

Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, 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, Secretary Jorge Jaso, T. Wayne Price, Lorraine Garcia, and Ethel Garza. Absent: Eugene Lewis

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent

Staff Present: Brenda Schumann and Lisa Herring

Others present: Rita Ramirez, Ted Buhrts, Lee Ann Maldonado, Chris Brzozosky, Jay Boynton, Hannah LaFond, Ally Coscetti, Steven Jackson, Daniel Grigsby, and Antionwynette Smith.

President Andy Rocha established a quorum of members present, welcomed guests, and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Mrs. Gonzales introduced the new employees for the upcoming school year: Ted Buhrts, Hanna LaFond, Ally Coscetti, Steven Jackson, Daniel Grigsby and Antoinwynette Smith. The Board welcomed them to our district.

Facilities Report:

Chris Brzozowsky updated the board with regard to the ongoing construction at the two gyms. Construction delays associated with the state oversight of the environment issues, required permits and third-party air quality monitoring were reported. Refugio ISD will not have access to the gym until November. The high school administration offices will be turned over to the district on Wednesday and Refugio High School staff will be able to move in.

Jay Boynton of Boynton, Williams, and Associates informed the board that the roof repairs at the metal shop are complete. The science wing, wood shop, and high school roofs are near completion. Mr. Boynton said they are continuing with weekly FEMA meetings and insurance meetings.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Pay Application #34 for the amount of \$115,441.15 for the 2015 Bond Construction Projects as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mr. Jorge Jaso to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Pay Application #3 for the amount of \$664,265.62 for the Refugio Gymnasium Renovation Project as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the budget amendments in the amount of \$1,032.505 as presented. All voted for 6-0.

A budget workshop was held. Mrs. Lisa Herring reviewed the preliminary budget revenues and expenditures for the 2019-2020 school year. Lisa also discussed the formula transition grant that will help the district fill the gap created by the new House Bill 3 funding formulas.

Superintendent's Report:

Campus Reports:

- Mrs. Gonzales reported that Camp Get Fit ended this week and everyone seemed to enjoy the program this year. High School Band will begin their marching season on Monday, July 29th.

Board Administration:

- August board meeting has been changed to Tuesday, August 27, 2019
- Special Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. 2019-2020.

Inservice schedule will be ready next week.

General comments on the state of the district: The Education Foundation met today, July 25th at 11:00 p.m.

Financial Report:

Legislative Report

Minimum Salary Schedule 2019

Revenue 2019-2020

Hurricane Harvey Remediation funds

Certified property values - Refugio, Bee and Victoria Counties

Comptroller's 2019 final property values - Do Not have

Student accident insurance

- Lisa Herring introduced another insurance company Monarch Management Corporation that offers coverage for grades PK-12 at a lower cost than the district previous student insurance carrier.

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- A. No action taken on Item #1 - May 23, 2019 special meeting minutes.
Approved minutes from the June 24, 2019 regular board meeting as presented.
- B. No action taken on Item B- Region 3 ESC Contracted Services and/or Shared Services Agreements for the 2019-2020 school year.
- C. Designation of acute teacher shortage areas for the 2019-2020 school year:
Bilingual/English as a Second Language – Elementary and Secondary Levels
Special Education – Elementary and Secondary Levels
Career and Technical Education –Secondary Levels

Technology Applications and Computer Science – Secondary Levels
Mathematics – Secondary Levels

D. Honors Courses identified for UIL No Pass, No Play exemption.

Dual Credit offerings for the 2019-2020 school year:

- ACCT 2301
- ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
- BCIS 1305 Business Communication Applications
- Biol 1322
- Econ 2301
- Engl 1301/2322
- Govt 2305
- HIST 2321 World Civilization I
- HUMA 1301 Intro to Humanities
- KINE 1301 Foundations of Kinesiology
- KINE 1304 Personal & Comm. Health I
- Math 1314/1332 College Algebra
- PHIL 1301 Intro to Philosophy
- SOCI 1301 Principles of Sociology
- SPCH 1311 Intro to Speech Communications
- SPCH 1315 Public Speaking

**Please note that unknown dual credit courses will be offered during the Spring semester and will be deemed as a weighted course.*

High school honors course offerings:

- Chemistry-Honors
- English I-Honors
- English II-Honors
- English III-Honors
- Physics-Honors
- Pre-Calculus

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 8b. - Consider the proposed Change Orders for the 2015 Bond Construction Projects.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 8d - Consider the proposed Change Orders for the Refugio Gymnasium Renovation Projects.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Teacher Salary Hiring Range for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Administrative Staff Salary Schedule as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. T. Wayne Price to approve the athletic stipends for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to leave the contributions towards the Employee Only health insurance premium as is, for a total package in the amount of \$355 per month for participating employees' benefit package for the 2019-2020 school year. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Jorge Jaso, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza, to authorize the elimination of tax discounts for early payment of taxes and split-payment of taxes for the Year 2019 tax collections. All voted for 6-0.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the district's participation in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for the 2019-2020 school year. All voted for 6-0.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM #8L. - Consider the Telephone Consultation Agreement between Refugio ISD and Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl P.C.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Jorge Jaso to approve the members of the Concussion Oversight Team of Joe Rose, P.T., V.C.C. and John Winemank P. A. as presented. All voted for 6-0.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM #8m - Consider and approve the 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct.

The Board entered closed session beginning at 7:18 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meeting Act Texas Govt. code Sections 551.074 and 551.075: 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 2019-2020 school year; employment of probationary contract employee(s) for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board returned to open session at 7:42 PM having taking no action.

Motion by T. Wayne Price, second by Lorraine Garcia to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment of Ted Buhrts on a one-year dual assignment probationary

226 day contract, and Justin Southern on a one-year 226 day probationary contract, subject to assignment and teacher salary schedule to be approved at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Andy Rocha, Board President

Jorge Jaso, Board Secretary

