

Board Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District was held on Monday, November 25, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria, 212 West Vance Street, Refugio, Texas, with the following members present: President Jorge Jaso, Vice-President Ethel Garza, Secretary Andy Rocha, T. Wayne Price, Eugene Lewis, Kelley Walker, and Lorraine Garcia.

Also present: Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent.

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

Others present: Charles Lewis, Frank Anzaldua, Philip Lewis, Cathy Linney, Frank Hosey, Mary Durst, John C. Bland II, Johnnie Marie Green, Cassandra Durst, James R. Durst, Michael Rocha, Natasha Campbell, Malcom Franklin, Sonia Castillo, Gilbert Castillo, Ryan Linney, Jack Vaden, Anita Barber, Miranda Montalvo, Gary Bourland, Tracey Gregorcyk, Wanda Dukes, Amy Waer, Jeannette Barraza, Leslie Haug, Donna Johnson, Rita Ramirez, Jimmy C. Ramirez, Heidi Gillespie, Brad Gillespie, Dana Alsop, Mary Swafford, Jackie Chambers, Celena Brown, Jayme Henning, Ronnie Henning, Kathy Brown, Jacqueline Lewis, Adele Karm, and Amanda Jaramillo.

President Andy Rocha established a quorum of members present, welcomed guests, and called the regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

An audience with visitors was held.

During the public comments Board President, Andy Rocha read the guideline of public audience participation.

Several individuals came forward to address the RISD School Board in regards to item 6a – the discontinuation of the Refugio High School fight song. Eleven individuals spoke against the use of the fight song, while five spoke in favor of continuing the Refugio fight song.

Motion by Jorge Jaso, second by Eugene Lewis to discontinue the playing of the Refugio Fight song. Voting for: Jorge Jaso and Eugene Lewis - Voting to keep the Refugio Fight song: Andy Rocha, Ethel Garza, Kelley Walker, Lorraine Garcia, and T. Wayne Price. 5-2

Board President, Andy Rocha held a break at this time – 6:21 p.m.
The Board meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gonzales reported to the board on the 2017 Recovery Projects. The Refugio ISD Sportsplex is scheduled for completion on or about December 23, 2019. The competition gym is progressing, and will be completed early next year. Work has begun on the tennis courts, and should be completed in time for the tennis season.

Team of Eight Training - A date will be set in the near future.

Notice of deadline to post notice of candidate filing -Monday, December 16, 2019.

The following consent agenda items were approved by common consent:

- A. Approved minutes from October 22, 2019 regular meeting as presented and November 11, 2019 special meeting as presented
- B. Instructional Materials Committee
- C. Accept donations and amend the 2019-20 school budget – No donations at this time.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ITEM #6b.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to approve extra duty pay to the School Resource Officer in the amount of \$2,500.00 as presented. All voted for 7-0.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ITEM 6d.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Lewis, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Pay Application #7 for the amount of \$687,103.94 for the Gymnasium Renovation Projects as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Mrs. Twyla Thomas reviewed the changes to the Refugio Elementary School Campus Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Refugio Elementary School Campus Improvement plan for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Mr. Brandon Duncan reviewed the changes to the Refugio Junior High School Campus Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.

Motion by Mr. T. Wayne Price, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Refugio Junior High School Campus Improvement Plan for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Mr. Brandon Duncan reviewed the changes to the Refugio High School Campus Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mrs. Ethel Garza to approve the Refugio High School Campus Improvement Plan for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Mrs. Lisa Herring reviewed the changes to the Refugio ISD District Improvement Plan for 2019-2020.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Refugio ISD District Improvement Plan for 2019-2020 as presented. All voted for 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Garza, second by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia to adopt resolution to cast 1,224 votes for Mr. Andy Rocha in the election for the Refugio County appraisal District Board of Directors. All voted for 7-0.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM #6l.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM #6m.

Motion by Mrs. Lorraine Garcia, second by Mr. Eugene Lewis to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment of Richard Martinez on a one-year probationary contract for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All voted for 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Andy Rocha, Board President

Jorge Jaso, Board Secretary

