

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District held Monday, March 18, 2013, in the Administrative Office Board Room, 205 Memorial Drive, Del Rio, Texas.

Trustees present: Amy Haynes; Joshua D. Overfelt; Charles A. Garabedian; Cecilia Martinez-Lozano; Raymond Meza; and Roberto Chavira

Trustees absent: Dr. Fernando Quiz

Others present: Dr. JoAnne Ruark-Ackermann; Yanakany Valdez; Dr. Patricia McNamara; Dr. Jorge Garza; Miguel A. Salinas; Abelardo Casillas; News Media; and others.

A few minutes of silence was observed for personal reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was given.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Charles A. Garabedian determined that with six members in attendance, a quorum was present, confirmed by Joshua D. Overfelt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruben Cardenas – graduation tradition

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Information on Participation Rebate Check with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and U.S. Communities for the Home Depot – Yanakany Valdez

Mrs. Yanakany Valdez presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience, information on the participation rebate check received in the amount of \$883.38 on behalf of The Home Depot.

- B. Facilities and Operations Update

1. Ruben Chavira Elementary Construction Update

Mr. Miguel A. Salinas and Mr. John Graves presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the following update:

Gymnasium

- The gymnasium was released to the campus on February 25, 2013 for use
- Pending completion are the basketball goals and wall pads
- Striping and baseboards completed
- Restroom facilities completed

Administration

- Offices being remodeled
- Counters being installed
- Shelving being installed in storage room
- Light fixtures being installed
- restroom for administrative offices 90% complete
- floor covering needs to installed in lobby area

There was discussion regarding storage room, availability to reach panels, security update, and completion date, recourse for failure to complete projects on time, monetary penalties, and issues with contractor's subcontractors.

2. The Bank and Trust Ram Field Construction Update

Mr. Miguel A. Salinas and Mr. John Graves presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the following update:

- The March 5 and 14 games had been scheduled to be played here, but group did not feel the area was safe, these games haven't been lost, these games will be played at a later date in the season. April 5 and 9 will be home games.
- Welding on canopies is ongoing
- Working on entrance
- Concession stand will be ready
- Almost all electrical installed
- East side will not have roof
- Scoreboard set up – programming needed
- Lights for field ready
- Work ongoing for women's and men's restroom
- Grass seeded and coming up well

There was discussion regarding electricity availability in concession stand, no cooking in concession stand, update on welding inspection, benches and shading of dugouts, concern debuting facility partially completed and working with the newspaper to get message out to the community regarding phase 1 completion at this point.

C. Attendance Rates to Date by School

Mr. Reno Luna presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience, the attendance rates to date by school.

There was discussion regarding a significant drop in attendance at Del Rio High School in February this year and same time last year, this is due to testing.

D. Discipline Report to Date by School

Mr. Frank Gonzalez presented the discipline report for Del Rio High School.

Mrs. Aidee Garcia presented the discipline report for the Freshman School.

There was discussion regarding tracking of possible trends.

Mr. Joe Rodriguez presented the discipline report for Del Rio Middle School.

Ms. Ruby Adams presented the discipline report for San Felipe Memorial Middle School.

Mrs. Jane Villarreal presented the discipline report for all elementary campuses.

There was discussion regarding the AEP placement of an elementary student.

E. Information on District CIP Template

Dr. Jorge Garza presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience a sample of the new Campus Improvement Plan template.

There was discussion regarding staff evaluation results, uniform campus goals and viewing of final product.

F. Intervention Stage and Activity Manager (ISAM) Report to Texas Education Agency

Mr. Reno Luna presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience, a brief update regarding the Intervention Stage and Activity Manager (ISAM) Report submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

There was discussion regarding the completed report and response from TEA.

G. Update about the FRN (Federal Relations Network) Conference.

Mr. Charles Garabedian presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience a brief update of his trip to Washington DC to attend the FRN Conference in January. Their main focus was the pending sequestration and the cutting of federal funds. Mr. Garabedian hopes, as a district, we are prepared for the federal cuts.

There was discussion regarding the 5.1% cut in federal funds, which will impact the general fund. The cuts will be in effect the next funding period which is July 1- June 30.

Consent A

Consideration to approve minutes of the following meetings:

- February 18, 2013 – Regular School Board Meeting
- February 22, 2013 – Special Called Workshop

(Overfelt, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

Consent B

- A. Consideration to approve additional Bids and/or RFP's for the 2012-2013 school year, since those approved at the last board meeting. - Paula Johnson

- B. Consideration to approve Tax Collection Refunds as requested by Bea Munoz, Val Verde County Tax Assessor/Collector. – Yanakany Valdez
- C. Consideration to approve Donation to the Del Rio High School from Funding Factory in the amount of \$104.00, to be used for end-of-year luncheon, teacher and staff appreciation. – Yanakany Valdez
- D. Consideration to approve Donation to the Del Rio High School Athletics from Texas Athletic Productions in the amount of \$750.00, to be used for refreshments for athletes signing for colleges, end-of-year luncheon, breakfast or lunch meetings. – Yanakany Valdez
- E. Consideration to approve Donation to the Iren C. Cardwell Elementary from Lifetouch in the amount of \$688.00, to be used for refreshments for student and staff incentives. – Yanakany Valdez
- F. Consideration to approve Donation to the Del Rio High School Eco Action and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) from Nemesio & Maria Garcia of a Yoshino Cherry Tree for a school beautification project valued at \$20.00. – Yanakany Valdez
- G. Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Sam Pack & Five Star Ford in the amount of \$29,238.24 for a Security vehicle. – Raymond Haynes
- H. Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Texas Food Service Equipment in the approximate amount of \$71,322.72 for a warehouse freezer. – Diane Hernandez
- I. Consideration to approve Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to John Deere in the amount of \$33,791.00 for a tractor requested by the Maintenance Department. – Miguel A. Salinas
- J. Consideration to approve the payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Amistad Heating & Air Conditioning in the approximate amount of \$28,700.00, for upgrading the San Felipe Memorial Middle School Cafeteria HVAC system. – Miguel A. Salinas
- K. Consideration to approve Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Thomas Bus Gulf Coast in the approximate amount of \$107,366.00 for two 24 passenger school buses. – Miguel A. Salinas
- L. Consideration to approve the payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Dell in the amount of \$24,999.87 for upgrade of Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) project for district campuses. – Abelardo Casillas

(Martinez-Lozano, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. The administration recommended approval of the Competitive Sealed Proposals as the Construction Delivery Method for the Construction of the District's Minor Projects to include, but not limited to the following, as presented by Miguel A. Salinas and John Graves

- District Paving Improvements
- District Roofing Improvements
- District HVAC Improvements
- Architectural/Engineering Certifications required by Law or Policy for District performed work

There was discussion regarding minor projects and major projects, construction delivery method and final costs of projects.

(Chavira, Martinez-Lozano) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- B. The administration recommended approval of the Interlocal Contract (Purchasing Cooperatives), as the construction delivery method for the construction of the Del Rio High School Ram Baseball Practice Field Lighting Project, as presented by Miguel A. Salinas and John Graves

There was discussion regarding the lighting, use of field, need for restrooms, possible Interlocal agreement with city, proximity of fence being moved and tennis courts.

(Overfelt, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- I. The campus administration recommended approval of removing the tradition of graduation speaker at Del Rio High School starting in June 2013. – Dr. Sally Zuniga-Barrera

There was discussion regarding speaking to all students and parents, length of speaking time of speaker, and not breaking away from tradition.

There was no motion to approve recommendation.

- C. The administration recommended approval of the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate and sign an electric sales agreement with an approved commercial electricity service provider that provides the best value to the District, for the purchase of electricity for all of the District's facilities, as presented by Miguel A. Salinas

There was discussion regarding electric companies.

(Garabedian, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- D. The administration recommended approval of the First Reading of Policy Update 95, affecting local policies AB, DFBB, DFE, DGBA, EIE, FNG, & GF, as presented by Miguel A. Salinas

There was discussion regarding board policy and the bilingual education program.

(Overfelt, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- E. The administration recommended approval of the last phase-in of the Eagle Pass Pregnancy Education Program by approving the Day Care Services of Simply Kids Learning Center, LLC #2, and approve for the Interim Superintendent to sign the agreement, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

There was discussion regarding the process of transportation to the daycare center, compliance monitoring, and the 3 year old program.

(Haynes, Martinez-Lozano) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- F. The administration recommended approval of the renewal of licensing agreement for Atomic Learning Technology training program and authorization of payment.

There was discussion regarding access from home, number of users, short tutorials, and user satisfaction.

(Meza, Overfelt) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- G. Consideration to approve the remaining East Side Library books as surplus – Yanakany Valdez

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented in April.

- H. The administration recommended approval of the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2013-2014, and approve the Interim Superintendent, Board President, and Board Secretary to sign the certification, as presented by Patricia Brown

There was discussion regarding the instructional materials being used.

(Meza, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- J. Consideration of San Felipe Del Rio CISD Board of Trustees call for voting of the Education Service Center Region XV Board of Directors election of Place 3 and 6, as presented by Charles A. Garabedian

Mr. Charles A. Garabedian explained the instructions for call for vote of the ESC Region XV Board of Directors election of Place 3 and 6. The board members placed their vote on the ballots provided and turned them in to Mrs. Estela Ortiz who sent them to ESC Region XV.

The board adjourned into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board may adjourn into Closed Session on any item listed above or below as appropriate to that item pursuant to, including, but not limited to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- A. 551.071 Private Consultation with the Board's Attorney/Report regarding Pending Legal issues and Report on Settlement Status; Professional Employee Service Credit Placement
 - 1. Private Consultation with the Board's Attorney regarding Pending Legal Issues
 - 2. Discussion of Personnel and consideration to terminate term contract teacher
- B. 551.072 to deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property
- C. 551.073 Discussing Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or

Donations

- D. 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints Against Personnel
1. Discussion of New Hires, New Assignments, District Vacancies, and Reassignments
 2. Discussion of the following new position: Director of Emergency Operations – Pay Grade 6
 3. Discussion of the Job Description and Evaluation forms for Director of Emergency Operations
- E. 551.076 Regarding Security
- F. 551.082 To deliberate discipline for a student or hearing on employee complaint against another employee
- G. 551.084 Exclusion of a witness from a hearing

The board reconvened into open session at 9:31 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. The administration recommended approval of New Hires, New Assignments, and District Vacancies as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara

Natalie Y. Ochoa – DRMS – Instructional Technology Coach	TTIPS Contract – Probationary
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Eva M. Lopez – DRMS – Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher	Probationary
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Jennifer Rowcliffe – Chavira Elem – Art Teacher	Probationary
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(Chavira, Haynes) all six board members present voted “Aye”

- B. The administration recommended approval to the new position – Director of Emergency Operations – Pay Grade 6 and the job description and evaluations forms, as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara

Mrs. Cecilia Martinez-Lozano stated she wanted to see the addition of the anti-bullying program to the responsibilities.

Mr. Garabedian commented to the importance of this new position.

(Garabedian, Martinez-Lozano) Haynes, Overfelt, Chavira voted “Aye”; Meza abstained; motion passed 5-0-1

- C. The administration recommended approval to terminate employment of term contract teacher, as presented by

Mr. Joshua Overfelt made the motion to terminate the employment of Ruben Vazquez’s multi-year term contract and further move that the record of this action reflect the following:

- Before the voting on the Motion, the Board considered its prior actions in this matter and the administrative record, the failure of Mr. Vazquez to request a hearing or otherwise appeal the proposed termination in accordance with law

and District policy, and a draft of the letter notifying Mr. Vazquez of the termination of his employment; and

that by passage of this Motion, the Board:

- Finds good cause to terminate the employment of Mr. Vazquez based on the reasons previously noticed and a matter of administrative record;
- Directs the Interim Superintendent to prepare for the Board President's signature a final Notice of Termination of Employment for Ruben Vazquez and ensure that the Notice is delivered upon Mr. Vazquez; and
- Directs that a copy of this Motion be attached to the Minutes of the meeting and that the final Notice of Termination of Employment be sent to Ruben Vazquez.

(Overfelt, Chavira) all six board members present voted "Aye"

- D. Consider and take possible action with respect to any one or more of the three school facilities/real property of the District, described below, to find that such real property(ies) are no longer required for the current needs of the District for educational purposes, and should therefore be sold in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- Property 1: The former Sam Houston Elementary School, in Del Rio Val Verde County, at 1700 Brodbent and consisting of the land bounded by Barrera Avenue, Gutierrez Avenue, Brodbent Avenue and Eduardo Street.
 - Property 2: The former Garfield East Campus, at 100 Las Vacas Street, Del Rio, Val Verde County
 - Property 3: The former Austin Elementary School, in Del Rio, Val Verde County, located at 300 West Chapoy and consisting of the land bounded by Cantu Street, Chapoy Street, Diaz Street, and Jones Street.
- E. Consider and take possible action with respect to any one or more of the above described real properties so authorized to be sold, to delegate authority to the Interim Superintendent to establish terms and requirements for bids, the bid package, bid process, and to designate representative(s) to interact with bidders and to oversee the bidding process, in accordance with a applicable law, as presented by Miguel A. Salinas

Agenda Items D and E were combined into the following recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board find the following identified real property(ies) are no longer required for the current needs of the District for educational purposes, and should therefore be sold in accordance with applicable legal requirements:

- Property 1: The former Sam Houston Elementary School, in Del Rio, Val Verde County, at 1700 Brodbent and consisting of the land bounded by Barrera Avenue, Gutierrez Avenue, Brodbent Avenue, and Eduardo Street.
- Property 2: The former Garfield East Campus, at 100 Las Vacas Street, Del Rio, Val Verde County.
- Property 3: The former Austin Elementary School, in Del Rio, Val Verde County, located at 300 West Chapoy and consisting of the land bounded by Cantu Street, Chapoy Street, Diaz Street, and Jones Street.

The Board is also asked to take action to authorize the sale of the aforementioned described real properties to delegate authority to the Interim Superintendent to establish terms and requirements for bids, the bid package, bid process and to designate representative(s) to interact with bidders and to oversee the bidding process, in accordance with applicable law.

If approved, public notice of sale will be issued and interested parties will be able to submit bids for consideration by the District in accordance with the bid package and process to be established by the Interim Superintendent.

(Chavira, Meza) all six board members present voted "Aye"

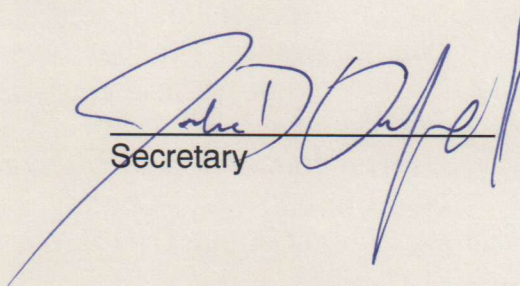
Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to adjourn the meeting

(Overfelt, Haynes) all six board members present voted "Aye"

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



President



Secretary