



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for Month of February 2017

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gloria S. Rendon

**OF:** Superintendent's Office

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

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** March 22, 2017

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Board Meeting Minutes for Month of February 2017

**RATIONALE:**

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:**

**POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:**

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

**February 15, 2017**

**Judd Gilpin**-Good evening, alright the time now 6:05 P.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017 I call this meeting of the United I S D Board of Trustees to order, Ms. Oliveros could you help us out with the roll please.

**In Attendance**

**Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools**

**Board of Trustees**

**Aliza F. Oliveros-**

Judd Gilpin, President -PRESEENT  
Juan R. Ramirez, Vice-President-ABSENT  
Aliza F. Oliveros, Secretary-PRESENT  
Ricardo Molina Sr., Parliamentarian-PRESENT  
Javier Montemayor Jr., Member-PRESENT  
Ricardo Rodriguez, Member-PRESENT  
Ramiro Veliz III, Member-PRESENT

**I. Announcement** by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:05 pm. Let the record show that a quorum of 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.

**II. Board Announcements**

Judd Gilpin- Do we have any announcements, Board Members?- None

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Star Spangled Banner & presentation of Colors

**IV. Recognitions**

- A. SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION VIDEO - "The Magnificent Seven"
- B. ITV DEPARTMENT – MARCOM VIDEO AWARDS
- C. ITV DEPARTMENT – AVA DIGITAL AWARDS
- D. NAMING COMMITTEE FOR ELEMENTARY #28
- E. ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS
- F. STEAM FAIR WINNERS
- G. 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPELLING BEE WINNERS
- H. KILLAM ELEMENTARY CHEERLEADERS – LEVEL GRAND CHAMPION
- I. NYE ELEMENTARY CHEERLEADERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – CHEER STAR ALAMO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- J. TRAUTMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 2017 STATE AND NATIONAL 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE CHAMPIONS
- K. WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – NCA SR. & JR. HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- L. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL – 2017 TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- M. LYNDON B. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 3<sup>RD</sup> RANKED – NCA SR. & JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- N. J.B. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – LIFE QUEEN
- O. J.B. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL – 2017 TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- P. J.B. ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE NCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- Q. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL – 2017 TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- R. UNITED HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR– 2017 TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIANS
- S. UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 2017 TEXAS ALL STATE MUSICIANS

**V. Public comments**

**Judd Gilpin**-Next Item-Item #5 is for Public Comments did anyone sign up for public comments this evening?

Mr. Roberto Santos-No, No sir.

Comments shall be limited to current Board agenda items, student recognitions, or charitable causes. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The speaker will be informed when he or she has one (1) minute remaining. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue, nor shall the time per subject exceed ten minutes. Delegations of more than three (3) persons shall appoint one person to present their views to the Board. Public comment should not be used for personal attacks by the speaker against Board members, District employees, or students. Speakers who engage in personal attacks, or use profane, threatening, or abusive language during any Board meeting shall be ruled out of order by the presiding officer and may be escorted from the Board meeting room by District peace officers or security staff. Any concerns or complaints regarding employees, public officials, students, or parents must be resolved via the appropriate complaint process, as state 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.

**VI. Consent Agenda Items**

**Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez**-Yes Mr. President the Business and Instruction met this month and I make a motion to approve items A thru F

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: **Mr. Eduardo Zuñiga**- Mr Gilpin if I may there are 2 more items I'd like to read into the minutes please. There's a request from Newman Elementary School the principal Leticia Garcia sponsored by Ms. Aliza Oliveros for the purchase of classroom printers and Ink and outdoor benches for the front of the school, total amount of \$4,300.00 There's a request from United High School by Mr Alberto Aleman-principal sponsored by Mr. Javier Montemayor Jr. for trophies and medals for Region 7 Scholastic Chess Tournament for the amount of \$927.00

**Judd Gilpin**-So we need a motion to amend Item 6c as presented

**Ricardo Molina**- Makes a motion to amend

**Ricardo Rodriguez**-Seconds the motion

**Judd Gilpin**-Any discussion? No. Okay so that's now the motion combined amended motion that we're voting on.

All those in favor-Unanimous

Motion: So move  
Moved by: Ricardo Molina  
Seconded by: Ricardo Rodriguez  
Discussion: None  
In Favor: Unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

- A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements
- B. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications
- C. Approval of Requests from Board members in Re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses
- D. Approval of FFH Policy (EXHIBIT)
- E. Approval of Additional Class Waivers for the 2016-2017 School Year

- F. Adopt Resolution adopting Employee Separation from Employment Incentive to Full-Time District Employees for the 2016-2017 School Year

**VII. Items for Individual Consideration**

**Judd Gilpin-Item #7** Items for Individual consideration 7a approval of donations

A. Approval of Donations

**Roberto Santos**-Mr Gilpin member of the board it is recommended that the board graciously accept the donations and they will be attached to the minutes we have 2 donations of over \$1,000.00 dllrs. United South High School Computer Graphic Club received a donation for \$1,799.00 from the Women's City Club Welfare Account. The Communications Department received a from Fithpil Ninja Neurt Ninja Grill pure water bottles an approximate value of \$3,375.00 for the Zumba and the 5K Run-Walk from the Blue Cross Blue Shield and we have several donation of under \$1,000.00 for a grand total this month of \$5,594.00 that we graciously accept.

**Judd Gilpin**-Thank you Mr. Santos; Do we have a motion to approve these donations?

**Ricardo Rodriguez**-Makes a motion to accept

**Ricardo Molina**-Seconds (Unanimous)

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Board Minutes for the month of December 2016 and January 2017

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Ramiro Veliz III
Seconded by:	Aliza Flores Oliveros
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

## MOTION PASSES

- C. Approval of Proposed Name for Elementary # 28, including mascot, school colors, and matters related thereto

**Judd Gilpin**-Item 7c Approval of the proposed name of the Elementary School #28 including Mascot, Colors and matters related

**Mike Garza**-Mr Gilpin, members of the board if gives me pleasure to be able to allow for a few minutes if you can indulge us with the members of the nomination committee that actually came up with the different names that we have and colors and of course the mascot. First up just taking a few minutes all 3 of the presenters is for "Elias Herrera" submitted by Albert and Alexis Saldivar.

**Alexis Saldivar**-Thank you board members for allowing us to speak to you regarding the nominee for naming the Elementary School #28. I won't reiterate the content within the nomination application, I hope this information has been provided for you already. The United ISD's Mission reads "To inspire all students to become responsible world citizens by perusing excellence through life- long learning". Our nominee Elias Herrera my grandfather embodied this mission statement. Mr. Herrera believed every child deserved the opportunity and an education and encourage them to continue their education with higher learning. He instilled this value within his family but also encouraged this for all the children and youth of our Laredo community. He was a firm believer in academics always came before athletics, but used athletics as a teaching and motivating tool encouraging students to do well in school. Many of these students were 1<sup>st</sup> generation scholars that received the opportunity to pursue their college education and become professionals in their own industry. We brought our father into the social media area through Facebook and many too many to count of his students expressed their thoughts about how influential he was in their lives and shared their appreciation of his efforts. The present and the future is paved with the new generations of students who graduated from UISD schools, his example and influence is still being taught and mentored by those who were once his students. This year marks the United Independent School Districts 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing education, excellence and dedication to students academic success. United history traces back to 1961 when trustees from 3 common school districts in Webb County met to consolidate all 3 into 1 district. The 3 common districts at that time were Cactus, Johnson and Nye. What a distinction it would be for United ISD to commemorate this year by naming the Elementary School # 28 for a pioneer teacher that taught at Nye common district Elias Herrera. Thank you.

**Judd Gilpin**-Thank you very much. I'd like to add something there. I knew of your grandfather I didn't know him personally but I was a youngster back in his day when I was going to UISD and I

always hear people say great things about him and I'm sure he'd be very proud of you to stand up here and speak of him like that. Thank you very much.

**Mike Garza**-Mr Gipin next up is Kate Pecina, she is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bonnie-Garcia.

**Kate Pecina**-Good evening, my name is Kate Pecina I'm a fifth grader at Bonnie-Garcia Elementary school. I was nominated by our school to form part of the new Elementary school naming committee. After some research I decided to nominate Ms. Elizabeth Nye Surrell for contributing to field of Education. Ms Elizabeth Nye Surrell was born in Laredo, Texas on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1909. In high school Ms. Surrell discovered a passion for journalism by covering football games in the local newspaper. After graduation from Rice University in 1931, she returned to teach Math at Laredo Junior High School. In 1933 she changed to teach English at Laredo High School. Ms Surrell used to sponsor the school Newspaper and Yearbook. She retired from teaching in 1979. She taught for nearly half a century. Ms. Elizabeth Nye Surrell did not stop after retirement. She started a second career as a Newspaper Society Writer in Laredo. She did that for 15 years. She helped the community by serving in several officer positions in different community organizations like the American Association of Womens University and the Laredo Commission for Women at the Webb Country Unit of Retired Teachers. In one of Ms Surrell's reference she recalled the following "Once I said to a class, I love you I wish I could adopt you". The next day on the board they had written, Juan Carlos Surrell, Maria Luis Surrell, Carlos Juan Juarez Surrell, they adopted me too. I have plans to be a teacher in the future because of persons like Ms. Surrell. I believe the new school should be named after an educator with countless efforts and achievements. Without doubt as a teacher she contributed to form some of today's community leaders. Thank you.

**Judd Gilpin**-Thank you.

**Mike Garza**-Finally the last recommendation it's from Mr. Ricardo Martinez he is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and he will be attending the new elementary school next year.

**Ricardo Martinez**-I am a fourth grade student at Zaffirini Elementary School. I am so honored that I was chosen by Ms. Benavides, school principal to be a part of the committee to name the new UISD elementary school that I would have the honor to attend next year. I know that many schools are named after important people that have done something extremely important for the world and some for our local community which is really fantastic. My recommendation is to name is Freedom Elementary school. I chose that name because we the people of the United States are free. Which not every country could say that. I have family members that live n Mexico and some of my cousins cannot afford to go to school because their education is not free. They have to pay a monthly fee, books, lunch and even people that clean the school in other countries. They tell you what to study and what not to study basically they choose your career. Me, I want to be an NBA player. I'm pretty sure that it will change as I

continue to grow but as I mentioned before we are free to make those choices we are free to choose our religion and say what we think and feel. We are so lucky to have all those brave soldiers fighting for our freedom and yet we have no school named Freedom Elementary. It's like as I'm writing this paper I stop and think "wow we as students are given the freedom to choose the name of our schools". In other places they just name the schools whatever they want. Many people just can't see how fortunate and blessed it is to be free. I'm so proud to be an American. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people that had the brilliant idea of allowing students and the people who participated in naming the new USD school. I am honored and this is why I would like to call school that I would be going to; Freedom Elementary School. Thank you so much for your attention and consideration.

**Judd Gilpin**-Thank you.

**Mike Garza**- And now for the most difficult part of the night. You have the top 3 names that are listed there; Freedom, Ms Surrell, and Elias Herrera elementary. The school colors, the top choice being yellow, black and silver. The additional colors there and then the mascot top choice being Bee, Hornet then Armadillo.

**Judd Gilpin**-So in each case those are rankings?

**Mike Garza**-yes sir

**Judd Gilpin**-Alright with that presentation completed we need to take action. So do we have a motion regarding Item 7c.

**Ricardo Rodriguez**-Actually I, unless we can we discuss this inside?

**Attorney Juan Cruz**-You cannot. Not in this one.

**Javier Montemayor Jr.**-Did the committee come out with a consensus on any of these? Is that it?

**Mike Garza**-Yes sir. As per the packet that was submitted to you on Friday, no other name that was submitted received a vote. These are the 3 names that received a vote, but the top name received the majority or vast majority of the votes.

**Ricardo Rodriguez**-I would like to make a motion then to go with the order it's there and the way the committee picked it or voted.

**Ricardo Molina**-Seconds the motion



**Judd Gilpin**-So we have a motion and a second, do we have any discussion? None

**Javier Montemayor Jr.** - I like all the names and I just want to thank all the committee for their participation. You know Elias Herrera I did meet him and his wife they were very active with United ISD just like Mr. Salas was that we just recognized recently. I know the nomination is closed for the Longhorn Legend but I think Mr. Elias Herrera would be a certainly an excellent representative for that Longhorn Legend Award I'd like to see if somehow we can award hime something posthumously in that ceremony but I don't have any objection to the motion.

**Judd Gilpin**-Any further discussion? No, All those in favor? Unanimus

**Judd Gilpin**-The item passes unanimously

**Mike Garza**-Thank you very much.

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Ricardo Rodriguez
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

- D. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and Construction of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Prototype for Lyndon B. Johnson High School

**Judd Gilpin**-Alright item 7d Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price for the design and construction of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade prototype at Lyndon B. Johnson High School

**Enrique Rangel**-Good evening members of the board, Mr. Santos, Mr. Cruz members of the audience tonight we bring for your consideration the Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal for the design and construction of our fourth and last 9<sup>th</sup> grade prototype for Lyndon B. Johnson high School as submitted by Leyendecker Construction. Before we get started on the presentation I would like to recognize that we have in attendance this evening with us representatives from Leyendecker Construction in case there are any questions from the board. We have Mr. Paul Leyendecker, Vice-president of Leyendecker Construction and Mr. Rene Cortez Senior Project Manager Architect for Leyendecker Construction and with the design team we have Mr. Kent Neeman Lead Architect from Phluger Architects and Manuel Garza and Arturo Garza. This project we have been working on the design and the site utilities and all the amenities that are needed. The prototype the floor plan is basically the same as the other three 9th grades but we made enhancements the same as the ones under construction the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) proposal was received it's actually for that location including

all the site work that is required not only the building but all the utilities and the infrastructure that is needed to build this campus. The price that we received as you have on the agenda item is \$36,172,987.00 this amount includes a contingency a general construction contingency for any unforeseen modifications that had to have been made during construction in the amount of \$500,00.00 we have technology infrastructure allowance for all our networking data cabling surveillance systems everything related to the internet data access of \$1 million dollars and a design fee of \$550,000.00 for all the architectural engineering. There is an allowance also in case there are any changes that are required during the construction \$40,000.00 dllrs. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> new 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus to be constructed we are very excited to get this project underway very soon if those are the wishes of the board in approving the GMP this is the last one on the 2013 bond construction program so we are very happy to bring it to you tonight because it would be the 4<sup>th</sup> largest project that we have from the 2013 bond program. Once we get this under construction about 40% of the bond program would already be in actual implementation of construction. The administration presented this GMP proposal actually on Monday to our Bond Oversight committee and unanimously they approved and recommended approval to the board of trustees. This project we do have a power point presentation to highlight some of the features in this site. Again we have the amount of \$36,172,987.00 which is the proposal. The actual budget is a little bit higher than that we have \$36,173,715.00 that is what had been allocated. Just wanted to point out that, that budget was actually allocated 4 years ago and we stayed within that budget amount. The guaranteed maximum proposal we reviewed it very carefully we analyzed it over the last 30 days to ensure that the cost is within the 2017 arias means. The arias means construction index was generally used to ensure that the costs are reasonable within industry standards and actually this price for the entire facility is costing \$169.00 per square foot which is about 20% below the ongoing costs but I know Leyendecker worked very hard with us and the architects to keep the same price that we have or that we received back in 2013 for United South 9<sup>th</sup> grade so that has been consistent almost 3 and ½-4 years later. As far as timelines if the board were to approve this recommendation with administration we look at possibly starting construction a month from today on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Just go through the mobilization of getting the permits from the city and substantial completion to be ready to move into the campus by June 15' 2019. So at this point I'd like to hand it over to Mr. Kent Neeman he will be addressing some of the amenities and answer any questions.

**Kent Neeman**-I dragged Frank up here to. We weren't sure Frank was going to make it to the meeting we appreciate him being here to be able to be here to talk about the project. You know after 20 years I just want to say something about the cost over 20 years we've been working together on your projects and they consistently been coming in 20-50% less than the projects just up in San Antonio, so it's an amazing..I don't know how Leyendecker does it but some how they manage to do it, and if you walked in your schools many of you visited the schools in other areas they are every bit as good if not better than what we see thru out the

state of Texas. So this District does some incredible things with construction. Just real briefly we're just gonna give an oversight of the project this cost about \$169.00/square foot capacity of 1,200 students which incidentally the way we look at schools often is; how many square feet per student and we're running about 167 square feet per student and typically we're seeing high schools run in around 150-160 range so it's a very spacious school and it was designed and conceived that way because as the 9<sup>th</sup> graders come up from the middle school we wanted to have plenty of room you know for them to get to know one another and to provide the highest level of security on the campuses. Just a general little background there is 30-general classrooms, 6-science labs, 6-computer labs, there is an agg area. We've presented this plan so many times to you I'm sure you've kind of got it memorized but for those in the audience that don't know there is a secure vestibule entrance point so the concept of the school is once the bell rings the doors lock and the kids are in a very safe and controlled environment and basically it has all of the amenities of a stand-alone school. So gymnasium, libraries, fine arts area and an admin area at the front. Frank you can jump in and add anything you want to. It actually also has an In-School suspension area. Not that that would ever be needed but these are very spacious, well lit environments for the students. All LED lighting to try to try to maximize energy savings and a 2-story schools and I don't want to rant up too much but if you have any questions we'd be happy to answer any. We recently had some tours of the 2 new schools that are finishing up (I'm just gonna keep rolling thru the slides). One of the things that we wanted was a clear front-door entrance point for the public and visitors and separate drop off areas for the bus verses the parent drop-off with plenty of cuing on sight but on it was a very clear drop off hopefully keep the parents from parking their cars out on the streets and what have you. I went too far.

Any questions? None

**Enrique Rangel**-Thank you Mr. Neeman. At this point we just like to have any opportunity to answer if you have any questions.

**Javier Montemayor**-I have one quick one. In relation to the 2013 Bond, this particular school, is it in accordance with what we had advised the public that we had brought out the numbers that are more-less in the same range what we said it was going to cost?

**Enrique Rangel**-Yes sir it is, absolutely.

**Javier Montemayor**-I don't recall what the number was, I want to make sure that we stayed within that realm that we had advised the public of.

**Enrique Rangel**-Yes, yes it is. All 4 9<sup>th</sup> grade and this being the last 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus are exactly the same. It's designed and built exactly what the citizens advisory committee had recommended the blue ribbon and the planning that we had for these 9<sup>th</sup> grade campuses. Actually we've enhanced it based on a lot of input from our teachers. We did have many

meetings with teachers curriculum and instruction staff and enhanced for the instructional. Really technology has advanced within the last 3 or 4 years technology has changed and upgraded substantially. So, the two 9<sup>th</sup> grades under construction we have made improvements through our contingency allow us to ensure that when our students move in to school in August of 2017 to United South 9<sup>th</sup> and United 9<sup>th</sup> they'll have the latest state of the art cutting edge technology, instructional technology. All those enhancements of the 2 current 9<sup>th</sup> grades have been incorporated into this AHS-9<sup>th</sup> as well as LBJ 9<sup>th</sup> yes, we're staying with all the recommendations from our committee.

**Ricardo Molina**-Mr. President I'd like to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the design.

**Judd Gilpin**-So we have a motion; Do we have a second?

**Ricardo Rodriguez**-Seconds the motion

**Judd Gilpin**-Any further discussion? None

**Judd Gilpin**-Alright all those in favor-Unanimous

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Ricardo Molina
Seconded by:	Ricardo Rodriguez
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

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

**A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney**

1. Discussion re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities
2. Discussion re: Employment Matters and Legal Issues related thereto

**Judd Gilpin**-Alright very good. Thank you. Okay moving on to agenda item #8 Closed session, it is now 7:15pm we will adjourn in close session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to discuss agenda item #8a and we'll be back approximately 30 minutes from now.

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

**Judd Gilpin**-The time is now 8:15pm and we are reconvened from closed session and there is no need to take any action so this will take us to item # 10 adjournment

**X. Adjournment**

**Javier Montemayor Jr.**-makes a motion to adjourn

**Ricardo Molina**-Seconds the motion

**Judd Gilpin**-If no discussion; We are adjourned.

Motion:	So move
Moved by:	Javier Montemayor Jr.
Seconded by:	Ricardo Molina
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous

MOTION PASSES

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm this Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

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Judd Gilpin, President

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Aliza Flores Oliveros, Secretary