

Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Thursday, March 28, 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, Lorraine Garcia, Kelley Walker, Eugene Lewis, and T. Wayne Price.

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

Staff present: Twyla Thomas, Lisa Herring, and Brenda Schumann.

Others present: Chris Brzozowski, Mike Woodlee, Jay Boynton, Natasha Campbell, Kathy Durst, Lola Bailey, Samantha Meza, Angelica Galva, Heidi Gillespie, and Brad Gillespie.

President Jorge Jaso established a quorum of members present, welcomed guests, and called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

During the Spotlight on Excellence, Mrs. Gonzales and the Board of Trustees honored the Counselors of Refugio ISD. Heidi Gillespie with 35 years, Angelica Galvan with 6 years, and Samantha Meza with 5 years. Mrs. Gonzales spoke on the qualifications of a school counselor; holding a Master's degree, meet the state certification and licensure standards, and fulfill the continuing education requirements.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Kelley Walker presented the counselors with certificates, and the Board congratulated them.

An audience with visitors was held.

Mr. Jaso stated the time as 5:44 p.m. March 28, 2019. The Board heard the comments of Natasha Campbell.

Chris Brzozowski updated the board on the Hurricane Harvey recovery projects. Repair of the high school administration offices has begun. Electrical work, drywall, and duct work is being installed. Mr. Brzozowski is hopeful that work will be complete in June. Also, asphalt proposals for paving of the parking lot behind school and softball field have been received.

Mr. Jay Boynton reported on the repair of both gymnasiums and various roofs throughout the district. The project will result in a complete makeover of both gyms.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to amend the 2018-2019 budget for the amount of \$417,743.75 for the re-roof, designs for the temporary gym, practice gym and competition gym renovations. All voted for 7-0.

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

- Enrollment update
- Principals' reports:
 - Refugio Elementary – Mrs. Thomas reported that the students and staff were happy to return to their school building after bats forced a temporary relocation of students. The elementary faculty appreciates the help and support from Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, as well as Refugio High School/Refugio Junior High School for allowing their students to attend school on their campus. Several students participated in the Refugio County Fair Art Show exhibiting artwork, baking, and showing animals. An RES fundraiser had their kick-off today. The first round of STAAR testing is right around the corner, and RES has had two training sessions with the last training session taking place on Monday. Spring pictures will take place Monday, April 1st. Refugio County Courthouse is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and basket decoration contest for grades PreK-2nd grade on April 17th.
 - Truant Officer Report
 - Financial information
 - TASB School Board Spring Workshop – Wednesday, May 22, 2019, Victoria College & Conference Center and Education Center, Victoria, TX.
 - RISD Calendar of Events
 - Salary Study – Campus Administrative Assistants
 - Summer Leadership Institute – San Antonio – June 13-14, 2019
 - TEAM OF EIGHT TRAINING – April 22, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Refugio Bobcats Football Schedule 2019
 - Update on Bond 2015 Projects
 - Update on 2017 Recovery Projects
 - Educational Foundation

Mrs. Gonzales will attend the Texas Education Foundation Network Conference on April 8-9, 2019 in San Marcos. Former students Mark Richardson and Roz Keck have both received overwhelming responses and financial pledges from other former students interested in supporting the current students of Refugio ISD.

- General comments on the state of the District

Mrs. Gonzales reported that the MD Bio lab is back. This lab has been funded by the ReBuild Texas Foundation. The mobile science lab provides science enrichment for our 7-12 grade students. The FEMA Program Delivery Manager assigned to Refugio ISD have been working closely with Jay Boynton, architect and with Lance Grigar, the insurance adjustor on the Hurricane Harvey insurance claim. Mrs. Herring, Brandon Duncan, Twyla Thomas, and Melissa Gonzales met with a food service management company on Wednesday, March 20th to consider outsourcing food service for the 2019-2020 school year.

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- Approved minutes from the February 21, 2019 regular meeting as presented.
- Certify that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills according to the requirements on the Instructional Materials and TEKS Certification form for 2019-2020 as presented.
- Accept the donations and amend the 2018-2019 budget – No Action; No Donations.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 6 B

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 6 C

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 6 D

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Andy Rocha to order the cancellation of the regular trustee election scheduled for May 4, 2019, for SMD #1, SMD#3, and SMD#5, and certify Eugene Lewis SMD#1, Jorge Jaso SMD#3, and Kelley Walker SMD#5 as unopposed and elected to office in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Education Code. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Andy Rocha, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the tuition charge (\$300 per month) for non-eligible Pre-Kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year and offering employees' children a 20% discount as presented. All voted for. 7- 0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Refugio ISD Calendar for school year 2019-2020 as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment of Daniel Grigsby for the 2019-2020 school year on a one-year

dual assignment probationary contract, subject to assignment and teacher salary schedule to be approved at a later date. All voted for 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Jorge Jaso, Board President

Andy Rocha, Board Secretary