

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 19, 2024

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Larry Cantu, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Erik Gallegos, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent
Diana L. Silvas, Deputy Superintendent
Adriana Tagle, Assistant Superintendent
Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: There were no visitors that signed in.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:03 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 – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, and Mario Mesa – Present

Present – 6

Absent – 0

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

Dr. Marc Puig 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 – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Trustee Erik Gallegos read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the audience.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6A DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE ROBSTOWN EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL COTTON PICKER STADIUM FIELD HOUSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44.031 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Dr. Marc Puig asked the Board to consider authorizing emergency repairs to the Robstown Early College High School Cotton Picker Stadium Field House. He reported that the repairs needed on the stadium field house have been ongoing for a couple of years. The prior administration did a good job on a temporary fix but the problem continues. He found out yesterday that the fire-resistant doors had been removed for sometime. This is a very serious safety issue which is why they are bringing the resolution to the Board to consider so that they can start processing the repairs. Ron Lawver reported that the girls had already moved into the Carrillo Gym and the boys would be next. They have cleared up space for tables for the coaches, and they will be installing 150 lockers. He has received quotes for flooring, washer and dryer hook-up, and an ice machine. Half of the gym will be used for the weight room and the other half for the lockers. They are moving quickly on the repairs that are needed. President Lori Ann Garza read the following resolution: “Whereas, Texas Education Code section 44.031(b) permits contracts for the replacement or repair of school equipment, a school facility, or part of a school facility to be made by methods other than those required by Texas Education Code section 44.031 if the equipment, school facility, or part of a school

facility is destroyed or severely damaged or, as a result of an unforeseen catastrophe or emergency, undergoes major operational or structural failure, and the Board determines the delay posed by the methods required by the Texas Education Code Section 44.031 would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes or other essential school activities; and Whereas, the Robstown Early College High School Cotton Picker Stadium Field House (Field House) has sustained damage and is at risk of further deterioration due to insufficient structural design and construction, as determined by our engineer; and on or about August 13, 2024, the school administration was informed by a city building inspector that the field house is experiencing unforeseen fire hazards and potential major structural failure, necessitating immediate attention; and Whereas, Robstown ISD utilizes the field house for essential school activities, namely athletic activities, and other related class skills and experiences, which are critical to the overall educational engagement of our students; and Whereas, the Board finds that the delay posed by the required procurement methods outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code would impair the conduct of essential school activities at the field house. Now, therefore, be it resolved: 1) That all the above recitals are adopted as findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this resolution for all purposes, 2) The Board authorizes the superintendent to make the necessary repairs to restore the field house for the conduct of essential school activities using purchasing methods other than those outlined Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code and authorize the superintendent to execute necessary contracts for the replacement or repair of the school facility, or part of the school facility through methods other than those required by the Texas Education Code Section 44.031, 3) The superintendent shall provide regular updates to the Board regarding the field house repairs, and 4) Consistent with Robstown ISD Board policy CV (LOCAL), any construction contract valued at or above \$10,000 shall be submitted to the Board for approval.” After discussion, Dr. Puig recommended approving the Resolution authorizing emergency repairs to the Robstown Early College High School Cotton Picker Stadium Field house as presented.

Motion #7470 A motion was made by Trustee L. Cantu and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin –Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:26 p.m.

7.0 **CLOSED SESSION - SECTIONS 551.074**
7A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Motion #7471 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:31p.m.

Motion #7472 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to reconvene from the executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:41 p.m.

8.0 OPEN SESSION

8A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Personnel List as discussed in executive session.

Motion #7473 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:42 p.m.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7474 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, and M. Mesa – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:42 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 08/19/2024, except for the executive session.)