

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees United ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of United ISD will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2011, beginning at 6:00 PM in the United ISD - Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex, Fine Arts Building, 5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo, TX 78043.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Announcement by the Board President calling this meeting of the United Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

III. 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.

IV. Recognitions

- A. Cynthia Rodriguez, Principal-Trautmann Elementary School was selected as a Texas National Distinguished Principal (NDP) finalist by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)
- B. Clark Middle School - 8th grade student, Andrea Marquez was National Winner for VSA Arts in Washington, D.C.
- C. Recipients of the United ISD and Texas Association of School Boards 2011 Media Honor Roll
- D. Alexander High School Drum line – Texas Educational Color Guard Association – Open Class Division –Silver Medalist Winners – State Championships
- E. Alexander High School Color Guard - Texas Educational Color Guard Association – Bronze Medalist Winners – State Championships
- F. Lyndon B. Johnson High School Color Guard, Bronze Medal Winners, Texas Educational Color Guard Association State Contest in Novice Division
- G. High School and Middle School bands that received the Music Region VII UIL Sweepstakes Award 2011
- H. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program – Laredo Family Success Coalition
- I. United South Marine Corps JROTC receives several honors at National Competition held in Daytona Beach, Florida
- J. CISCO Networking Academy Netriders Competition 2011
- K. United High School – Ultimate Robotics Team – Texas Best Regional Competition

L. Trautmann Middle School and United High School Chess Club competed in three major scholastic tournaments: World Open Class Festival, Region VII Scholastic, 2011 Texas Scholastic Championships

M. United High School Boys Soccer Team

N. Lyndon B. Johnson High School Boys Soccer Team

V. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Monthly Disbursements

B. Approval of Budget Amendments

C. Approval of Tax Refunds

D. Renewal of District Worker's Compensation Insurance Program

E. Approval of Awarding Bids, Proposals and Qualifications

F. Approval of Amended Internal Audit Department Charter

G. Approval of Requests from Pat Campos for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for JB Alexander High School for \$8,980

H. Approval of Request from Rick Rodriguez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Ruiz Elementary for \$5,000

I. Approval of Request from Juan Roberto Ramirez for Use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Finley Elementary for \$10,000

VI. Items for Individual Consideration

A. Board Minutes

B. Donations

C. Selection of Law Firm - Delinquent Tax Collection Services

VII. Closed Session: Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

A. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney

1. Consultation with legal counsel re: settlement in the matter of Annabel Echeverria, Individually a/n/f of C.E. v United ISD and Jose Estrada, Individually, in the US District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo, Division
2. Consultation with Legal Counsel re: Legal Issues in connection with Delinquent Tax Attorney Contract

B. 551.071 Consultation with Board's Attorney
551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints against Personnel

1. Mirna Machado - Level III Grievance
2. Discuss Internal Auditor's Annual Evaluation and Contract Extension

C. 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. PEP Program
2. Transportation Field Trips
3. Status of on-going Audits

VIII. Reconvened from Closed Session, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

A. Action re: settlement in the matter of Annabel Echeverria, Individually a/n/f of

C.E. v United ISD and Jose Estrada, Individually, in the US District Court,
Southern District of Texas, Laredo, Division

B. Action re: Level III Grievance - Mirna Machado

C. Action to Approve Internal Auditor's Evaluation and Extension of Contract

IX. Adjournment

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board of Trustees is required, then such closed meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet, in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Private consultation with the board's attorney*
- 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property*
- 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations*
- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel*
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices*
- 551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against school student*
- 551.0821 Discussing matter that reveals personally identifiable information about public school student*
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups*
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.*

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or*
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.*

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on _____, at

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United Independent School District

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent