments:**

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NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. Items for Individual Consideration

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt a resolutions authorizing the transition to student distance learning instruction during the emergency closure for safety and health related concerns based on the COVID-19 pandemic, and matters incident thereto.**

The recommendation is to approve and adopt a resolution authorizing the transition to student learning instruction during the emergency closure for safety and health related concerns based on the COVID-19 pandemic, and matters incident thereto

Motion:	So Move
Moved By:	Javier Montemayor
Seconded By:	Aliza Flores Oliveros
Any Discussion:	Discussion about the possibility of extending till the EOY
All In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt a resolution to amend graduation and course mastery requirements for the 2019-2020 academic year based on the COVID-19 pandemic, and matters incident thereto.**

The recommendation is to approve and adopt a resolution to amend graduation and course mastery requirements for the 2019-2020 academic year based on the COVID-19 pandemic, and matters incident thereto

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Javier Montemayor
Seconded By: Ricardo Molina
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. First and Final reading of UISD Board Policies EIE (LOCAL) and EIF (LOCAL)

The recommendation is to review and make changes to UISD Board Policies EIE (LOCAL) and EIF (LOCAL)

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Javier Montemayor
Seconded By: Ricardo Rodriguez
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

D. Discussion and possible action to approve, by resolution, the filing of a general waiver under Texas Education Code §7.056 with the Commissioner of Education requesting that all performance appraisals required under Texas Education Code 21.351, 25.352, 21.3541, and the applicable rules in Title 19, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 150, and District Policies DNA (LOCAL) and DNB (LOCAL) be waived for the 2019-2020 School Year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and matters incident thereto

Motion is made, to approve as presented.

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Javier Montemayor
Seconded By: Aliza Flores Oliveros
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to waive all appraisals of at-will employees and non-certified administrators under District Policy DN (LOCAL) for the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic

The recommendations is to approve and adopt a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to waive all appraisals of at-will employees and non-certified administrators under District Policy DN (LOCAL) for the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded By: Ricardo Molina
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

F. Discussion regarding District’s plan affecting instruction, operations, students and staff due to COVID-19 pandemic and matters incident thereto

NO ACTION NEEDED

IV. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act

A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board’s Attorney; Closed Meeting

- 1. Superintendent’s Duties and Responsibilities**
- 2. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding Client Engagement and Fee Agreement with Person, Mohrer, Morales, Boddy, Garcia and Gutierrez, PLLC pertaining to mineral and surface administration of the Webb County School Lands, and matters incident thereto**

**B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board’s Attorney; Closed Meeting
TGC 551.087 Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations**

- 1. Discussion of a Resolution to extend the time period for considering Corazon Energy, LLC's Application for an Approval Valued Limitation on Qualified Property Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Code.**
- 2. Deliberation re: potential offer of financial incentive to Corazon Energy, LLC under an Agreement for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code.**

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

- A. Possible action to approve Client Engagement and Fee Agreement with Person, Mohrer, Morales, Boddy, Garcia, and Gutierrez, PLLC pertaining to mineral and surface and surface administration of the Webb County School lands, and matters incident thereto**

The recommendation is to approve Client Engagement and Fee Agreement with Person, Mohrer, Morales, Boddy, Garcia, and Gutierrez, PLLC pertaining to mineral and surface and surface administration of the Webb County School lands, and matters incident thereto as discussed in Closed Session

Motion:	So Move
Moved By:	Javier Montemayor
Seconded By:	Judd Gilpin
Any Discussion:	NONE
All In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- B. Discussion and possible Board action on a resolution to extend the time period for considering Corazon Energy, LLC's Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code**

The recommendation is to take action on a resolution to extend the time period for considering Corazon Energy, LLC's Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Ricardo Molina
Seconded By: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VI. Adjournment

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Javier Montemayor
Seconded By: Ricardo Rodriguez
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

There being no further business of the UISD Board of Trustees, this Special Called meeting of April 3, 2020, is adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Ramiro Veliz, III, President

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

These Minutes were completed by Griselda Rodriguez, reviewed by Mrs. Gloria S. Rendon, and submitted for approval by at the July 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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

May 13, 2020

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

Ramiro Veliz III, President, - PRESENT

Javier Montemayor, Jr., Vice-President – PRESENT

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary – PRESENT (Via Videoconference)

Ricardo Molina Sr., Parliamentarian – ABSENT

Juan Roberto Ramirez, Member – PRESENT (Via Videoconference)

Aliza Flores- Oliveros, Member – PRESENT (Via Videoconference)

Judd Gilpin, Member – PRESENT

- I. Announcements by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been dully 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 roll and establishes a quorum (See Attendance Above) at **12:01 PM**.

II. Public Comments:

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NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. Informational Items

A. Finance Division Monthly Financial Report

B. Presentation of Nine Month Tax Collection Report

C. Employee Benefits Committee (EBC) Re-Negotiation Renewal Rates of Supplemental Life-Sun Life and Delta Dental Renewal

IV. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

Motion is made to approve the Monthly Disbursements as presented.

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Javier Montemayor
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals, and Qualifications

Motion is made to approve as presented.

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Javier Montemayor
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Approval of Application for Low Attendance Day Waiver for All Campuses for Friday, March 13, 2020

Gloria S. Rendon: Yes, this waiver is for the Friday we left for Spring Break, which is Friday, March 13, 2020. We had a very low Attendance Rate. This is why we're asking to submit a waiver to the State. Our attendance rate for that day was 78.85%, where normally we have a 95.7% average, and so we are requesting your approval to submit this waiver.

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Javier Montemayor
Seconded By: Judd Gilpin
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

V. Closed Session Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act

The Board adjourns into closed session at 12:10PM.

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

- 1. Discussion Regarding Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities**
- 2. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding Impacto Media, Inc. v. United Independent School District, Case No.**

2019CVH001030D3, currently pending in the 341st District Court of Webb County, Texas, and matters incident thereto

- B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board’s Attorney; Closed Meeting
TGC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property, Closed Meeting**
 - 1. Discussion Regarding Right of Entry Survey and Site Assessment Requested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection**
 - 2. Discussion, including consultation with legal counsel, regarding LISD land purchase within UISD boundaries and matters incident thereto**
- C. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Board’s Attorney; Closed Meeting
TGC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting**
 - 1. Discussion Regarding Modifications of District’s Employment Contracts and Forms**
 - 2. Approval of Renewal of Employment Contracts, and Addendums for Professional Employees for the 2020-2021 School/Work Year**
 - 3. Discussion Regarding Proposed Nonrenewal of Classroom Teacher(s) Term Contracts(s)**

VI. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, If necessary as discussed in Closed Session

This meeting is reconvened from closed session at **1:26 PM**.

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Right of Entry Survey and Site Assessment Requested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection

The recommendation is to authorize legal counsel to engage in further discussion with the Army Corp of Engineer with respect to the Right of Entry Survey and Site Assessment Requested by U. S. Customs and Border Protection

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Juan R. Ramirez
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding LISD land purchase within UISD
Boundaries and matters incident thereto**

NO ACTION NEEDED AT THIS TIME

C. Action to approve modifications of District's Employment Contracts and Forms

The recommendation is to approve the modifications of District's Employment Contracts and Forms as presented, as revised.

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Juan R. Ramirez
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

**D. Approval of Renewal of Employment Contracts, and Addendums for
Professional Employees for the 2020-2021 School/Work Year**

The recommendation is to approve the Renewal of Employment Contracts and Addendums for Professional Employees for the 2020-2021 School/Work Year

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Juan R. Ramirez

Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Action Regarding Proposed Nonrenewal of Classroom Teacher(s) Term Contract(s), Designation of Board Appointed Attorney and Authorization to Superintendent to Send Notice of Same

Administration is recommending to propose the Nonrenewal of the classroom teacher, term contract of Anayanci Acosta and designate to Attorney Roel Canales to set hearing and authorize the Superintendent to send notice of Same

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Juan R. Ramirez
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

The other recommendation by administration is propose Nonrenewal of classroom teacher, term contract of Timothy Cantu and designate Attorney Roel Canales to conduct set hearing and authorize the Superintendent to send notice of Same

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Judd Gilpin
Seconded By: Juan R. Ramirez
Any Discussion: None

All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

VII. Adjournment

Motion: So Move
Moved By: Ramiro Veliz
Seconded By: Juan R. Ramirez
Any Discussion: NONE
All In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

There being no further business of the UISD Board of Trustees, this Regular Board meeting of May 13th, 2020 is adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Ramiro Veliz, III, President

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

These Minutes were completed by Griselda Rodriguez, and submitted for approval by the UISD Board of Trustees at the July 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.