

REGULAR BOARD MEETING**April 15, 2013**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District held Monday, April 15, 2013, in the Administrative Office Board Room, 205 Memorial Drive, Del Rio, Texas.

Trustees present: Dr. Fernando Quiz; Amy Haynes; Joshua D. Overfelt; Charles A. Garabedian; Raymond Meza; Roberto Chavira; and Cecilia Martinez-Lozano (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Trustees absent: None

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

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Del Rio High School – Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Students Advance to Nationals – Roger Gonzalez

Mr. Roger Gonzales presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students that competed at the Texas FBLA Conference in Dallas on March 7-9, 2013 and won 1st Place in the management decision making event that qualifies them to advance and represent the State of Texas at the FBLA National Competition to be held on June 24 thru July 2, 2013 in Anaheim, California. The students are Lisa Diaz, Annie Garcia, Paola Gonzales, Larisa Garanzuia – FBLA Advisor, and Joelda Espinoza – Dual Credit Instructor.

Mr. Gonzalez further thanked Administration, the Board of Trustees, Parents and Sponsors for their support.

- B. Del Rio High School FIRST Robotic Competition (FRC) Alamo Region Winners – Roger Gonzalez

Mr. Roger Gonzalez presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the Del Rio High School FIRST Robotic Competition (FRC) Alamo Region Winners, students, parents, coaches, mentors and CTE teachers.

The students are as follows: Brielle DeAnda, Frida Rivera, Priscila Paez, Courtney Lewis, Maricarmen Del Toro, Emilia Garanzuay, Julissa Sosa, Gilberto Arizpe, Justin Bass, Kurtis Davis, Joe Martinez, Joey Hansell, Jose Padron, Cristian Barriossalas, Josue Longoria, Mauricio Figueroa, Guillermo Hernandez, George Forester, Steve Montelongo, Wolfgang Von Aspe, Mario Castillo, Ruben De Los Santos, Daniel Coronado, Fernando Meza, Israel Sosa, Robert Moreman, Josh Fabian.

The Coaches/Mentors are Brad and Twana Billeaudeau, William and Linda Davis, Larkan Cariaga, John and Andrea Reed, Kevin and Nancy Bass and Roger Gonzalez.

The Del Rio High School FRC Team 4063 TriKzR4KiDz competed at the Alamo Region FRC in San Antonio, Texas on March 28-30, 2013. This event is the largest regional event held in the United States with 61 teams competing, and more than 3,000 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students participating. By winning this regional event, FRC Team 4063 qualifies to compete at the FIRST Robotics World Championship, April 24-27, 2013 in St. Louis, Missouri.

C. 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:

Administration

- Contractor complete with the inside of the building
- Decisions on security in lobby – entrance glass doors changed to security glass
- Cameras and intercoms at the front security doors
- Office reception area ready for move in
- Light fixtures being installed
- restroom for administrative offices 90% complete
- floor covering needs to installed in lobby area

Gymnasium

- Waiting on basketball goals
- Contractor obtained portable goals - temporary
- Cabling needs to be run to overhead projector
- There will be a final inspection once basketball goals and wall pads are installed
- Final photos to be provided upon completion

There was discussion regarding upgrade to fire alarm system and tied in to the new gymnasium. This will be upgraded and a dedicated outlet has been connected and tested.

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:

- Touchup welding being done
- Entrance gates being manufactured
- Catstone above entrance should be in later in the week
- Permanent bleachers arrived and are being set up
- Pressbox stairs installed
- Lights too bright under canopy and turned off during games.
- Family restroom and other restrooms completed
- Anticipate home side completed for game the following day

There was discussion regarding concession stand, shade, press box, responsibility of installing net, backstop, other lights of concern, circular stairs may need gate, bathrooms are awesome.

D. Texas Music Educators Association Information – Dr. Jorge Garza

The Fine Arts Department received a letter from Mr. Weir of the Texas Music Educators Association who stated he is very proud of the endless work the music teachers are providing to the students. Mr. Weir further thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support.

Dr. Garza also stated that the Wind Ensemble, under direction of Mr. Rios won a Division 1 in concert and sight reading. Concert Band, under direction of Mr. Aldaco won Division 1 in concert and sight reading, and The Symphonic Band under direction of Mr. White won Division 1 in concert. Wind Ensemble and Concert Band won Sweepstakes.

E. Information on Notice of Grant Award for the Special Education IDEA-B Formula and PreSchool Grants 2012-2013 Maximum Entitlements. – Dr. Diana Aguirre

Dr. Diana Aguirre presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience a short description of the NOGA for the Special Education IDEA-B Formula and PreSchool Grants 2012-2013 maximum entitlements.

IDEA-B Formula	\$ 260,003.00
IDEA-B PreSchool	\$ 953.00

F. Information on Notice of Grant Awards for the No Child Left Behind 2012-2013 Reallocation. – Michele Smith

Ms. Michele Smith presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience a short description of the NOGA for the No Child Left Behind 2012-2013 reallocation.

Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs	\$ 30,747.00
Title I, Part C – Migrant	\$ 37,121.00

G. 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 DRHS percentage rate in March compared to last year's percentage rate, this is due to testing set up by State calendar, challenges for excessive absences, incentives, follow-up calls, career fairs, 1 percentage point decline each month since November, if student not in attendance they are not getting the instruction needed, raise awareness.

H. Discipline Report to Date by School

Ms. Briana Muraira presented the discipline report for all elementary campuses.

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

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

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

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

I. Information on Administration Change at Val Verde Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Roger Gonzalez

Mr. Roger Gonzalez presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience a brief update regarding the administrative change at the Val Verde Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Maria Christina Guerra is the new administrator. The VVNRC is the clinical training site for students enrolled in the CNA program at Del Rio High School.

There was discussion regarding the previous director, and number of students enrolled in the CNA program.

Consent A

Consideration to approve minutes of the following meetings:

- March 18, 2013 – Regular School Board Meeting
- March 20, 2013 – Special Called Board Meeting
- April 2, 2013 – Special Called Board Meeting

(Quiz, Meza) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

Consent B

Mr. Charles A. Garabedian stated that Consent B. Item S. –Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to M&A in the amount of \$68,801.40 for

ePad with Touch Screen Interface for teachers for the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant – Aida Gomez, was pulled at this time.

- A. Consideration to approve Amendment for all funds as of February 28, 2013. – Yanakany Valdez
- B. Consideration to approve Amendment for all funds as of March 31, 2013. – Yanakany Valdez
- C. 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
- D. Consideration to approve Tax Collection Refunds as requested by Bea Munoz, Val Verde County Tax Assessor/Collector. – Yanakany Valdez
- E. Consideration to approve Quarterly Investment Reports for Quarter Ending February 28, 2013. – Yanakany Valdez
- F. Consideration to approve Donation to the Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary PE Department from Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary PTO, in the amount of \$209.35, to be used for PE equipment. – Yanakany Valdez
- G. Consideration to approve Donation to the Del Rio High School Metal Trades from Del Rio Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$200.00, to be used for competition fees. – Yanakany Valdez
- H. Consideration to approve Donation to the Del Rio High School Metal Trades from Tod Townsend in the amount of \$190.00, to be used for competition fees. – Yanakany Valdez
- I. Consideration to approve Donation to the Del Rio High School Electrical Trades from Del Rio Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$450.00, to be used for awards, plaques, trophies, t-shirts, caps, tools, end-of-year party, shirts, jackets, safety glasses, boots, competition fees, field trips, meals, electrical materials, sweaters, wind breakers, venue rentals, electronics, BBQ party. – Yanakany Valdez
- J. Consideration to approve Donation to the Teachers of the Year Award from Texas Community Bank, in the amount of \$50.00, to be used for gifts for Teacher of the Year and Nominees. Yanakany Valdez
- K. Consideration to approve Donation to the Teachers of the Year Award from Border Federal Credit Union, in the amount of \$350.00, to be used for gifts for Teacher of the Year and Nominees. – Yanakany Valdez
- L. Consideration to approve Donation to the Teachers of the Year Award from The Bank and Trust, in the amount of \$500.00, to be used for gifts for Teacher of the Year and Nominees. – Yanakany Valdez
- M. Consideration to approve Donation to the Irene C. Cardwell Elementary from Exxon Mobil Corporation Educational Alliance Program, in the amount of \$500.00, to be used for supplies for science fair. – Yanakany Valdez

- N. Consideration to approve Donation to the Lamar Elementary from Exxon Mobil Corporation Educational Alliance Program, in the amount of \$500.00, to be used for incentives for science and math involving ecosystems, nature, and recycling. – Yanakany Valdez
- O. Consideration to approve Donation to the Ruben Chavira Elementary from Lifetouch, in the amount of \$526.00, to be used for staff celebrations, Christmas social, students awards, end-of-year events, supplies, meals and materials. – Yanakany Valdez
- P. Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00, to Sentry Security in the additional amount of \$45,823.09, for a total of \$352,044.20 for the District Fire Alarm and Security System. – Raymond Haynes
- Q. Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Insight, not to exceed \$55,000.00 for wireless at Del Rio High School. – Abelardo Casillas
- R. Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to Curriculum Loft in the approximate amount of \$80,160.00, for curriculum software and hardware for the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant. – Aida Gomez
- S. Consideration to approve payment of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00 to M&A in the amount of \$68,801.40, for ePad with Touch Screen Interface for teachers for the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant. – Aida Gomez This agenda item pulled.

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. The administration recommended approval to select the most highly qualified auditing service provider finalist; approve the administration to negotiate an Engagement Letter and Agreement with the most highly qualified auditor service finalist – at a fair and reasonable fee; and approve the administration to select the next most highly qualified provider and attempt to negotiate an Engagement Letter and Agreement with that provider at a fair and reasonable fee in the event that a satisfactory Engagement Letter and Agreement cannot be negotiated with the initial finalist, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

There was discussion regarding possible lapse in time, recommendation of auditing firm to be brought to the board.

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

- B. The administration recommended approval of the classification of the East Side library books as surplus property, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

There was discussion regarding the amount of books left over, letter to parents to pick up books, left over books to be classified as surplus for sale or be offered to schools in Mexico or destroyed. Possibility to offer to private schools, possible Interlocal agreement and fair market value, many books in poor condition, TASB sponsors conferences asking to donate books, food items.

(Chavira, Quiz) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

- C. The administration recommended approval of the submittal of the Head Start Continuance Funding Grant Application in the amount of \$2,063,315.00 with NFS of \$517,490.00 for a total amount of \$2,580,805.00 to the Region VI Head Start Office along with the Self-Assessment, Community Assessment and Training and Technical Assistance Plan, as presented by Linda Guanajuato-Webb

There was discussion regarding reduction of professional staff, budget for another teacher, facilities to accommodate students, increase in class size, 54 students on present waiting list, 5% reduction.

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

- D. The administration recommended approval of the submittal of the School Readiness Plan and Campus Improvement/Maintenance Plan for Head Start to the appropriate Head Start Headquarters, as presented by Linda Guanajuato-Webb

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

- E. The administration recommended approval of the training contract with Lisa Horton on TEKS Specificity at Del Rio Middle School and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Aida Gomez

There was discussion regarding the TTIPS grant and approval for the third year.

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

- F. The administration recommended approval of the Contract for Speaker Services with Aric Bostick for Del Rio Middle School and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Aida Gomez

There was discussion regarding the same speaker at the convocation several years ago, memorable speaker.

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

- G. The administration recommended approval of the contract with Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College for use of classrooms to conduct AP testing and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Dr. Jorge Garza

(Chavira, Haynes) Overfelt, Garabedian, Martinez-Lozano, Meza voted "Aye", Quiz Abstained; motion carried 6-0-1

- H. The administration recommended approval of the contract with Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College for use of classroom to conduct the Retirement Ceremony and approve the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara

(Meza, Chavira) Haynes, Overfelt, Garabedian, Martinez-Lozano voted "Aye"; Quiz Abstained; motion carried 6-0-1

- I. The administration recommended approval of the training contract with Skyward to train Special Programs and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Michele Smith
- (Meza, Chavira) all seven board members present voted "Aye"
- J. The administration recommended approval of the training contract with the Gravelly Group for Policy Council and School Board Members Orientation training and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Linda Guanajuato-Webb
- (Garabedian, Meza) all seven board members present voted "Aye"
- K. The administration recommended approval of the contract for services with Dr. Nancy Amodei to provide mental health assessment and evaluation services in accordance with Head Start Program Performance standards and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Linda Guanajuato-Webb
- (Martinez-Lozano, Chavira) all seven board members present voted "Aye"
- L. The administration recommended approval of the contract with Krystal Flores as the Head Start Nutritionist and for the Interim Superintendent to sign the contract and authorization of payment, as presented by Linda Guanajuato-Webb
- (Chavira, Haynes) all seven board members present voted "Aye"
- M. The administration recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with Section 642(e)(5) of the Head Start Act, Head Start agencies (grantees) are required to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with appropriate local entities, and authorize the Interim Superintendent to sign the MOU, as presented by Linda Guanajuato-Webb
- There was discussion regarding coordination of appointments, transportation, monitoring visits.
- (Chavira, Overfelt) all seven board members present voted "Aye"
- N. Consideration to approve the Second Reading of Policy Update 95, affecting local policies AB, DFBB, DFE, DGBA, EIE, FNG, & GF – Miguel A. Salinas
- Agenda item pulled and will be brought back for consideration at a later date.
- O. Consideration to approve the First Reading of Policy Update 96, affecting local policies DEC, EFAA, & FEB – Miguel A. Salinas
- Agenda item pulled and will be brought back for consideration at a later date.
- P. The administration recommended approval to develop an Interlocal Agreement with the Val Verde County to establish a Community Computer Center at the Old Cardwell

Elementary site and then present the Interlocal Agreement at a future board meeting for final approval, as presented by Miguel A. Salinas

There was discussion regarding flooding at the site, man power for facility, resources, costs, cabling, infrastructure for actual system, purpose for residents in the area, district libraries available for public use, operation hours, concerns about people coming on campus libraries, screening, wiring, and number of computers.

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

- Q. The administration recommended approval of the New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dual Credit Course – Intro. to Speech Communication at Del Rio High School, as presented by Roger Gonzalez

Southwest Texas Junior College – SPCH 1311 – Intro to Speech Communication – Professional Communications

There was discussion regarding course #1311 and #1321 and transferring to most universities.

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

- R. The administration recommended approval of the Sponsorship of Speech and Language Pathology (SLP) graduate program with TWU and Region XV, as presented by Dr. Diana Aguirre

There was discussion regarding employment of speech pathologists, 3 year post graduate program, applauded for their efforts, shortage of speech pathologists.

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

The board adjourned into executive session at 8:14 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
- 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 Teacher Contracts
 - 3. Discussion of Administrator and Professional Contracts
- 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 9:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

Joelda Espinoza – DRHS – Counselor

Current Multi-Year
Contract 11-Month

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

- B. The administration recommended approval of the Teacher Contracts, as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara

(Meza, Quiz) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

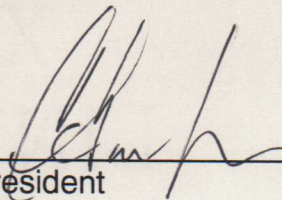
- C. The administration recommended approval of the Administrator and Professional Contracts, as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara

(Chavira, Quiz) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

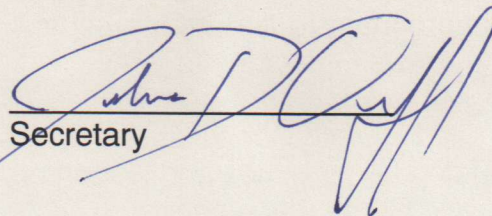
Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



President



Secretary