



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Board Minutes for the Month of February 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Alejandra Salinas

OF: Superintendent's Secretary

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Regular Board Meeting – February 16, 2021

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).

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

February 16, 2021

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 – PRESENT DURING CLOSED SESSION
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian - ABSENT
Francisco “Frank” Castillo – Member – PRESENT
Aliza Flores Oliveros – Member – PRESENT
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Member – PRESENT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in the UISD Boardroom, 201 Lindenwood Dr., Laredo, TX 78045.

BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE VIA VIDEO OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19

Two way communication to the Board meeting may be accessed by clicking the following zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120479038?pwd=WGYrUklQQTMvUWEzMU51R0lRelqxUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 2047 9038

Passcode: 773005

If you would like to view a live-stream of the meeting, please click on the following Youtube link:

https://youtu.be/1tq_ZTYbRRY

Public Comments may be submitted to Gloria Rendon at grendon@uisd.net at any time prior to the Board Meeting. Public comments must pertain to agenda items only.

- I. Roll Call, Establish Quorum, Call Meeting to Order

- II. Announcement by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order at **11:33 a.m.** The record shows that a quorum of Board Members is present, that the 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
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one State under God, one and indivisible.
- IV. 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 section 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

- V. Informational Items
 - A. Finance Division Monthly Financial Report
 - Mr. Sam Flores presented information on the Monthly Financial Report*
 - B. Budget 2022 Update
 - Ms. Laida Benavides presented an update on the 2022 Budget*
 - C. 2020 Delinquent Personal Property Turned Over to Tax Attorney to Process Tax Warrants and Seizures
 - Mr. Sam Flores presented the information on Tax Warrants and Seizures*
 - D. Curriculum and Instruction Updates
 - Ms. Melissa Cruz presented information on the School Improvement Department*
 - Mr. David Gonzalez presented information on the College Academic Readiness Summary 2019-2020*

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

Mr. Sam Flores presented the information on the Monthly Disbursements

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Consideration of Approval of An Order Authorizing the Issuance of United Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; 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

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: *Juan Cruz – stated there was a presentation by Adrian Galvan
Adrian Galvan – presented the information on this item (presentation is available upon request)
Ramiro Veliz – thanked Mr. Galvan and his firm and district staff who have been involved and who have helped throughout this process.*

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

C. Approval to Adopt Resolution Regarding Review of Investment Policy and Strategies

Mr. Sam Flores presented the information and stated they are not making any changes other than with Mr. Eduardo Zuniga's retirement, they are removing him as one of the investment officers.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: None

Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

D. Approval of Property Tax Refunds for the Month of January 2021

Mr. Sam Flores presented the Property Tax Refunds for the Month of January 2021

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

E. Resolution of UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (UISD) in support of the Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Division Grant Application for the "Interoperable Radios (SERVICES) for United ISD Police" Grant Application

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

F. EMERGENCY ITEM - ADDED DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE AS A RESULT OF DANGEROUS WEATHER

Approval of Resolution of the UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board Regarding EMERGENCY Closure Due to DANGEROUS Weather

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by:

Discussion:

In Favor:

Mr. Roberto J. Santos – stated we don't know how long the closure will be and asked to be given the authority to manage it and apply. He stated today we shut down and possibly tomorrow would be the same way. He added we had 16 campuses with no electricity and we're not sure when we will get it back.

Javier Montemayor – amended his motion to leave it open ended for as long as needed and allow United to apply for a waiver for the weather related issue.

Juan Cruz – stated we can also include at the discretion of the superintendent to authorize payment to employees for Monday, today and any other days at the discretion of the superintendent as needed.

Ramiro Veliz, III – asked if there would be an issue leaving it open-ended and contingent on the weather.

Juan Cruz – stated it will close upon the superintendent's discretion and then we'll bring back to the board the item at a subsequent meeting just to report on the days that were closed and they will keep them informed on whatever happens today for tomorrow.

Francisco Castillo – asked if this included payment to employees and stated he just wants to make sure the amended motion included that.

Juan Cruz – stated it would include payment for Monday, Tuesday and any other day the superintendent determines that it's too dangerous to open up the schools.

Francisco Castillo – stated he seconds Mr. Montemayor's amended motion.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

G. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

Ms. Cordy Jackson presented information on this item.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Javier Montemayor

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

H. Approval of CSP (Competitive Sealed Proposals) as the Method of Procurement for the Reconstruction and Upgrade of Football Fields with Synthetic Turf for all UISD High Schools

Ms. Cordy Jackson presented information on this item.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Francisco Castillo

Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- I. Proposed Boundary Changes for Various Elementary Campuses Effective 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Mike Garza presented information on this item.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Seconded by: Francisco Castillo

Discussion: *Ms. Oliveros and Mr. Castillo thanked Mr. Garza and staff for their collaboration*

In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- J. Proposed Boundary Changes for United Middle and J.B. Alexander High Effective 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Mike Garza presented information on this item.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Francisco Castillo

Seconded by: Aliza F. Oliveros

Discussion: *Juan Roberto Ramirez – asked Mr. Garza if he had copies of the maps of the boundaries;*

Mike Garza – responded yes and he would be happy to provide copies in their Friday Packet

Javier Montemayor – asked if they needed to vote on the middle school today. He stated he wants a chance to look at the maps for Clark Middle and United Middle student populations. He added he doesn't have a problem with the elementaries or the high schools but asked to hold off on the middle schools.

Roberto Santos – stated we would provide copies of all the maps in their Friday Packet.

Francisco Castillo – stated to Mr. Montemayor that he can withdraw his motion if he needs more time.

Javier Montemayor – responded just on the middle school on Item J

Aliza F. Oliveros – stated she withdraws her motion
Ramiro Veliz – asked Mr. Cruz if they have to take another vote
Juan Cruz – yes the motion would be to approve the boundary changes only on Alexander H.S. effective the 2021-2022 School Year
Javier Montemayor – echoed the motion made by counsel and moved to table it for the next meeting.
Ramiro Veliz – stated they will be tabling the item for United Middle but proceeding with Alexander boundary changes with today's motion.

Motion: So Move

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

MOTION PASSES

K. Second Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 116

Ms. Gloria Rendon presented the information for the Second Reading of Local Policies in TASB Update 116.

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza F. Oliveros
Seconded by: Javier Montemayor
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

L. First and Final Reading of Policy EIE (LOCAL)

Ms. Gloria Rendon presented the information for the First and Final Reading of Policy EIE (LOCAL)

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Aliza Oliveros
Seconded by: Francisco Castillo
Discussion: *Aliza Oliveros – asked what was the change*
Gloria Rendon – stated the change is in the subject areas
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

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

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 12:12 p.m.

- A. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting
TGC 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits; Closed Meeting
 - 1. Student Activity Funds: Elementary Schools - Kazen, Fasken, Juarez-Lincoln, Gutierrez, Freedom, Zaffirini, Finley, Malakoff, Clark, Arndt, Centeno, Newman and Borchers Elementary School
 - 2. Student Activity Funds: Middle Schools - Trautmann Middle, Washington Middle, United Middle, Bruni-Vergara Middle, Clark Middle and Gonzalez Middle School
 - 3. Student Activity Fund Audits: High Schools - United HS, Alexander HS, Johnson HS and Johnson HS 9th Grade
 - 4. State Compensatory Education Program
 - 5. Status of On-going Audits
- B. TGC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting
 - 1. Consultation with Legal Counsel Re: Proposed Employment Contract for New Superintendent and Matters Related Thereto

VIII. 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 1:13 p.m.

No Action was taken in Closed Session

IX. Adjournment

Motion: So Move
Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez
Seconded by: Francisco Castillo
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III – stated for the Record that Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez was present and participated in the Closed Session

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2021 was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Ramiro Veliz III, President

Ricardo Rodriguez, Secretary

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