

United Independent School District
UISD Boardroom / 201 Lindenwood Drive / Laredo, Texas 78045

Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees
December 6, 2022
6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Aliza Oliveros, Francisco Castillo, Javier Montemayor, Ricardo Molina,
Michelle Molina

STAFF PRESENT: David H. Gonzalez, Laida Benavides, Samuel D. Flores

I. Roll Call, Call to Order

Mrs. Aliza Oliveros calls this public hearing to order at **6:40 pm**, in accordance to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

II. Open Public Hearing

With a motion moved by Francisco Castillo, seconded by Ricardo Molina, and unanimously approved by the board, this Public Hearing is opened.

III. Overview of School First (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Sam Flores presents on the annual financial statements submitted to TEA. When submitted, TEA then rates the district based on indicators. Mr. Flores goes over each indicator and provides a report for each questionnaire. He informs the board that they are behind two years so the information this is based on is from 2020-2021.

IV. School District's Rating

UISD scored an "Above Standard" opinion, which is an 88.7% out of 100 according to the Texas Education Agency. Mr. Flores explains the breakdown of the percentage and how covid-19 impacted such numbers. He presents on each of the 20 indicators and goes in depth as to how we

reached the "Above Standard" rating. He elaborates on the *solvency* indicators stating that this is where the district took the biggest hit. In the midst of the pandemic other districts across the state had a higher (75%) attendance rate at the same time that UISD was at 5%. Mr. Flores concludes his presentation by reminding the board that the district had maintained a rating of "Superior Standard" before and that his department will continue to aim for that goal going forward.

The board congratulates the business and finance department for their efforts and hard work in achieving this rating. Board member Francisco Castillo asks on the 6 out of 10 shortfall, and wants to know if those numbers have been corrected.

Mr. Flores replies that the board will be updated in January 2023 and that numbers look much better. Mrs. Laida Benavides adds that we have received many grants and the completion of UISD's new aquatic center will also reflect better numbers.

V. Public Comments On Report

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. Adjournment

On a motion moved by Javier Montemayor, seconded by Michelle Molina the board unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting.

*There being no further business of the UISD Board of Trustees, this Public Hearing of December 06, 2022 is adjourned at **6:58 PM.***

Ramiro Veliz, III, President

Michelle Molina, Secretary

Minutes completed by Griselda Rodriguez, and submitted for approval by the UISD Board of Trustees at the March 2023 Regular Board Meeting.