

Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Thursday, April 25, 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, Eugene Lewis, Lorraine Garcia, Kelley Walker, and T. Wayne Price.

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

Staff present: Twyla Thomas, Brandon Duncan, and Lisa Herring.

Others present: Tim DeLaney, Chris Brozowski, Jay Boynton, Kaitlyn Lopez, Dominique Wills, Bradi Fox-Smith, Lily Green, Ruby Rodriguez, and Gabree Guerra.

President Jorge Jaso 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.

An audience with visitors was held.

Joel Acevedo was not able to attend the Spotlight on Excellence. Joel will be recognized at a later board meeting.

Chris Brozowski updated the Board on the progress with the high school administration area and they are still on schedule to finish by July 4, 2019. The gym repairs have begun as of Monday, April 22, 2019.

Jay Boynton reported they continue to meet with FEMA and Insurance on a one on one basis to discuss how to present comparison of costs (RISD and theirs).

Mrs. Gonzales reported on the possibility of both FEMA reimbursement through Public Assistance and 406 Mitigation that will assist RISD with projects that will prevent damage in event of future disasters.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Pay Application #31 Refugio High School 2015 Bond Construction to Weaver & Jacobs Constructors for the repairs in the amount of \$131,161.75. All voted for 7-0.

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

- Enrollment update

- Principals reports:
- Refugio Elementary School – Mrs. Thomas announced many events scheduled at the elementary campus in the month of May: PreK/Kindergarten registration and roundup will be on Friday, May 2nd at 2:15 p.m. in the Cafetorium; Mrs. Anna Garcia will have the A/R Millionaire Club Luncheon on Monday, May 21st; RES Field Day will be held on May 23rd; RES will host a talent show on Wednesday, May 29th at 2:15 p.m. in the Cafetorium; RES Awards ceremonies will be on May 28th and May 29th; RES Fun Day will take place on May 30th.
- Refugio High School and Refugio Junior High School – Mr. Duncan reported that Nadaisha Shaw signed with Mary Hardin Baylor University; May 13th RISD will have their Athletic Banquet starting at 6:00 p.m.; junior high athletes are finished for the year; high school softball and baseball are still competing and qualifiers for the Regional Track Meet are preparing for that competition; the Mighty Bobcat Band will host a banquet on May 16th.
- School Officer Report
- Financial Information
- REIC Minutes
- Framework for School Board Development
- Board member training hours
- TASB School Board Spring Workshop – Wednesday, May 22, 2019, Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex, Victoria, TX.
- Summer Leadership Institute - San Antonio – June 13-14, 2019
- Date of May Board meeting – Thursday, May 23, 2019
- Salary Study – Technology
- Update of High School Cheerleading Constitution; Proposed Junior High Cheerleading Constitution.
- Band Trip to Disney
- Wendy Award
- RISD Calendar of Events – May, 2019 – Spring Events
- Project Aware Grant
- Americares Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) School based Personnel Project
- Update on Bond 2015 projects
- Update on 2017 Recovery projects
- General comments on the state of the District

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- A. Approved minutes from the March 28, 2019 regular meeting as presented and March 29, 2019 and April 15, 2019 special meetings as presented.
- B. Accept donations and amend the 2018-2019 budget.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM B.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 6A.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to revise the Refugio ISD Calendar as presented for school year 2019-2020 due to a change in Refugio County Fair holidays. All voted for 7-0.

Mrs. Gonzales reminded the Board that former students want to begin an Educational Foundation. Mrs. Gonzales attended a conference to learn more about educational foundations. An educational foundation will fundraise to sponsor classroom grants for teachers. The Board considered the resolution authorizing the formation of an educational foundation. Mrs. Gonzales read the resolution before the board voted. Motion by T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to adopt resolution establishing the Refugio ISD Education Foundation for the benefit of the students of Refugio ISD. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to execute agreement with Foundation Innovation, LLC, to facilitate the creation of the Refugio ISD Education Foundation. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year probationary contract for the 2019-20 school year for the GSEC Special Education Cooperative professional personnel noted, and execute appropriate documents thereto:

All voted for 7-0.

SBEC Non-Certified

Kayla Boening
Jenna Diaz
Loree Jefferson
Audrey Vasquez

Motion by Mr. Andy Rocha, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year Chapter 21 term contract for the 2019-20 school year for the GSEC Special Education Cooperative professional personnel noted, subject to assignment:

All voted for 7-0.

SBEC certified:

Tonya Bohl	Educational Diagnostician
Terrisa Cortines	Educational Diagnostician
Laural Durbin	Vision Teacher/Orientation & Mobility
Lacey Mueller	ARD Facilitator (part-time)
Michelle Perez	Educational Diagnostician
Janna Weise	Educational Diagnostician
Lyndal Wiatrek	Educational Diagnostician/ECI & Speech Coordinator
Machaela Zellmer	Vision Teacher & O&M

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year Non-Chapter 21 contract for the 2019-20 school year for the GSEC Cooperative professional personnel noted, subject to assignment:

All voted for 7-0.

Non SBEC certified:

Suzanne Berhow	Speech Therapist
Shannon Holder	Licensed Professional Counselor
Ashley Janysek	Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern
Ashley Jimenez	SLP-Assistant
Dana Kay	Registered Occupational Therapist
Judy Klare	Licensed Specialist in School Psychology/Psychological Services
Jessica Lambeck	Speech Therapist
Paula Lyssy	Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
Peggy Montgomery	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA)
Gina Sugarek	Licensed Physical Therapist
John Von Dohlen	Business Manager/Coordinator of Assistive Technology & Related Services

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for part-time employment through a Letter of Agreement for the 2019-23 school year for the GSEC Special Education Cooperative professional personnel noted, subject to assignment:

All voted for 7-0.

SBEC certified:

Alina Almanza	Speech Therapist
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Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year probationary contract for the 2019-20 school year for the professional personnel noted as teacher or nurse:

All voted for 7-0.

Refugio Elementary School (PK-6)

Celena Brown (Addendum)
Malaise Williams

Refugio Junior High (7-8)

Sheri Alex
David Bazan (Addendum)

Refugio High School (9-12)

David Gonzales
Richard Tuttle (Addendum)
Julie Wallace (Addendum)

All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second Mr. Eugene Lewis by to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year dual assignment probationary contract for the 2019-20 school year for the professional personnel noted as teacher/coach, conditioned upon their meeting or maintaining requirements for school bus driver certification and appropriate license:

All voted for 7-0

Refugio Elementary School (PK-6) (none)

Refugio Junior High School (7-8) (none)

Refugio High School (9-12)

Jorge Chapa (dual-assignment)

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year term contract for the 2019-20 school year for the professional personnel noted as teacher/librarian/counselor:

All voted for 7-0.

Refugio Elementary School (PK-6)

Monica Baron
Jeannette Barraza
Afton Bauer
Britni Bernal
Ginger Boucher
Stacie Carvajal
Emilee Cox (Nurse)
Regina DeLeon
Chasey Duncan
Michelle Everett
Angelica Galvan (Counselor)

Vicki Hanson
Leslie Haug
Karen Lawson (retire/rehire adden.)
Melissa Linney
Ryan Linney
Shelley Long
Paige Meissner
Pricilla Meza
Sherrie Myers
Kelley Niemann Solomon
Rachel Rocha
KaLeigh Silvas
Margaret Solderholtz
Cindy Strauch (retire/rehire adden.)
Amy Waer
Lisa Williams
Tonya Williams

Refugio Junior High (7-8)

Polly Cullers
Nancy Keyes
Darius Robertson

Refugio High School (9-12)

Nathan Alex
Janice Carroll
Chris Hawthorne
Meaghan Hunt
Samantha Meza (Counselor)
Virginia Perez
Alicia Pursch
Rita Ramirez

All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year dual assignment term contract for the 2019-20 school year for the professional personnel noted as teacher/coach, conditioned upon their meeting or maintaining requirements for school bus driver certification and appropriate license:

All voted for 7-0.

Refugio Elementary School (PK-6)

Boxell, Eli

Cox, Cameron
Megan Montemayor

Refugio Junior High (7-8)

Refugio High School (9-12)

Cox, Drew
Franz, Meaghan
Green, Katie
Hawthorne, Kent
Hemphill, David
Hemphill, Selina
Kay, Jarod
Spiegleman, Adam

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment of Lee Ann Bauer, Anna Garcia, Heidi Gillespie, Linda Garza, and Deborah Herrera as a part-time (less than one-half time/three class periods per day) through a Letter of Agreement on a part-time basis for the 2019-2020 school year, based on a prorated salary to be determined.

Refugio Elementary School

Lee Ann Bauer
Anna Garcia
Heidi Gillespie

Refugio Junior High School

Deborah Herrera

Refugio High School

Dee Anna Cobb
Linda Garza

All voted for 7-0

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM H

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Superintendent recommendation for employment of Julianne Wood on a one-year probationary contract for the 2019-2020 school year. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment of Ted Burhts, and Steven Jackson on a one-year dual-assignment probationary contract for the 2019-2020 school year. All voted for 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Jorge Jaso, Board President

Andy Rocha, Board Secretary