



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Board Minutes for the Month of September 2014 _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Alejandra Salinas _____ **OF:** _____ Board Secretary _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____ October 15, 2014 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees take action to approve Board Meeting minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting – September 17, 2014

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

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

This is in compliance and in accordance with Board Policy BE and BE (LOCAL).

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

September 17, 2014

In Attendance

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Trustees

**Javier Montemayor, Jr. – President – PRESENT
Juan Roberto Ramirez – Vice President – PRESENT
Ricardo “Rick” Rodriguez – Secretary – PRESENT
Ricardo Molina, Sr. – Parliamentarian – PRESENT
Pat Campos – Member – PRESENT
Judd Gilpin – Member – PRESENT
Ramiro Veliz, III – Member – PRESENT**

Mr. Roberto Santos announced that they will be doing the board recognitions before calling the meeting to order.

Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Call to Order

I. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

II. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, in the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo TX 78043. Board President, Javier Montemayor made an announcement calling the meeting of the United Independent School District to order at 6:20 p.m. The record showed that a quorum of Board members was present, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

III. Board Announcements

Mr. Juan Roberto Ramirez congratulated all schools and stated that the district set some goals and with the power and will of the teachers to make the students wiser so they can reach higher education.

Mr. Ramiro Veliz, III also congratulated all schools for their hard work.

Mr. Javier Montemayor stated this is the third week of school and everything looks good and everybody seems to be happy. He congratulated staff for being prepared and for working hard. He also commented that through Chief Camarillo's leadership, they are looking at implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program which will be district wide. Mr. Montemayor invited parents and board members to attend the meetings which will be taking place in a few weeks and to assist in reporting criminal acts that can hurt our students.

IV. Public Comments: Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board Parliamentarian will be the timekeeper and will inform the speaker when they have one (1) remaining minute. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them. Comments must

address items listed on the agenda. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person who wishes to address the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy, as noted in BED (LOCAL), to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. 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. When a speaker comes to the podium, please indicate what agenda item you will be addressing. Furthermore, please refrain from mentioning any employee's name and any complaint about any employee's duties or responsibilities should be channeled through the appropriate grievance policy.

Dr. Godines – Representing We Are Our Brain – Medical Society – Dr. Godines presented information on having a healthy brain. He stated they have members from the Chamber of Commerce and other community groups. He made a recommendation for the district to dedicate 30 minutes a week to teach students about protecting the brain. Dr. Godines stated they will also be going to LISD, to San Agustin and thanked the board for their time. (Handouts are attached as part of the minutes)

V. Recognitions

A. ITV DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION (NSPRA)

B. DISTINCTION DESIGNATION CAMPUSES

VI. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

B. Approval of Budget Amendments

C. Tax Roll Adjustments for 2013-2014

D. Resolution to Approve the 2014 Appraisal Roll as the 2014 USD Tax Roll

E. Approval of Internal Audit Plan 2014-2015

F. Approval of Amended Internal Audit Dept. Charter

G. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

H. Approval of Amended Interlocal Agreement (JP Court Coordinators) for 2014-15

I. Approval of Sale of Salvage Equipment

J. Approval of Requests from Board Members in re: Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Various Projects/Campuses

K. First and Final Reading of Policy DIA (LOCAL) Employee Welfare – Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation

L. First and Final Reading of Policy EIF (LOCAL) – Academic Achievement – Graduation

M. Second Reading of Policy DGA (LOCAL) – Employee Rights and Privileges – Freedom of Association

N. Second Reading of LOCAL Policies in TASB Update 100

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez stated the business and instruction committees had met on September 9th and made a motion to approve Agenda Items VI- A through VI-N

Mr. Eduardo Zuñiga addressed the board and stated he had additional requests for Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds. The requests were as follows: UISD Police Department for \$2,750.00, Washington Middle School for \$9,691.55, Washington Middle School for \$1,980.85, Clark Middle School for \$1,000.00, Salinas Elementary School for \$5,000.00

Motion: So Move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

VII. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Approval of Board Minutes for the Month of August 2014.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Judd Gilpin

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

B. Approval of Donations

Ms. Roberto Santos recommended the approval of several donations for a total of \$350.00

Motion: So move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Ramiro Veliz, III

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

C. Renewal/Extension of Delinquent Tax Contract

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that the current contract was executed on September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2015 for a four year term and the amendment they have before them would extend the contract through August 31, 2019. He commented that subsequent to that extension, the firm would continue on a year to year basis unless the district's board of trustees terminates the contract sooner. Mr. Cruz said that other than the extension that was the only modification at this time

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez made a recommendation to table the item.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Ricardo Rodriguez

Seconded by: Pat Campos

Discussion: None

In Favor: Judd Gilpin, Pat Campos, Ricardo Molina, Ricardo Rodriguez, Ramiro Veliz

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

VIII. 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 6:32 p.m.

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

- 1. Discussion re: Superintendent's Duties and Responsibilities**

B. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

**551.072 Discussion on the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
Discussion of Proposals for Sale and/or Acquisition of Real Property**

- 1. Discussion regarding entering into a Purchase and Sale of Agreement for the purchase of Lots 1, 2, 6 and 7, Block 12, Mcpherson Acres Unit IV, Laredo, Webb County, Texas from Dorado Management, Inc.**

C. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

- 1. Consider Annual Evaluation for Superintendent of Schools**
- 2. Discussion, including consultation with Legal Counsel, regarding rescission of the proposed termination of Jennine Whitehawk's term contract that took place on June 17, 2014, and all matters incident thereto**
- 3. Discussion, including consultation with Legal Counsel, re: proposed termination of school nurses' term contract for good cause**

- D. **551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney**
551.076 Deliberation regarding Security Devices/Personnel
 - 1. Discussion including consultation with Legal Counsel, regarding proposed Interlocal Agreement with the County of Webb (SEE Task Force Program)

- E. **551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel**
551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices
 - 1. Police and Security Overtime
 - 2. After School Adventures Program
 - 3. State Compensatory Program
 - 4. Col. Santos Benavides Elem. Student Activity Fund
 - 5. Clark Elem. Student Activity Fund
 - 6. Status of on-going Audits

IX. 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 8:21 p.m. Mr. Judd Gilpin did not return after closed session.

A. Approval of Annual Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Juan Cruz stated his recommendation is to approve the Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools as discussed in closed session.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

B. Action to rescind the proposed termination of Jennine Whitehawk's term contract that took place on June 17, 2014 and approve resignation agreement regarding same

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation is to rescind the proposed termination of Jennine Whitehawk's term contract that took place on June 17, 2014 and to approve resignation agreement regarding the same.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Pat Campos, Ricardo Molina, Javier Montemayor, Juan Roberto Ramirez

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

C. Action regarding entering into a Purchase and Sale of Agreement for the purchase of Lots 1, 2, 6 and 7 Block 12, Mcpherson Acres Unit IV, Laredo, Webb County, Texas from Dorado Management, Inc.

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation is to authorize legal counsel and administration enter into a Purchase and Sale of Agreement for the purchase of Lots 1, 2, 6 and 7 Block 12, Mcpherson Acres Unit IV, Laredo, Webb County, Texas from Dorado Management, Inc. as discussed and presented in closed session.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Seconded by: Ricardo Molina

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

D. Action re: proposed termination of school nurses' term contracts for good cause and authorize Superintendent to send notice of same.

Mr. Juan Cruz stated that no recommendation and no action was needed on this item.

E. Action in regards to Interlocal Agreement with the County of Webb (SEE Task Force Program)

Mr. Juan Cruz stated the recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the County of Webb (SEE Task Force Program)

Motion: So move

Moved by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Roberto Santos reminded the board about the dedication of the East Transportation Compound

X. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2014 was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Motion: So move

Moved by: Pat Campos

Seconded by: Juan Roberto Ramirez

Discussion: None

In Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Javier Montemayor, Jr. – President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez – Secretary