

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

The Board of Trustees met to conduct the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Benson Board Room, 601 Dean Street, Uvalde, TX 78801.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Members present: Cal Lambert, Laura Perez, JJ Suarez, Javier Flores, Jaclyn Gonzales, Jesse Rizo, Robert Quinones

Staff present: Ashley Chohlis, Amy Graeber, Pam Bendele, Cash Keith, Mario Rangel, Mikka Sanchez, David Zamora, Victor Baron, Bryan Perez, Margaret Tarski, Dr. Yvette Buehring, Dr. Hector Lopez, Jorge Cerna, Jennifer Torres, Pedro Huizar, Jennifer Griffin, Patricia Merlos, Yoli Rodriguez, Elsa Ayala, Sandra Gonzales, Nicole Ogburn, Trisha Albarado, Emma Albarado, Jennieka Rodriguez, Jessica Tijerina, Jennifer Zamora, Nicole Diaz, Shawna Wolbert, Monica De Leon

Guests present: Anson Bills, Simon Ortiz, Robb Decker, Deyanira Salazar, Emma Trimble, Jason Vargas, Amanda Vargas, Jacquelin Aguilar, Ricardo Almaraz, David Beinke, Cristina Flores, Luz Chacon, Anna Rodriguez, Rosemberg Risa, Jose Hurtado, Simon Ortiz, Amy Ouellette, Maria Melendez, James Lee, Vince Ramirez, Aubrey Ramirez, Josie Zamora, Juan Zamora, Jessica Trevino, Elizabeth Schreiber, Rubi Rivera, Mary Rodriguez, Rebecca Cantu

Media present: Sofi Zeman, Michael Robinson

B. Moment of Silence

The heavenly birthdays of Annabell Rodriguez, Rogelio Torres and Irma Garcia were recognized. There was a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our 21 beautiful souls.

C. Invocation was led by Emma Trimble.

D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas were led by Cadet Ensign Daniel Rondon and Cadet Senior Chief Marquez Lopez.

2. Superintendent's Report

DOMAIN 1: HIGH QUALITY CURRICULUM AND EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION &

DOMAIN 2: EFFECTIVE, WELL SUPPORTED STAFF

- High quality instructional material and its impact on student growth and achievement to meet our Board Goals
- Amy Graeber presented on Dashboards; what we are tracking, the process and how staff is supported
- Partnering with the DA's office to schedule the Crime Victims' Advocates to come and assist staff in completing Crime Victims Compensation Claims. Resiliency Center will be providing sessions to support staff at Uvalde Elementary at Flores

DOMAIN 3: POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

- District attendance is down for the month at 88%.

- Students are working on earning trips to Laughlin Air Force Base, The San Antonio Zoo, OX Ranch, and our BIG trip to The Texas State Aquarium at the end of the year
- The San Antonio Food Bank/UCISD Partnership- food distributions 3x a month, 2x in Uvalde and 1x in Batesville. Tomorrow we have a Big Box Food distribution in Uvalde in which we will serve 450 families and on Wednesday in Batesville where we will serve 100 families for a total of 550 families served

CHDI School Based Clinic Usage

October - 227 Visits

November 1st to November 16th - 110 Visits

Student Visits - 77%

Employee Visits - 23%

Uninsured - 28%

Safety & Security

- An update from discussion at our last meeting regarding adding, “toy, look-alike, or fake guns” to our Student Code of Conduct; “look-alike, fake, BB, and stun guns”
- School Safety and Security Committee Meeting, November 11, 2024, at 5:30 PM

DOMAIN 4: ALIGNMENT OF FINANCIAL WELL BEING WITH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- The Tax Rate Election
- Current operating budget for the 2024-2025 school year
- 2025-2026 Budget Advisory Committee
- Community meeting December 11, 2024 after Tamalada
- Board Workshop on December 12, 2024

3. Open Forum

The following spoke in open forum:

- Nicole Ogburn - Teacher/Staff concerns - supplies, buses too hot with too many students, classroom mice/feces, lack of communication, discipline issues, class size waivers
- Amanda Vargas - Don't care about teachers, top level employees housing, safety panic button, educators raises taken away, budget cut, rumors of changing school week, absences due to threats, not allowed to volunteer on school trips
- David Beinke - Dress code and body cam
- Rosemberg Risa - UCAD ballot

4. Receive and canvass election returns for November 5, 2024, Voter Approval Tax Rate Election

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the canvassing election returns for the November 5, 2024 Voter Approval Tax Rate Election. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda:

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Robert Quinones to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees Held on October 8, 2024
- B. Minutes of the Board Workshop of the Board of Trustees Held on October 8, 2024
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on October 21, 2024
- D. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held on October 21, 2024
- E. Item of information regarding Maintenance and Operations
- F. Item of information regarding Transportation

- G. Item of information regarding SFE
- H. Item of information on the 2024-2025 budget
- I. Item of information on the district's investment activity for October 2024
- J. Item of information on the district's credit card activity for October 2024
- K. Item of information for Revenues and Expenditures as of September 2024
- L. Item of information on the tax collection activity for October 2024
- M. Item of information for the district's Federal program activity for October 2024
- N. Consider approval of accounts payable checks for October 2024
- O. Item of information on Student Attendance
- P. Item of information on Student Discipline

6. Items of Division of Curriculum and Instruction:

- A. Item of information on the Special Education
Victor Baron presented information on the Special Education Department.

- B. Item of information on the Batesville School
Sandra Gonzales presented information on the Batesville School.

- C. Consider approval of update to Board Policy FM (LOCAL)
The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve Board Policy FM (LOCAL) to exempt all Advanced Placement (AP) , Honors, and Dual Credit Courses in the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English from the 70 average for eligibility purposes and set the standard for eligibility for these courses at a 60 average. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Items of Division of Business and Finance:

- A. Item of information on the 2025-2026 Budget Committee and process
Pam Bendele presented information on the 2025-2026 Budget Committee and process.

- B. Consider approval of Budget Amendment
The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the budget amendment as presented. The budget amendment reflects the Estimated Revenue Decrease due to failure of VATRE showing a total tax rate of \$0.6983. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C. Consider approval of donations
The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the donations from Morales JH Boys Athletics in the amount of \$16,545.60 to be used for Meals, Equipment and Uniforms for all Sports @ MJH, Football in the amount of \$26,488.50 to be used for supplies, meals, equipment and uniforms, Vulcan in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to support district initiatives. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Items of Division of Administration & Operations:

- A. Consider approval of Uvalde CISD votes for the Uvalde County Appraisal District board member candidates

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by Javier Flores to approve the suggestion made by Robert Quinones to allocate the 506 votes to Rosemberg Risa. The motion carried 4 For, 2 Against with Jaclyn Gonzales abstaining.

- B. Consider approval of update to Board Policy GKA (LOCAL)
The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to approve the addition to Board

Policy GKA(LOCAL) to include a clear bag policy at home athletic events at all Uvalde CISD events and facilities for all spectators. All clear bags may be subject to be searched.

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Closed Session: A closed session will be held under Provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071 and 551.074

A closed session was held at 9:57 pm.

A. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with the District's attorney concerning legal and procedural issues related to proposed action to rescind the mid-contract termination of Shawn Hoel and instead propose nonrenewal of Shawn Hoel's term contract

B. Deliberation concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

10. Reconvene from closed session for action relevant to items covered during closed session and other items listed

The board reconvened at 12:19 am on November 19th

A. Consider, discuss and take possible action regarding proposed action to rescind the mid-contract termination of Shawn Hoel and propose recommendation to nonrenewal of Shawn Hoel's term contract
The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by JJ Suarez to rescind the mid-contract termination of Shawn Hoel's term contract and direct the Superintendent and legal counsel to notify the Texas Education Agency of such action and further move that the board propose the nonrenewal of Ms. Hoel's term contract and further move to authorize the Superintendent to deliver written notice to Ms. Hoel of this board action as required by law. The motion was carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Laura Perez and seconded by JJ Suarez to move that in the event that of a request of a non renewal hearing that the hearing be conducted by the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District School Board, further move to authorize the boards counsel in consultation with the board president to impose procedural rules for any requested nonrenewal hearing and to make scheduling decisions regarding the same. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Consider and take possible action concerning approval of personnel employments, assignments, suspensions, and terminations

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to take appropriate action as discussed in closed session. The motion was carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

The motion was made by JJ Suarez and seconded by Laura Perez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 am on November 19, 2024.

Board President

Date