



# WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:  
Place:  
Location:  
Date:  
Time:

Special Board Meeting  
WISD Board Room  
319 W. Fourth Street  
May 30, 2017  
9:09 P.M

## MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order by Erasmo Lopez, Board President.
- II. A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

Erasmo Lopez, Board President  
Oscar Caballero, Vice President  
Isidoro Nieto, Secretary  
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee  
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee  
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee  
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

- III. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval to Change the Date of the Regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2017

Superintendent Dr. Priscilla Canales recommended that the Board change the date of the Regular Board Meeting originally scheduled on Monday, June 12, 2017 to Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- IV. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Contract with ERO Architects of McAllen, Texas for the Design of:
  - 1) Roofing Improvements District-Wide
  - 2) Weslaco East High School Band Hall Addition Project

The superintendent recommended approval of the contract with ERO Architects for the following projects.

- Roofing Improvements Project

The following campuses are included in this project:

- › Weslaco High School – Old Band Hall
- › Weslaco High School – Transition Center (Special Ed)
- › Beatriz Garza Middle School – Band Hall
- › Beatriz Garza Middle School – Gym
- › Cuellar Middle School – Band Hall
- › Cuellar Middle School – Gym
- › Louise Black Complex – Classroom Wings 100 & 200
- › Louise Black Main Office (currently used for Special Ed. Department)
- › North Bridge Elementary
- › Airport Elementary
- › Memorial Elementary
- › Gonzalez Elementary
- › Silva Elementary
- › Rico Elementary
- › Cleckler-Heald Elementary

- WEHS Band Hall Addition Project

- › Staff is still working on the scope of this project. They will be meeting with the architects to discuss and finalize the needs, the available budget, and how to arrange the project scope to better serve the needs of students and staff.

Dr. Rivera questioned if the amount of money set aside for the roofing project was enough to do all the 12 schools. According to Mr. Sanchez, some of the schools have minor repairs. The estimated cost of \$1.8 million was provided by the Maintenance Department staff and the previous architect who assisted with the evaluation.

Mr. Nieto and Mr. Gonzalez addressed the leaks at Margo Elementary and Memorial Elementary. According to Mr. Sanchez, leaks at those campuses were part of a previous project and therefore not included with this project. Some leaks have been addressed, but some are still pending.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the contract with ERO Architects of McAllen, Texas for the design of the roofing improvements district-wide project and the Weslaco East High School Band Hall addition project as recommended. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion.

Mr. Kennedy asked that staff include the Fine Arts Director, Mr. Ron Bissett, in the discussions for the band hall project.

Mr. Sanchez informed the Board that the percentage fee for basic architectural design services for both projects is 6% of the project. There will be an additional \$20,000 fee to do a detailed study of the roofs for all the schools included in this project.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Dr. Rivera and seconded by Isidoro Nieto to approve the contract with ERO Architects of McAllen, Texas for the design of the roofing improvements district-wide project and the Weslaco East High School Band Hall addition project as recommended.

V. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Contract with PBK Architects of McAllen, Texas for the Design of the Improvements to the Girls Athletic Facilities at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School Project

Mr. Andres Sanchez informed the Board that the contract with PBK Architects had not been finalized with the architect.

School Attorney Ivan Perez pointed out that he had made revisions to the terms, but the contract was still lacking some details. However, he advised the Board that the contract could be approved subject to final review by the administration and legal counsel. Board President Erasmo Lopez said that he would rather approve the contract pending review, as recommended by the attorney, to avoid further delays on the project.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the contract with PBK Architects, subject to final review by administration and legal counsel. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Dr. Rivera addressed his concern regarding the square feet of the facility. He stated, "We've added programs, and more programs, and we still have the same size dressing rooms for the girls at both schools."

According to Athletic Director Oscar Riojas, there is not much they can do to add space to the Sepulveda gym. At this time, staff is targeting repairs to the toiletry and shower areas due to plumbing issues. Once the new football field house is built, staff will vacate almost 225 lockers from the original field house and renovate that building to create more space for the girls. A meeting with the architect will be scheduled to find a way to revamp the building and also provide room for the boys. He informed the Board that East High School has a lot of dead space which can be revamped, re-utilized, and maximized to create more space, especially for toiletry and urinals.

A brief discussion was held on the need for dressing facilities for tennis players.

Mr. Kennedy would rather wait to approve the contract until it was finalized; nonetheless, he was in support of the project.

A vote was called for on the motion made by Isidoro Nieto and seconded by Andrew Gonzalez to approve the contract with PBK Architects, subject to final review by administration and legal counsel. Voting in favor of the motion were Andrew Gonzalez, Isidoro Nieto, Oscar Caballero, Dr. Richard Rivera and Dr. Jaime Rodriguez. Patrick Kennedy voted against the motion. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Contract with Gomez Mendez Saenz Architects of Brownsville, Texas for the Design of the New Field House Facility at Weslaco High School Project

The contract with PBK Architects was not finalized. The terms of the agreement were discussed and some items were agreed on verbally, but the changes were not included in the contract. Insurance information and confirmation on attendance of monthly visits and presentations at board meetings were also pending.

In response to inquiries from the board members, Mr. Oscar Riojas, Athletic Director, provided the following information:

- › The field house will be located behind the weight room.
- › The architect suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the City to discuss the location and to make sure the existing parking spaces were sufficient.

Oscar Riojas and Coach Michael Salinas visited several field houses in the valley and are confident that they will be able to come up with a floor plan that will meet the needs of Weslaco High School.

Dr. Rivera pointed out that WISD has built a field house at both high schools, but nothing for the girls. He stated, "You better come up with a good plan and have something good for the girls; I want to see a plan where you're going to put the girls at both schools."

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the contract with Gomez Mendez Saenz Architects of Brownsville, Texas for the design of the New Field House Facility at the Weslaco High School, subject to review by administration and legal counsel. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Mr. Kennedy did not like the idea of approving contracts without having legal counsel finalizing the contract. Mr. Lopez assured him that legal counsel and administration would not approve a contract without it being 100 percent.

Voting in favor of the motion were: Isidoro Nieto, Andrew Gonzalez, Oscar Caballero, Dr. Richard Rivera and Dr. Jaime Rodriguez. Patrick Kennedy voted against the motion. The motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval to Procure a New Digital Scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium:

1. Board Determination of Procurement Method of Construction that Will Provide the Best Value to the District for the Project
2. Board Determination to Retain the Authority to Rank the Proposals to be Received for this Project, or Board Delegation of Their Authority to the Administration to Rank the Proposals to be Received
3. Approval of Criteria and Points to be Used for Ranking the Proposals

The administration recommended the Design-Build method of construction for this project. Mr. Andres Sanchez explained that engineering services are required for the design of a scoreboard. However, the law does not allow for the procurement of architects or engineering services through a bid process. Therefore, a two-step process as part of the Design-Build method will be used as follows:

- › A request for qualifications (RFQ) is prepared and sent out to qualified vendors that are interested in this project. After board review, they must qualify a maximum of five (5) responders to submit proposals that contain additional information and, if the Board chooses, it can elect to interview each.
- › A request for Proposals (RFP) is prepared in which a detailed scope of work and other necessary specifications are provided. This package must include: construction documents, selection criteria, estimated budget, project scope, schedule, and other information that contractors may require to respond to the request.

Staff will include an option for financing the cost of the scoreboard in the specs for the project.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the Design-Build method of construction to procure a New Digital Scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium, delegate the authority to the administration to rank the proposals received, and to approve the criteria presented. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion.

Board President Erasmo Lopez announced that the current scoreboard is 12 years old; therefore, there is a need for a new one. The current scoreboard was paid in 4 years through advertisements and sponsorships, and the profit earned went back to WISD. The district will obtain a loan over a 5-10 year period from Texas National Bank to purchase the new scoreboard.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Andrew Gonzalez and seconded by Isidoro Nieto to approve the Design-Build method of construction to procure a New Digital Scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium, and to delegate the authority to the administration to rank the proposals received, and approved the criteria as presented.

#### VIII. Discussion and Possible Action for Board to Consider Approval of a Weslaco ISD Logo

Pink Ape was hired by the Board at the April 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The administration met with the firm to develop a timeline, in phases, to provide the necessary information to develop the district logo. Pink Ape presented three different logos to the Board during a workshop held prior to this meeting.

The Board President was not ready to approve a logo at this time.

Patrick Kennedy made a motion to table this item. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mr. Kennedy wanted to see the different logos side by side prior to making a decision.

Mr. Nieto concurred, and suggested that the firm provide a bigger sample to allow the board members to see them up close. He also asked the administration to provide their recommendation.

Staff will forward a version of the logos to the Board on their weekly update.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Patrick Kennedy and seconded by Andrew Gonzalez to table this item.

#### IX. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of Proposal Award for Third Party Administrative Services (Proposal #17-05-36)

Dr. Canales informed the Board that staff had received a best and final offer on Friday. A meeting with SWBC consultants was held prior to the workshop to discuss the offers. During the workshop, the following four (4) firms made presentations to the Board: Aetna, ABA, BCBS and Frates.

Mr. De La Rosa informed the Board that the administration's recommendation was a result of what was submitted on paper at 5:00 p.m. on Friday by the company ABA. The recommendation was based on information presented on the best and final offer which indicated a 70% discount. However, based on the presentations and the possibility that the figure may not be accurate, staff was going to change their recommendation and asked that the Board postpone action on this item.

Isidoro Nieto made a motion to table this item, but that it be brought back to the Board at the June Board Meeting. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Dr. Rivera asked Mr. Bruce Massey (SWBC Consultant) for his recommendation. Mr. Massey replied that his recommendation was ABA based on what was submitted on paper Friday at 5:00 pm; however, his recommendation after the presentations was Blue Cross Blue Shield based on the discount and the large network.

Mr. Lopez announced that a lengthy workshop was held prior to this meeting to hear presentations from consultants for Third Party Administrative services. Due to concerns addressed, the Board was not ready to take action at this time and preferred to wait to make a decision at a later date.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Isidoro Nieto and seconded by Andrew Gonzalez to table this item.

X. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 9:38 p.m. to discuss the following items:

A. Personnel Matters (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)

1. Employment of Personnel
2. Resignations
3. Deliberation Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of A Public Officer or Employee (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 and 551.071)

B. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Audit of Health Insurance

XI. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board President announced that Dr. Rivera had left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:56 p.m. to take action on the following items:

Possible Action, If Necessary, on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting

A. Personnel Matters (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)

1. Employment of Personnel

Name	Position	Location
Trevino, Alberto Favin	Band Teacher	Weslaco High School

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the contracts for certified professional personnel as recommended. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Resignations

Name	Position/Location	Reason/Effective Date
1. Escamilla, Eugenio Jr.	Science Teacher B. Garza Middle School	Mr. Escamilla resigned due to personal reasons; effective May 27, 2017.
2. Moore, Ross	Special Education Teacher Weslaco High School	Mr. Moore resigned to accept a position with San Antonio ISD; effective May 27, 2017.
3. Perez, Robert Jr.	Campus Instructional Facilitator Central Middle School	Mr. Perez is retiring after 40 years in education, with 15 years of service to Weslaco ISD; effective May 23, 2017.
4. Solis, Hilda C.	Campus Instructional Facilitator Cuellar Middle School	Ms. Solis is retiring after 36 years in education, with 26 years of service to Weslaco ISD; effective June 30, 2017.

<b>ADDENDUM</b>		
1. Moreno, Lisa	Social Studies Teacher Mary Hoge Middle School	Ms. Moreno resigned to accept a position with another school district; effective May 27, 2017.
2. Salinas, Xavier	Assistant Superintendent for Support Services	Mr. Salinas resigned to accept the position of Superintendent of Schools with Hidalgo ISD; effective June 1, 2017.

On behalf of the board members, Board President Erasmo Lopez thanked Mr. Salinas for his years of service to Weslaco ISD and wished him success on his new position. Mr. Salinas was employed with WISD for 12 years.

Non-action item.

3. Deliberation Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of A Public Officer or Employee (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 and 551.071)

Non-action item.

B. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Audit of Health Insurance

Non-action item.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.