

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Ismael Gonzalez, Trustee
Hector Lopez, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Mrs. Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Vanessa Riggs, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Adan Botello	Lisa Persyn	Belinda Alaniz
	Delma Salinas	Maribel Trevino	Adriana Tagle
	Amber White	Anisa Chavera	Candace Rodriguez
	Laura Cueva	Pam Kwiatkowski	Benito Portillo
	Rachel Medrano	Lydia Lerma	Nataline Hall
	Richard Gonzalez	Christian Deleon	

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

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

Present – 4

Absent –3

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/PRAYER**

Trustee Bertha Roldan led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0 **VISION – INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING
LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS**

Trustee Larry Cantu read the following vision statement: “Inspiring Life-Long Learning by Providing Limitless Opportunities for Success.”

**MISSION – EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TODAY TO PREPARE FOR
TOMORROW**

Trustee Bertha Roldan read the following mission statement: “Empowering Individuals Today to Prepare for Tomorrow.”

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

6.0 **SUPERINTENDENT’S CELEBRATIONS**

6A **PROUD YOU’RE A PICKER AWARD**

Diana Silvas congratulated and recognized Lydia Lerma, Administrative Secretary for the Chief Financial Officer, for being the recipient of the Proud You’re a Picker Award for the month of September.

7.0 **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

7A **TASA/TASB CONVENTION ON SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2022, SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS**

Dr. Jose Moreno reminded the board members about the upcoming TASA/TASB Convention on September 22-25, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas. If they had any questions, they could follow up with Ms. Padilla.

7B **BOARD TRAINING DEADLINES**

Dr. Jose Moreno presented the board training deadlines to the Board. He informed them that in their red folders, they would find the online training sessions that are required to be completed by a certain timeline. The training on safety is required by the state and due on September 30, 2022.

7C **UPDATE OF CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dr. Jose Moreno presented a calendar of events to the Board to keep them on track with the events that are coming up for the school district for the month of September.

7D **SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH AND SOCIAL WORKER UPDATE**

Nataline Hall reported that the month of September was Suicide Awareness

and Prevention month. She presented a calendar of initiatives for the month of September that they will have going on targeting the different audiences. Also, she reviewed the referrals for the past four school years, the caseloads (referral type, student tiers, and special populations), student responses (campus and district teams and behavioral threat assessment), and Go Guardian Beacon Alerts with the Board. The Restorative Practice has the following three Tier 1 Cycle-Community Building, Tier 2 Cycle Family Group, and Tier 3 Cycle Circle of Support and Accountability. TEA has sixteen school districts and out of the sixteen school districts, six schools are from Robstown ISD that participate in the Restorative Practices Program. Christian Deleon informed the Board that the school district has a behavioral threat assessment team, and it assesses students that want to hurt others, that want to hurt themselves, who are being bullied, and in any kind of crisis. Every single campus has a threat team which consists of principals, nurses, social workers, assistant principals, and counselors. They are trained on internal protocols, on how to identify crisis, what are red flags, how to de-escalate and what the procedures are. The teams meet every week to see what kind of support any student would need, to see if the support was working, and if any additional support was needed. Restorative Practices is meeting the students where they are at.

7E

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that they keep daily track of the daily membership and percentages. The school district is on the right track because on the first day of school they had 2251 students enrolled and as of today they are at 2514. Currently, they are still enrolling students. The magic number is not to go lower than 2057 on the ADA and as of today, they have 91.01% enrollment. On the 14th of this month, they be knocking on doors looking for students that have not enrolled in the school district.

7F

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS PRIORITIES

Ronald Robles reported that he will be looking at the different procedures in the M & O Department, and the first thing that he will be looking at is the data on Euphoria. Currently, they have around 262 open work orders. He will look to see how long the purchase orders have been opened and the status of the order. He is working with his team and communicating with them on how to work together. Also, he is looking into preventive maintenance steps for the buses, vehicles, air-conditioners, and equipment so that they can last longer. One of his priorities is making sure that all grounds are kept up with mowing the grass at the different campuses. He is looking into purchasing an extra lawn mower. He will also look at bus transportation because the enrollment is high at this time and currently his priority is getting the grass cut at all of the campuses.

7G

SELL OF PROPERTY UPDATE

Vanessa Riggs reported that they have the competitive sealed proposal from the attorneys and that everything was ready to go for embarking on a new initiative to do electronic bidding. They have started the process with that, and they would like to inform them that they wanted to start it as possible. They are already building the

live production database. In about three weeks or even sooner they should be able to put the competitive sealed proposals out. She has been having meetings with the company, Ion Wave Technology, Inc. Hopefully, the database would be ready tomorrow. She also has a couple of RFP's that need to be issued.

7H **BAND HALL/RESTROOM UPDATE**

Vanessa Riggs reported that, at a previous board meeting, the Board approved to authorize the superintendent to negotiate and executes a contract with Barcom. She reviewed the initial schedule of values and the revised schedule of values with the Board. After going back and forth, the administration felt that it was a good amount and accepted the revised offer of \$178,924. The school district's attorney is ironing out the final contract and hopefully it will be available for execution at the end of the week. The final amount was over budgeted, and she will be looking into the ESSER funds to see if it can cover the overage.

7I **WELDING LAB UPDATE**

Dr. Jose Moreno presented pictures of the before and after of the welding lab to the Board. The work was progressing well, and it should be ready towards the end of November. The lab looks beautiful and hopefully they will have time to go and make a visit.

7J **FIELD HOUSE UPDATE**

Dr. Jose Moreno reported that they had received a report from the third party engineers that came in. On Wednesday, he will be meeting with him. He also found the blueprints on the athletic field house. The report states that the cracks are toward the center and it is putting a lot of pressure on the beams. He wants to make sure that the building is structurally sound, safe, and up to code for the students.

7K **SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE**

Filiberto Tagle reported that they have been conducting drills once a week every Wednesday. They have completed the summer audit, and it was submitted to TEA. Tomorrow, the self-audit with Region II will start, and they are currently conducting an active shooter workshop today and tomorrow with many different agencies present. He mentioned that all of the safety precautions that are being implemented in the school district are amazing. He presented a list of all the drills for the year, and the door sweeps that are required by TEA every single week. Rachel Medrano presented the data that is presented to the principals from Raptor. The data included the date, staff members, students, drill time, and percentages accounted for. The next major step will be to add first responders to the Raptor. The chief and lieutenant have agreed to be part of the Raptor Program. They will be updating the Raptor Program with the team assists, room numbers, and locations. Every employee has the ability to report a crisis.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS(S):

8A **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8B **APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS**

- 8C APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT(S) #1
8D FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT
8E APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS
OF 4-H ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
8F APPROVAL OF ADJUNCT FACULTY AGREEMENT BETWEEN NUECES
COUNTY AND RISD FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda
items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, and 8F as presented. The following motion was made:

Motion #7047 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin
to approve Consent Agenda Items, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D & 8F.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:14 p.m.

- 8E APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS
OF 4-H ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
Dr. Jose Moreno read the following resolution regarding the extracurricular status
of 4-H organization for the Board’s review and approval: “Be it resolved that upon
this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the Robstown Independent School
District meeting in public with a quorum present and certified, did adopt this
resolution that recognizes the Nueces County Texas the 4-H Organization as
approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19
Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1 pertaining to extracurricular activities.
Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject to
all rules and regulations set forth under the 19th Texas Administrative Code and
interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district. Texas A &
M AgriLife Extension will request academic eligibility for all 4-H competitive
activities, regardless if a school absence is or is not required, and for non-competitive
purposes when an absence is required. Approved this 12th day of September 2022.”

Motion #7048 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin
to approve Consent Agenda Item #8E as read by Dr. Jose Moreno.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:15 p.m.

9.0 GOVERNANCE

- 9A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT
JOINT ELECTION BETWEEN ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT AND NUECES COUNTY FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022,
ELECTION

Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the agreement to conduct a joint election between Robstown Independent School District and Nueces County for the November 8, 2022, Election.

Motion #7049 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:16 p.m.

10.0 BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

**10A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S)
EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR SOFTWARE (SKYWARD)**

Dr. Jose Moreno recommending approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for software (Skyward).

Motion #7050 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:17 p.m.

10B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SELF-CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT MICRO PURCHASE THRESHOLD
Vanessa Riggs reported that federal purchases have a micro purchase threshold of \$10,000 and only need one quote to procure items. For anything over \$10,000, they would need three quotes and over \$50,000 they would need three quotes from three co-op members. TEA allows for school districts to self-certify and increase the school district's micro-purchase threshold up to \$49,999 and would only need one quote. This would be very beneficial to the school district by allowing more flexibility to the school district in getting quotes. The administration is asking to give Dr. Jose Moreno authority to self-certified the micro-purchase threshold to \$49,999. The district would only be required to obtain one quote for the purchase of up to \$49,999. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7051 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to table this item until the next board meeting.

Motion carried	Yes – 4	No - 0	Absent – 3
7:25 p.m.			

Motion #7052 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the competitive sealed proposals as the delivery method for the construction Services for the HVAC/Chiller repair and replacement project.

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:30 p.m.

Diana Silvas requested the Board's approval on a Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver for Robert Driscoll Stem Academy, Lotspeich Leadership Academy, and San Pedro Fine Arts Academy for a total of eight classrooms. After discussion, Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver as presented by Mrs. Silvas.

Motion #7053 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:32 p.m.

11B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REMOTE HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION WAIVER
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving a Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver. This waiver is to provide remote instruction for four hours. Diana Silvas reviewed the waiver with the Board. This waiver was requested last school year and approved by TEA.

Motion #7054 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to approve the Remote Homebound Instruction Waiver as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:33 p.m.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION-SECTION 551.074 AND OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

12B DISCUSSION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES

Motion #7055 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
7:33 p.m.

Motion #7056 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan to reconvene back from executive session.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:03 p.m.

13.0 OPEN SESSION

13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS,
EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS,
DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended approving the appointments, employments,
evaluations, resignations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of
employees as presented in executive session.

Motion #7057 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan
to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:04 p.m.

13B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES
Dr. Jose Moreno recommended Adriana Tagle for the position of Executive Director
of Academic and Student Services.

Motion #7058 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee B. Roldan
to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:04 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7059 A motion was made by Trustee B. Roldan and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu
to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried Yes – 4 No - 0 Absent – 3
8:05 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated, 09/12/22 except for the executive session.)

