

Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 212 W. Vance Street, Refugio, Texas, with the following members present: President Jorge Jaso, Vice-President Ethel Garza, Secretary Andy Rocha, T. Wayne Price, Kelley Walker, and Eugene Lewis. Absent: Lorraine Garcia

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

Staff present: Brandon Duncan, Twyla Thomas, Brenda Schumann, Lisa Herring and Peter Silvas.

Others present: Dennis Eichelbaum, Derrick Campbell, Kathy Durst, James Durst, Selina Hemphill and David Hemphill.

President Jorge Jaso established a quorum of members present, welcomed guests, and called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Jorge Jaso led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Gonzales recognized Coach David Hemphill and Coach Selina Hemphill on their accomplishments. On February 11, 2019 Coach David Hemphill had his 500th win in girls' basketball! Coach Selina Hemphill, volleyball coach, was awarded All South Texas Coach of the Year. Mrs. Gonzales and the RISD Board thanked them for their dedication to the students of Refugio ISD.

An audience with visitors was held.

This board conducted a closed session beginning at 5:41p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act Texas Govt. Code Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.075 for private consultation with the board's attorney only when it seeks the attorney's advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings; to 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.; Administrators: Principals, Director of Finance and Accountability , Assistant Principals, GSEC Special Education Cooperative Director, evaluations, contract extensions or non-

extensions; Athletic Director/Head Football Coach/At-Risk Liaison contract extension or non-extension.

The Board returned to open session at 6:14 p.m.

Mr. Jaso announced the time as 6:14 p.m. February 21, 2019; the Board did not take any vote or other action in closed session. The Board heard the complaint of Derrick Campbell. Mr. Jaso asked for a motion; Motion by Mr. Andy Rocha in that both remedies have been satisfactorily addressed, he'd moved to affirm the Level II grievance decision, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza. All voted for 6-0. The last administrative decision stands as the final decision in the matter. Mr. Jaso stated that the complaint proceeding before the Board of Trustees is concluded.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to extend the certified administrator contract of Brandon Duncan as Refugio High School Principal/Refugio Junior High School Principal for one year through June 30, 2021. All voted for. 6-0

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to extend the certified administrator contract of Twyla Thomas as Refugio Elementary School Principal for one year through June 30, 2022. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Kelley Walker to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on employment of Olivia DeLeon as Refugio Elementary Assistant Principal on a one-year contract for school year 2019-2020. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Andy Rocha, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to extend the non-certified administrator contract of Lisa Herring as Refugio ISD Director of Finance and Accountability for a two year non-certified administrator term contract beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to extend the certified administrator contract of Lori Homeyer as GSEC Special Education Cooperative Director for a three year contract through June 30, 2022. All voter for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to extend the certified administrator contract of Jason Herring as Refugio I.S.D. Athletic Director/Head Football Coach/At-Risk Liaison for one year through June 30, 2023. All voted for 6-0.

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

- Enrollment update
- Principals' reports:
 - Mr. Duncan reported that the junior high and high school students have are continuing to attend breakfast at the newly renovated cafeteria, with 57 juniors and 109 seniors. February 19th several seniors attended the NAEP test. The seniors that were absent will take the test on Monday, February 25th.
 - Mrs. Thomas commended the custodians and maintenance personnel on the outstanding work that have done with the cleanup at the elementary campus; on March 4th all 5th grade students and staff will attend a trip to the Texas State Aquarium and Marine Adventures by STEM grant that was awarded.
- Truant Officer Report
- Financial Information.
- Federal Report Card
- Comptroller's 2018 Preliminary Property Values
- Date of March Board meeting – Thursday, March 29, 2018
- RISD Calendar of Events – March, 2019
- Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, June 13-14, 2019
- TASB School Board Spring Workshop
- Texas A&M-Kingsville, Wednesday, March 27, 2019 and Wednesday, May 22, 2019 – Victoria College & Conference Center and Education Center, Victoria, TX.
- Salary Study – Instructional Aides
- Senior Handbook
- Facilities Usage- Tennis Courts

Several requests by the public have been made to use the tennis courts. The RISD school board has agreed it is in the best interest of students, and the public, that the tennis courts are not available for use at this time. Construction will be taking place on the both gyms and for safety concerns the tennis courts will not be open to the public.

- Update on Bond 2015 Projects
- Update on 2017 Recovery Projects
- General comments on the state of the District

Mrs. Gonzales reported Refugio ISD has received a 1.2 million dollar payment from the insurance company for additional hurricane damage. Refugio ISD has a new team of FEMA Program Delivery Managers, our projects are moving and Refugio ISD has had additional site inspections. Boynton Williams Architects will be finalizing the cost for the rebuild of our two

gyms including roofing for various buildings will also be in this package. The drawings are out for consideration by construction contractors on both of the gyms and remaining roofs. Mr. Jay Boynton will meet with Mrs. Gonzales on Monday, February 25th for a pre-bid meeting.

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- A. Approved minutes from the January 24, 2019 regular meeting as presented, and January 24, 2018 special meeting as presented.
- B. Accept the donations and amend the 2018-19 budget (No donations)

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the application for Optional Flexible School Day Program for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to move that the Board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASK Localized Policy Manual Update 112. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the revision to local policy EIC as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the revisions to local policy FMH as presented. All voted for 6-0.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM #19.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM #20

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the budget amendments for the following:

- 6,296.24 – High School Library
- 43,072.52 - Metal Canopy & Columns
- 442,956.41 – Insurance Premiums

Motion by Mr. Andy Rocha, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to award two scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 each to a graduating senior boy and a graduating senior girl of the Class of 2019. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Refugio ISD Administration Procedures Manual as present by Lisa Herring. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the audit firm of Harrison, Waldrop and Uherek to conduct an audit of our district for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2019. All voted for 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Jorge Jaso, Board President

Andy Rocha, Board Secretary

