

## **Board Meeting Minutes October 22, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Thursday, October 22, 2020 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, Eugene Lewis, T. Wayne Price. Absent: Secretary Jorge Jaso, and Ethel Garza.

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

Staff present: Twyla Thomas, Brandon Duncan, Chris Hawthorne, Olivia DeLeon, Brenda Schumann, and School Resource Officer Peter Silvas.

Others present: Roz Keck, Ariana Kay, Shannon Hendley, Chris Brzosowski, Heidi Gillespie, and Vicki Hanson and Refugio Police Department Officer Lee Jordan.

Present by ZOOM: Jeff Osborne

President Andy Rocha established a quorum of members present, welcomed guests, and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. T. Wayne Price led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ethel Garza entered the meeting at 5:33p.m.

The Refugio ISD Education Foundation presented the Board with a check for the innovative classroom teaching grants for a total of \$29,950.85. The Foundation was represented by Roz Keck and Shannon Hendley.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to accept the donation from the Refugio ISD Education Foundation in the amount of \$29,950.85 for innovative teaching grants. All voted for 6-0.

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. Mr. Brandon Duncan, Mrs. Chris Hawthorne, and Mrs. Olivia DeLeon were presented with a proclamation and a small gift. Mrs. Heidi Gillespie read aloud several comments made by staff of the junior high school commending Mrs. Hawthorne as a first time principal. Mrs. Vicki Hanson read comments from the staff at the elementary campus commending Mrs. Thomas on a job well done as a principal. Mrs. Ariana Kay also read several comments from the staff at the high school campus commending Mr. Duncan. Mrs. Melissa Gonzales commended the principals for their hard work and dedication to our staff and students.

In addition, the Foundation recognized the campus principals for their efforts.

Mrs. Heidi Gillespie presented the 2019-2020 English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Evaluation. Mrs. Gillespie informed the board that Refugio ISD will not be required to submit a waiver for the English as a Second language (ESL) program. The ESL program assists students in improving English language acquisition in order to participate equitably in school. Refugio ISD had a total of 35 English Language Learners for the 2019-2020 school year.

Jay Boynton updated the board on the completed projects which include:

- Both gyms
- Metal/wood shop and Auto Shop
- Distance Learning Center and Administration building

Jay Boynton reviewed a conceptual drawing and estimates for the Jack Sportsman Bobcat Stadium complex to consider either the construction of a new complex or repair of the existing stadium. The proposal included a proposed overall site plan and an itemized cost breakdown of each phase of a rebuild project. Mr. Boynton stressed that the plan was intended to present the concept of a comprehensive approach to the stadium, track, transportation center, maintenance facility, athletic facility, equipment storage, and parking.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to authorize the execution of a construction contract with Weaver and Jacobs Constructors Inc., for Refugio High School Library repairs as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the payment of invoices to Boynton Williams and Associates for the amount of \$17,469.52 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve Proposed Change Order #15SD for the amount of \$31,598.06 for the 2015 Bond Construction Projects as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve Pay Application #41 for the 2015 Bond Construction Project for the amount of \$128,018.19 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve Proposed Change Order #11 for the Gymnasium Repair Projects for the amount of \$11,148.85 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve Proposed Pay Application #17RR for the Gymnasium Repair Projects for the amount of \$100,976.94 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve Proposed Change Order #4 for the amount of \$96,944.73 for the Refugio ISD Distance Learning Center and Administration Building as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Proposed Pay Application #9 for the amount of \$204,055.24 and Pay Application #10 for the amount of \$50,253.97 for the Refugio Distance Learning Center and Administration Building as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Kelley Walker to approve the Proposed Change Order #2 for the Metal/Wood Shop and Auto Shop projects for the amount of \$32,799.72 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mrs. Kelley Walker to approve Proposed Pay Application #5 for the Metal/Wood Shop and Auto Shop projects for the amount of \$80,177.30 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Mrs. Melissa Gonzales reviewed the 20-21 Refugio ISD District Improvement Plan.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the 20-21 Refugio ISD District Improvement Plan as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Mrs. Chris Hawthorne reviewed the 20-21 Campus Improvement Plan for Refugio Junior High School.

Mrs. Brandon Duncan reviewed the 20-21 Campus Improvement Plan for Refugio High School.

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- a. Minutes from September 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes from October 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting
- c. 2020 Tax Levy for Refugio ISD

The board entered closed session beginning at 7:26 p.m pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act Texas Govt. Code Sections 551.074,551.075 and 551.076: deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee; to confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions; employment of probationary contract employee(s) of the GSEC Special Education Cooperative for the 20-21 school year; employment of probationary contract employee(s) for the 20-21 school year; Safety and Security Audit.

The Board returned to open session at 7:47 p.m. having taken no action.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

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Andy Rocha, Board President

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Jorge Jaso, Board Secretary