

## Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Office, 212 West Vance Street, Refugio, Texas, with the following members present: President Andy Rocha, Vice-President Kelley Walker, Secretary Jorge Jaso, Ethel Garza, Lorraine Garcia, Eugene Lewis, and T. Wayne Price.

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

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

Others present: Mike Woodlee with BWA, Chris Brzozowski with Weaver and Jacobs, Rita Ramirez, and Steven Saucedo.

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

Mrs. Lorraine Garcia led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to accept the offers for purchase of the tax sale property listed at 305 Second Street as recommended. All voted for 7-0.

Chris Brzozowski with Weaver and Jacobs reported to the Board that the repair of both gyms at the high school continues. The mold remediation at the competition gym will take longer than what was expected. The repairs to the high school administration offices will be ready for the final punch list around the first week of July. The roof replacements for the woodshop, metal shop and the science wing are under construction. All roof renovations should be completed by the start of school for 2019-2020.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to accept the amendments for the 2018-2019 budget for the amount of \$1,296,568.00. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis, to approve and accept the proposed Change Order #1 for the amount of \$436,356.27 for Refugio Gymnasium Renovation Project. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve and accept the proposed Pay Application #33 for the 2015 Bond Construction Projects in the amount of \$214,363.70 as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Jorge Jaso, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve and accept the proposed Pay Application for the Refugio Gymnasium Renovation Project in the amount of \$1,008,070.63 as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Mrs. Gonzales reported that a pre-bid meeting for the former administration building and the installation of the science lab was held this week. We will have a special board meeting on July 2 at 12:15 p.m. to consider bids. The former administration building will be used for several purposes after

the repairs are completed. Central administration and a Distance Learning Center will be a huge benefit to all staff and students. Mrs. Gonzales also reported that she had learned of Refugio ISD would be left off of the Hurricane Harvey Provisions that arose from the legislative session. Mrs. Gonzales contacted the state and national legislators she could reach and sent a letter to the Commissioner of Education.

Superintendent's Report:

- Refugio Elementary School (PK-6)
- Refugio Junior High School (7-8)
- Refugio High School (9-12)

Mrs. Thomas reported to the board that summer school has started and all students were in attendance except for one and truancy was filed; teachers have been working with small groups to provide effective intervention; Camp Get Fit will begin on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> and the students are excited about participating again this year.

Mr. Duncan reported to the board that the final round of STAAR will be taking place this week; the administration office at the high school should be ready and secretaries will be able to move in soon; summer band will start on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Financial Information
- Special Board Meeting – July 2, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.
- Date of July board meeting, July 25, 2019
- HB3 Salary Increases and 2019 Minimum Salary Schedule
- Discussion of Open/Closed Campus
- Discussion Lag and Values
- REIC Minutes
- 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.

Minutes in the May 23, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

No action on accept the donation and amend the 2018-2019 budget.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garcia to approve and accept the proposed payments to Boynton Williams & Associates totaling \$49,381.64 for fees associated with the rebuild projects. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to adopt the resolution identifying the hazardous traffic conditions applicable to Refugio ISD in order to obtain supplemental state funding for transporting regular, otherwise ineligible students who live within two miles of their school but who would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions if they walked to school as recommended. All voted for 7-0.

Mrs. Gonzales reported to the Board regarding Delmar College Carpentry Program which consists of:

- OSHA 30 0 HR Construction Certification
- Introduction to Power Tools
- Communication and Workplace Skills
- Tools and Techniques for Carpentry
- Framing and General Construction

Delmar will provide the training skills in carpentry to help students enter the workforce in industries seeking qualified carpenters.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Jorge Jaso to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Delmar College Carpentry Program. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to designate Ida Turner, Refugio County Tax-Assessor Collector as the appointed person to commute the effective and or roll back rate. All voted for. 7-0

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to add, revise, or delete (local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 113. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year Chapter 21 probationary contract for Leslie McCaleb-Dillon for the 2019-2020 school year for the following GSEC Special Education Cooperative professional personnel, subject to assignment. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for a one-year Non-Chapter 21 probationary contract for Mary Phillips for the 2019-2020 school year for the following GSEC Special Education Cooperative professional personnel, subject to assignment. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Jorge Jaso, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment of Bethany Everett, Hannah LaFond, and Antionwynette Smith for the 2019-2020 school year on a one-year assignment probationary contract, and Ally Coscetti 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 7:21 p.m.

