

Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2018⁹ beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 212 West Vance Street, Refugio, Texas, with the following members present: President Andy Rocha, Vice President Kelley Walker, Secretary Jorge Jaso, Eugene Lewis, T. Wayne Price, and Ethel Garza.

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Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

Staff present: Twyla Thomas, Lisa Herring, Brenda Schumann, and School Resource Officer Peter Silvas.

Others present: Lee Ann Maldonado, Weaver and Jacobs.

President Andy Rocha established a quorum of members present, welcomed guests, and called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Eugene Lewis led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Heidi Gillespie presented to the Board the 2018-2019 English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Evaluation. The ESL program is to improve the students' level of English and to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school. All districts are required to conduct a bilingual education or English as a second language program and will conduct periodic assessments and continuous diagnosis in the languages of instruction to determine program impact and student outcomes in all subject areas. Refugio ISD had a total of 38 English Language Learners for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District joined with Governor Greg Abbott in proclaiming the month of October to be Principals Month. The principals were presented with a proclamation. Mr. Andy Rocha presented a certificate to Twyla Thomas and the board congratulated her. Mrs. Melissa Gonzales commended Mrs. Thomas for her hard work and dedication to our staff and students.

Motion by Mr. Lewis, second by Mrs. Garza to approve Pay Application #6 for the 2017 Recovery Project in the amount of \$862,736.77 as presented. All voted for. 7-0

Lee Ann Maldonado with Weaver and Jacobs updated the Board on the 2017 Recovery Projects. Completion of the high school gyms is set for mid-December on the practice gym and January for the competition gym.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to accept the proposed payments to Boynton Williams & Associates totaling \$26,697.62 for fees associated with the rebuild projects. All voted for 7-0.

During the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Gonzales discussed the following:

- Enrollment update
- Principals' reports:
- Refugio Elementary School – Mrs. Thomas reported positive response to RES Open House and Title 1 meeting. Two parents have registered to attend the Parent and Family Engagement Conference in Victoria on November 6th. The Ladies of Distinction (LOD) will hold their annual Pep Rally on October 25th at 2:30 p.m. in the RES Cafetorium. RES is celebrating Red Ribbon Week with dress up days for the students and staff;
- Refugio High School/Junior High School – Mrs. Gonzales reported for that high school and junior high school are busy with homecoming week activities.
 - Security Officer Report
 - Financial information – monthly bills
 - Date of November Board Meeting, Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Operating procedures for Public Comments/Open Forum will be discussed at the November board meeting.
 - General comments on the state of the District
 - Performance of National Anthem

Mrs. Gonzales spoke to the board regarding a student from the elementary campus that would like to participate in singing the National Anthem. The board reached a consensus that the band should continue to play the National Anthem.

The Refugio Youth Football League requested to use the baseball field as a practice field three times a week. The board agreed to offer the field and will allow the use of lights if the league was able to use half of the lights to save costs

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- Approved the minutes from the September 24, 2019 regular meeting as presented.
- Accept donations and amend the 2019-2020 budget – No donations
- 2019-2020 Updated T-PESS Appraisal Calendar
- RISD Hourly Appraisal Calendar

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 7a

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 7b

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to Approve the Superintendent's request to purchase a new school bus from Thomas Bus in the amount of \$100,225. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's request to purchase a digital sign from Spectrum in the amount of \$43,993. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Superintendent's request for the repairs to the tennis court with ProTrack & Tennis in the amount of \$40,470. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Jorge Jaso, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the agreement for Refugio County Multi-jurisdictional Mitigation Plan update in the amount of \$2500 as presented. All voted for 7-0

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to nominate by resolution Andy Rocha to the Refugio County Appraisal District Board of Directors. All voted for 7-0.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ITEM 7j

NO ACTION WAS TAKE ON ITEM 7k

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the certification of the 2019 tax levy for Refugio ISD for Refugio and Bee Counties in the amount of \$4,636,316.04 as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's request to approve the construction of the Bobcat Tribute Plaza by the Refugio ISD Education Foundation. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's request to approve the formal name and signage for the building formerly known as the Girls Gymnasium to Refugio ISD Sportsplex. All voted for.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Andy Rocha, Board President

Jorge Jaso, Board Secretary

