

Public Hearing/Regular School Board Meeting

November 17, 2014

Minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District held Monday, November 17, 2014, in the Administrative Office Board Room, 205 Memorial Drive, Del Rio, Texas.

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

Trustees absent: Dr. Fernando Quiz

Others present: Dr. Carlos H. Rios; Dr. Jorge Garza; Aidee Garcia; Yanakany Valdez; Dr. Patricia McNamara; Abelardo Casillas; Miguel Salinas; news media and others

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.

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.

RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognition of the Dr. Lonnie Green Panther Young Notes Performance at the San Antonio Spurs Game.
(Mr. Juan Nanez)

Mr. Juan Nanez and Mr. Isaac Aldaco presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the Dr. Lonnie Green Panther Young Notes, these students performed at the San Antonio Spurs Game and for Congressman Pete Gallego, who visited Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary. The Panther Young Notes sang the National Anthem and "I Believe I Can Fly", the song they sang at the Spurs game.

The board members thanked the students, parents and staff for taking the time to attend practices and supporting the children.

- B. Recognition of the Del Rio High School Jazz Band students that competed and placed in the All Region Jazz Competition.
(Mr. Juan Nanez)

Mr. Juan Nanez and Mr. Daniel White presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the Del Rio High School Jazz Band students that placed in the All Region Jazz Competition.

David Arredondo – Senior – Guitar 1st Chair 1st Jazz Band

Andres DeLeon – Senior – Guitar 1st Chair 2nd Jazz Band
 Christian Torres – Sophomore – Drums – 2nd Chair, 1st Jazz Band

- C. Recognition of the Del Rio High School Mighty Ram Band for receiving a 1st Division Rating at the UIL Marching Competition and advancing to the Area Competition.
 (Juan Nanez)

Mr. Juan Nanez and Mr. Ricardo Rios presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the student representatives of the Del Rio High School Mighty Ram Band who presented various trophies that the Mighty Ram Band has won throughout the year. The Mighty Ram Band also received 1st Division Rating at the UIL Marching Competition and have advanced to the Area Competition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing of the Insufficient Performances, Improvements in Performance expected, and Intervention Measures for the District's Programs under the 2014 Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS).
 (Aidee Garcia and Aida Gomez)

Mrs. Aidee Garcia and Mrs. Aida Gomez presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the Targeted Improvement Plans for the District's Programs under the 2014 Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS). This included the timeline, problem statement and root causes, and the targeted improvement plan.

There was discussion regarding timeline the board received the targeted improvement plan, decision to review the targeted improvement plan in depth, male students in non-traditional CTE courses, successful science teachers, timeline for improvement, recurring problem with Science, unused labs at elementary campuses, Tier 3 students, and collaborative groups.

There were no public comments

REPORTS

- A. Status of Posting District Regulations and Exhibits
 (Miguel Salinas)

Mr. Miguel Salinas presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience a quick update of the postings of regulations and exhibits. Mr. Salinas further stated, as per Update 99 – modified BP (Local) Policy: requires that all administrative regulations shall be made accessible to all staff, students, and the public as required by law or Board policy. Mr. Salinas also stated a board workshop will be scheduled in the near future.

There was discussion regarding the clarification of board policies already being on the district website, ongoing process to ensure the website does not become cluttered,

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the Meetings

Recommended Action: Approval

1. October 20, 2014 – Public Hearing/Regular School Board Meeting
2. October 21, 2014 – Special Called Meeting/Workshop
3. November 4, 2014 – Special Called Meeting/Workshop

B. Financial Statements

(Yanakany Valdez)

Recommended Action: Approval

1. Consideration to approve Amendment for all funds as of October 31, 2014.

C. Awarding of Bid/RFPs Items

(Paula Johnson)

Recommended Action: Approval

1. Bid 15-42 Inspection of Fire Alarm Systems
2. Bid 15-44 Queens Track Supplies and Equipment
3. Bid 15-45 Rams Track Supplies and Equipment
4. Bid 15-03 Vehicles for Cardwell and Maintenance Department
5. Bid 15-46 Rams Football

D. Tax Refunds

(Yanakany Valdez)

Recommended Action: Approval

1. Consideration to approve Tax Collection Refunds in the amount of \$48,659.98 for the month of October 2014.

E. Donations

(Yanakany Valdez)

Recommended Action: Approval

1. Aaron's, Inc. - \$500.00 – Del Rio Middle School Pom Squad
2. Border Federal Credit Union - \$200.00 – Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary Choir
3. Del Rio Cross Country Booster Club - \$326.22 – Del Rio High School Cross Country
4. Del Rio High School Air Force Junior ROTC Booster Club - \$30.00 – Del Rio High School Air Force JROTC
5. Emily Cooper - \$250.00 – Del Rio Middle School Pom Squad
6. Jonathan and Elizabeth Miller - \$50.00 – Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary Choir
7. Lewis and Cheri Thomas - \$25.00 – Ruben Chavira Elementary
8. Litsuko Rodriguez - \$48.00 – Lamar Elementary
9. Texas Athletic Productions - \$1,000.00 – Del Rio High School Athletic Department
10. Texas Community Bank - \$100.00 – Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary Choir
11. The Bank and Trust - \$250.00 – Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary Choir
12. The Edge Gym - \$200.00 – Del Rio Middle School Pom Squad
13. The Spot & Pro Shop - \$86.00 – Ruben Chavira Elementary
14. The Spot & Pro Shop - \$226.00 – North Heights Elementary

15. Walmart - \$1,000.00 – Del Rio Middle School Pom Squad
16. Electric Transmission Texas, LLC - \$10,000.00 – San Felipe Del Rio CISD
17. Mr. Gatti's Pizza – Game cards valued at \$24,630.00 – Secondary and Elementary Campuses

F. Purchase Orders over \$25,000.00

1. Consideration to approve the payment of the Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Del Rio Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$98,872.82 for Head Start vehicles.
(Linda Guanajuato-Webb)
Recommended Action: Approval

Head Start received a one-time allocation with grant approval for the purchase of two (2) SUV's under the 2014-2015 grant period.

2. Consideration to approve the payment of the Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Caldwell Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$38,337.00 for Maintenance Department vehicle.
(Miguel Salinas)
Recommended Action: Approval

The budget is included in the General Fund committed capital/special requests approved at the September 3, 2014 Board of Trustee meeting.

3. Consideration to approve the payment of the Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Dell Corporation in the amount of \$41,092.22 for computers in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering Lab.
(Roger Gonzalez)
Recommended Action: Approval

The funds are included in the State CTE General Fund budget.

4. Consideration to approve the payment of the Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to SHI Government Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$102,382.94 for Microsoft Licensing.
(Abelardo Casillas)
Recommended Action: Approval

H. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Revisions

1. Consideration to approve the Second Reading of Revisions to FD (Local) Policy
(Miguel Salinas)
Recommended Action: Approval
2. Consideration to approve Second Reading of Policy Update 100, affecting local policies CKE; CPC; DCB; DCC; DCD; FDA; FL; GBAA & GKB
(Michele Smith)
Recommended Action: Approval

As per the request of administration the following policies were pulled and will be presented at a later date:

CRD – District Self Insurance - as per TASB Policy Service, check with local legal office to ensure the district is not in violation in reference to gift of public funds.

DCE – Non-Chapter 21 Contracts – As written, it lists the positions that are not going to receive a chapter 21 contract, the list continues to grow as of the second reading, this needs to be modified.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Wilbur A. Beamer – Privatization of Cafeteria

Roy Musquiz – Consideration to approve Administration SFDR Food Service Management

Joe Steven Mejia – Privatization of Food Service

Diana Salgado – Privatization school lunches and tax abatements

ADMINISTRATION

- A. Chapter 313 Abatement Process Presentation
(Dr. Carlos Rios and Bob Popinski)
Recommended Action: Discussion

Dr. Carlos Rios stated the school district has been approached by two (2) entities, Akuo Energy and Prestine Sun Solar, they hired Mr. Popinski of Moak, Casy & Associates to make a presentation of what a Chapter 313 agreement is and what the process might entail for the district. Dr. Rios turned the floor over to Mr. Popinski who addressed the Chapter 313 process.

There was discussion regarding board members not being in support of the abatement process and the impact or lack thereof to residents of Val Verde County, as well as the negative impact and sustainability to Laughlin Air Force Base.

Mr. Charles Garabedian, Mr. Joshua Overfelt, Mr. Raymond Meza, and Mr. Roberto Chavira stated for the record they do not support or agree with the abatement process.

- B. Presentation by Prestine Sun Solar
(Dr. Carlos Rios and Jason Claiborne)
Recommended Action: Discussion

Mr. Bob Popinski gave a brief presentation on behalf of Mr. Jason Claiborne, who was unable to attend this meeting.

There was discussion regarding other projects by Prestine Sun Solar, different agreements for wind projects and solar projects, and the location of the wind farm project.

- C. Presentation by Akuo Energy
(Mr. Hans Royal)

Recommended Action: Discussion

Mr. Hans Royal gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience regarding Akuo Energy.

Mr. Charles Garabedian and other board members asked questions regarding tax breaks, PTCP (production tax credit program), ongoing construction at the Rocksprings site, wind project lease on multiple ranches, radar systems hazards and impact to Laughlin Air Force Base, as well as tax abatements not benefiting the citizens of Val Verde County.

Mr. Charles Garabedian made the motion to take a 5 minute recess at 8:53 p.m.

(Garabedian, Overfelt) all six board members present "Aye"

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Consideration to approve Memorandum of Understanding (Prepatory Classes) of the Board of Trustees of San Felipe Del Rio CISD and Southwest Texas Junior College (Dr. Jorge Garza)
Recommended Action: Approval

There is one (1) change to the MOU which states either party can withdraw from the MOU within thirty (30) days, this will be modified to state the district can continue through the rest of the semester or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer.

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

- B. Consideration to approve the Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) Target Improvement Plan.
(Aidee Garcia and Aida Gomez)
Recommended Action: Approval

(Chavira, Meza) Haynes, Overfelt, Martinez-Lozano voted "Aye"; Garabedian voted "Nay"; motion passed 5-1-0

Mr. Garabedian stated he only voted "Nay" due to not having the report prior to the meeting in order to review it.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

- A. Consideration to authorize the administration to negotiate a contract with Frontera Construction of Del Rio, Texas for the Del Rio High School/Freshman School new restroom/concession/dressing room building project in accordance with RFP #15-04 and a Base Bid in the amount not to exceed \$399,500.00 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the contract.
(Miguel Salinas and John Graves)
Recommended Action: Approval

There was discussion regarding Frontera Construction's previous work history within the district, and completion timeline.

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

- B. Consideration to approve the CTE Center Project Design Development phase as presented and authorize the administration to move forward with the Construction Documents and Bidding phases.
(Miguel Salinas and Michael Martinez)
Recommended Action: Approval

There was discussion regarding cross flow traffic at Southwest Texas Junior College site, end user input on elevations, discussions with user groups, end user requests being met, size of welding booths, and size of classrooms appropriate to class sizes.

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

- C. Consideration to approve the Student Activity Center and Administrative Offices Project Design Development Phase as presented and authorize the administration to move forward with the Construction Documents and Bidding Phases.
(Miguel Salinas and David Alvidrez)
Recommended Action: Approval

There was discussion regarding theater seating, type/size of seating for the different functions to be held in the theater, seating location for people with disabilities, and square footage of space to be used for office space.

(Overfelt, Chavira) Haynes, Martinez-Lozano, Meza voted "Aye"; Garabedian voted "Nay"; motion passed 5-1-0

Mr. Garabedian stated for the record he would have liked to see the entire building used as a student activity center.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- A. Consideration to approve Val Verde Appraisal District amendment to the 2015 budget.
(Yanakany Valdez)
Recommended Action: Approval

There was discussion regarding staff reduction, previous building note, and emphasis on this item being a budget amendment only.

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

- B. Consideration to approve the 2014-2015 Summer School Stipend Schedule and Paraprofessional Salary Schedule.
(Yanakany Valdez)
Recommended Action: Approval

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

- C. Consideration to approve Data Use Agreement (DUA) and an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA) with Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for participation in the MAC (Medicaid Administrative Claiming) program and for the Superintendent to sign the agreements.
(Yanakany Valdez)
Recommended Action: Approval

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

- D. Consideration to approve for the Administration of San Felipe Del Rio CISD to notify the Texas Department of Agriculture of the intent to contract with a Food Service Management Company.
(Dr. Carlos Rios)
Recommended Action: Approval

Dr. Carlos Rios addressed the Board of Trustees and members of the audience regarding misinformation that has circulated around the community and within the food service department. This included a brief update of the research, out of town campus visits, and intent to contract with a Food Service Management Company. Additionally, Dr. Rios explained the process of the RFP with specific legally binding wording that will be written in it that will ensure the set cost to the district and the continued employment of all current food service employees to include continued participation in insurance and retirement. The cost to students will remain the same unless as mandated and the a-la-cart options and prices will stay competitive.

Dr. Rios stressed that 100% of the current employees will continue employment with benefits, that this avenue is a different approach to cooking and serving food to the students, and that there will not be additional duties taxed to employees current duties.

There was discussion from various board members regarding their visits to various out of town campuses and stated their visits were very educational, they asked pointed questions to the campus employees regarding employment, each board member concurred that the presentation of the food, the choice of food available to students, and students actually eating the food was what impressed them. Also discussed was the option of the Food Service Company to buy from the different Co-Op groups, their reinvestment into the food service area and cafeteria to appear more appealing to students and the fact that employees have an option to stay with the district or become an employee of the company. Each board member stated they would not vote on a program that would eliminate district employees. There was further discussion regarding the meetings held at each campus and with food service employees and their responses.

Mrs. Yanakany Valdez then explained the requirement process and timeline for participation, the Department of Agriculture guides the process.

(Chavira, Martinez-Lozano) Haynes, Garabedian, Meza voted "Aye"; Overfelt voted "Nay"; motion passed 5-1-0

HUMAN RESOURCES AND STUDENT SERVICES

- A. Consideration to approve the conversion of excess budgeted position for the following position:

- Computer Technician
 - New Position
 - Pay Grade: Paraprofessional – 6
 - Funding Source: 199 General Fund

Consideration to approve conversion of the following vacancy position:

- Lead Mechanic
 - Convert Mechanic vacancy to Lead Mechanic
 - Pay Grade 261- 7
 - Funding Source: 176

(Dr. Carlos Rios and Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

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

- B. Consideration to approve the conversion of excess budgeted positions for the following positions:

- Network Administrator
 - New Position
 - Pay Grade: Administrative - 5
 - Funding Source: 199 General Fund

- Network Specialist
 - New Position
 - Pay Grade: Paraprofessional – 7
 - Funding Source: 199 General Fund

(Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

(Overfelt, Chavira) Haynes, Garabedian, Martinez-Lozano, Chavira voted "Aye"; Meza voted "Nay"; motion passed 5-1-0

- C. Consideration to approve the conversion of excess budgeted positions for the following position and the revision of the Professional Job Classification:

- Dean of Instruction
 - New Position
 - Pay Grade: Professional–Teacher Matrix
 - Funding Source: 199 General Fund

(Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

(Meza, Chavira) voted "Aye"; Haynes, Overfelt, Garabedian, Martinez-Lozano voted "Nay"; motion did not pass 2-4-0

The board adjourned into executive session at 11:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

If, during the course of any duly posted meeting, the Board of Trustees determines that a closed or executive session is required regarding an item posted on the Agenda, that session will be held on any or all subjects and purposes permitted by Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.084, 551.087 of the Government Code (The Texas Open Meetings Act). If a final vote is required on any matter considered in the closed or executive session, it shall be taken either upon the reconvening of the public session covered by this notice or at a subsequent, duly posted, public meeting as the Board shall determine.

A. Pursuant to 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints Against Personnel:

1. Discussion of Personnel Report to include the following:
 - New Hires
 - District Vacancies: Retirements/Resignations/Reassignments
2. Discussion of Salary Adjustments to include, but not limited to the following justifications:
 - Service Credit – Professional and Instructional Aides
 - Master's Degree
3. Discussion of approval of Director of Technology
4. Discussion of approval of Curriculum Coordinator for Instructional Technology

B. Pursuant to 551.087: Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations

1. Discussion of commercial or financial information received from Sun Solar and Rocksprings Wind, with whom the District may be commencing economic development negotiations

The board reconvened into open session at 12:03 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board may vote upon, and/or take action as to, any or all of the items considered under "Closed Session".

A. Consideration to approve the Personnel Report to include the following:

- New Hires
- District Vacancies: Retirements/Resignations

(Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

Larissa Dovalina – Lamar Elem – Grade 3 Teacher	Probationary
Martha Sanchez – DRFS – CTE Business Education Teacher	Probationary
Melissa Chavez – Cardwell HS – Pre-Kinder Bilingual Teacher	Probationary
Cynthia Olivo – DRMS – Business Teacher	Probationary

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

- B. Consideration to approve Salary Adjustments to include, but not limited to the following justification:

- Service Credit – Professionals and Instructional Aides
- Master's Degree

(Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

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

- C. Consideration to approve the Director of Technology.

(Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

Leslie Hayenga – Administration

Non-Chapter 21

Probationary Contract

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

- D. Consideration to approve the Curriculum Coordinator for Instructional Technology.

(Dr. Patricia McNamara)

Recommended Action: Approval

Dr. Sandra Zuniga-Mendoza – C&I Building

Non-Chapter 21

Probationary Contract

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

- E. Discussion and possible action to accept the Application of Pristine Sun Solar for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, to authorize the Superintendent to review the application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller, and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the 150 deadline subject to Board ratification.

(Dr. Carlos Rios and Bob Popinski)

Recommended Action: To be determined

Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to direct the Superintendent and administration to take no action.

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

- F. Discussion and possible action to retain consultants to assist the District in processing of Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Pristine Sun Solar.

(Dr. Carlos Rios and Bob Popinski)

Recommended Action: To be determined

Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to direct the Superintendent and administration to take no action.

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

- G. Discussion and possible action of Rocksprings Wind for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property.
(Dr. Carlos Rios and Bob Popinski)
Recommended Action: To be determined


Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to direct the Superintendent and administration to take no action

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

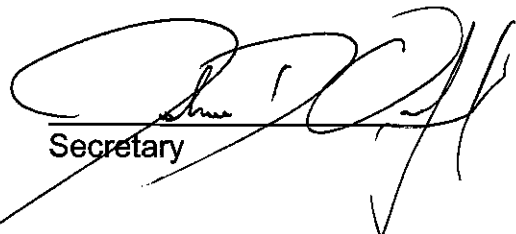
Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 a.m.



President



Secretary