



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

319 W. Fourth Street
Weslaco, TX 78599-0266

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:	Regular Board Meeting
Place:	WISD Board Room
Location:	319 W. Fourth Street
Date:	June 13, 2017
Time:	6:00 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, President
Oscar Caballero, Vice President
Isidoro Nieto, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

- III. Opening Prayer

Mr. Elias Trevino, Bilingual District Coordinator, led the invocation.

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge

District Athletic Director Oscar Riojas led the pledge of allegiance.

- V. Awards and Recognitions

None

- VI. Public Comments

- Yolanda Hernandez, 512 Orchard Court, Weslaco, Tx.

Mrs. Hernandez made the following comments:

“Around this day, forty-three years ago, Mario and I graduated from Texas A&I in Kingsville. We were twenty years old and were interviewing for teaching positions. We were ready to sign with Stafford Municipal School District near Houston, who was in need of bilingual teachers, and decided to wait and attend our last interview of the day which was with Weslaco ISD, just to see what they had to say. At that time the HR Director was Mr. Dewey Baker and his sincerity

impressed us so much that we decided to go with Weslaco ISD instead. The only thing he said that made an impact was, "The children of Weslaco need you." That simple phrase made a tremendous impression on both of us and we decided to give Weslaco ISD a try. Different people tried to discourage us because apparently at that time Weslaco ISD was struggling. We were about to lose accreditation and federal funding, but then that same year Mr. A.N. Tony Rico was hired to become the superintendent of Weslaco ISD. He was home grown and was able to make tremendous changes, and eventually became the first ever superintendent of the year for the state of Texas. Mario and I like to think that we were part of that positive change. I had many mentors in Weslaco ISD that made an impact on my life and career. Mr. Rico was one of those; he was a listener and made you feel like you were the most important member of Weslaco ISD when you spoke to him. He led by example and I always felt he truly cared about the children of Weslaco ISD. Dr. Richard Wubbena and Lee Banister were a huge part of that positive change and taught me how to change and become the best teacher I could be. Dr. Amparo Cardenas was the major reason why we became administrators, by signing us up and encouraging us to attend a special masters' program at Stephen F. Austin State University which was trying to ensure there were more Hispanic administrators in Texas. Dr. Janice Wiley, who always had her act together and kept Weslaco ISD ahead of the game, she was a natural leader and I admired her tremendously. She cared enough to talk me into seeing a doctor which eventually led to my colon cancer diagnosis. She is my hero. Dr. Richard Rivera allowed me to become Principal at A.N. Rico. He taught me that everything we did was always for and about the students and to this day, whenever I have to make difficult decisions, I always think about that. Those words always provided the guidance to make things just a little easier. Mr. Rudy Silva taught me how to be organized. He shared his many ideas on organization and why it is vital to our position. Mrs. Gloria Saenz showed me how to be a positive member of the team. I truly enjoyed the time Mrs. Saenz, Mrs. Cuadra, and I spent working together at Airport Elementary. Mr. Roman Nieto taught me not to allow people to push me into making rash decisions. He always said, "When you're upset about something, give yourself two days. If after that time you still want to address that situation, go right ahead. Many times the extra thinking time will clear your mind and help you not make rash decisions. Sue Peterson taught me the importance of monitoring classrooms by making me do many, many, many walk-throughs. Dr. Canales, you have been a breath of fresh air for this district. Your innovative ideas and different ways you handle situations is refreshing. It has been an honor and a privilege to work side by side with my Rico family for 19 years; a place where like Dr. Rivera taught me - kids come first. We have been through many extreme situations together and have prevailed through them all. Thank you Rico staff for sharing your many gifts with me and the children of Rico. A special thanks goes to my loyal and extremely competent and dedicated secretary, Yvette Contreras. She always seemed to read my mind and be one step ahead of all of us. You always took care of me and will always hold a very special place in my heart. To my wonderful family, I know it was difficult to share both your mom and dad with the children of Weslaco ISD, but we always managed to be together and make our special time the best it could be. We always tried to support you in all of your endeavors and made you feel just as important. We are very proud of each of you and all you have accomplished. I love you very much. Mario, you taught me so much and put up with my tantrums. You always listened to my insanity, calmed me down, and guided me in the right direction. Thank you for being you. Last, but not least, I would like to thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve him by serving the children of Weslaco ISD. I always felt you right behind me pushing me along. Board members, very soon now you will select my successor. I know that you understand the importance and impact your decision will make. I encourage you to select a person who first and foremost will make connections with the students and parents and who is there to ensure student success. Also, look for someone who is knowledgeable about curriculum, who has experience working with young children, and who is there for the right reason because Rico Elementary is a large campus. Select someone who has the fortitude and stamina to enjoy their position. It is has been a great honor and a privilege to serve Weslaco ISD to the best of my capacity. Thank you for giving me that special opportunity.

The Board President thanked Mrs. Hernandez for all her years of service at Weslaco ISD.

- Monica Escamilla, 1003 South Indiana Ave., Weslaco, Tx.

“Today, I’m not only speaking as a former Weslaco High School alumni, but as a concerned sister and aunt to students who attend the Weslaco ISD school system. Our current school administration encourages students to bring money for scholarship programs with hopes of receiving as graduating seniors, but that is simply not the case. Fourteen schools awarded scholarships to twenty-one students who are related to staff or administration and some were even given more than one scholarship from campuses that they actually didn’t even attend. My sister was ranked top 25 in her class and she was very confident in all her qualifications. She applied for 18 different scholarships and she didn’t receive not even one. She didn’t have a fair chance. Weslaco ISD promotes that it is the right choice for students, but who exactly is it the right choice for. The actions you take as school board members show our students that hard work and perseverance does not hold any merit if you’re not related to anyone that works for the district or sits on the school board itself. Me, personally, I also work in education and I see that we should give our children a fighting chance and it should be equal for them to also have that same ability to get any kind of assistance or any kind of scholarship whether they’re related to somebody or not, so that’s my concern for you as someone that also attended this school and for my sisters and for anyone else that’s related to me, and for them that are growing up and have to deal with this as well. I thank you for listening and I hope that this does get some kind of fix or gets worked on.”

VII. Superintendent’s Report

- Preliminary STAAR Performance Data presented by Mrs. Sue Peterson.

STAAR 2017 Grade 5 and 8 Summary Report						
	Campus	Grade	Math		Reading	
			2016	2017	2016	2017
Elementary Schools	Airport	5	96%	90%	89%	91%
	Cleckler-Heald	5	91%	93%	82%	89%
	Gonzalez	5	84%	91%	66%	86%
	Margo	5	94%	93%	85%	84%
	Ybarra	5	93%	86%	66%	65%
	Memorial	5	90%	91%	79%	88%
	North Bridge	5	88%	90%	64%	75%
	Rico	5	88%	83%	89%	81%
	Roosevelt	5	84%	85%	84%	84%
	Sam Houston	5	97%	99%	89%	92%
	Silva	5	82%	75%	73%	76%
	Weslaco ISD	5	89%	89%	79%	83%
	Region	5	87%	89%	79%	82%
	State	5	86%	81%	81%	71%
Middle Schools	Central	8	89%	91%	83%	78%
	Cuellar	8	77%	85%	69%	71%
	B. Garza	8	78%	85%	81%	78%
	Mary Hoge	8	86%	89%	77%	76%
	Weslaco ISD	8	82%	87%	77%	76%
	Region	8	82%	85%	82%	80%
	State	8	82%	74%	87%	76%
Reading & English I	Central	8	-	-	90%	84%
	Cuellar	8	-	-	76%	76%
	B. Garza	8	-	-	86%	81%
	Mary Hoge	8	-	-	81%	79%
	Weslaco ISD	8	-	-	84%	80%

- Several elementary schools had increases in Math and Reading.
- The middle schools had increases across the board in Math.
- There are over fifty 8th graders at each campus who took the English I exam. 100% passed their test.

STAAR 2017 Grade 5 and 8 Approaches, Meets and Masters Performance Summary Report

	Campus	Grade	Math						Reading					
			Approaches		Meets		Masters		Approaches		Meets		Masters	
			2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Elementary Schools	Airport	5	96%	90%	40%	54%	14%	19%	89%	91%	43%	44%	18%	21%
	Cleckler-Heald	5	91%	93%	49%	52%	24%	22%	82%	89%	45%	50%	24%	24%
	Gonzalez	5	84%	91%	45%	59%	15%	29%	66%	86%	29%	43%	12%	20%
	Margo	5	94%	93%	53%	48%	26%	20%	85%	84%	47%	39%	19%	23%
	Ybarra	5	93%	86%	40%	46%	6%	16%	66%	65%	26%	20%	8%	9%
	Memorial	5	90%	91%	50%	65%	27%	29%	79%	88%	52%	51%	32%	27%
	North Bridge	5	88%	90%	36%	43%	13%	16%	64%	75%	27%	27%	8%	10%
	Rico	5	88%	83%	28%	37%	6%	16%	89%	81%	37%	40%	15%	17%
	Roosevelt	5	84%	85%	30%	35%	9%	13%	84%	84%	44%	36%	17%	20%
	Sam Houston	5	97%	99%	48%	58%	23%	27%	89%	92%	38%	49%	19%	27%
	Silva	5	82%	75%	30%	30%	6%	12%	73%	76%	32%	34%	10%	14%
	Weslaco ISD	5	89%	89%	41%	48%	16%	20%	79%	83%	39%	40%	17%	20%
Middle Schools	Central	8	89%	91%	58%	65%	14%	28%	83%	78%	28%	26%	6%	6%
	Cuellar	8	77%	85%	42%	51%	5%	25%	69%	71%	19%	30%	2%	6%
	B. Garza	8	78%	85%	42%	46%	9%	15%	81%	78%	28%	28%	4%	9%
	Mary Hoge	8	86%	89%	51%	50%	9%	12%	77%	76%	31%	23%	8%	3%
	Weslaco ISD	8	82%	87%	48%	52%	9%	19%	77%	76%	26%	26%	5%	6%
Reading & English I EOC	Central	8	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	Cuellar	8	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	B. Garza	8	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	Mary Hoge	8	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	Weslaco ISD	8	-	-	-	-	-	-						

- The chart above reflects increases in almost all elementary schools in the Meets and Masters category for Math.
- The middle schools also had increases in Math in almost all levels.
- Advances are needed in reading.

2016 - 2017 Spring STAAR (EOC) Summary Report

Campus	Approaches Grade Level									
	Algebra I		English I		Biology		English II		US History	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Weslaco HS	68%	74%	50%	44%	86%	83%	54%	63%	87%	77%
SPGHS	-	100%	0%	0%	-	100%	0%	0%	67%	33%
Weslaco East	75%	83%	45%	39%	87%	85%	44%	56%	84%	80%
CTE Early College	70%	78%	47%	56%	81%	91%	59%	51%	81%	38%
Central MS	100%	100%	98%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuellar MS	100%	100%	100%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garza MS	99%	99%	98%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary Hoge MS	99%	100%	100%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weslaco ISD	79%	82%	53%	49%	85%	83%	49%	58%	85%	77%

High Schools

- Algebra I had increases across the board at WHS, WEHS, SPGHS, and CTE ECHS.
- English I test still remains a challenge for students and teachers.
 - › CTE Early College had a 9 point gain in English I scores
- Biology: CTE exceeded everyone in this category.
- English II: Having more success – Scores increased at WHS & WEHS
- US History: Still a challenge
 - › SPGHS: small number of students retesting (38%)
 - › CTE ECHS: Last year CTE tested a large number of sophomores. They changed their course sequence, so the only students in the 38% are retesters.
 - › This year sophomores and CTE ECHS students are taking special topics in History and will take the U.S. History test next year.

Middle Schools

- Algebra I: One student did not pass the test.
- English I: All 8th graders passed the English I exam

2016 - 2017 Spring STAAR (EOC) Approaches, Meets and Masters Summary Report

Campus	Algebra I						English I						Biology					
	Approaches		Meets		Masters		Approaches		Meets		Masters		Approaches		Meets		Masters	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Weslaco HS	68%	74%	24%	29%	8%	8%	50%	44%	32%	23%	3%	1%	86%	83%	50%	50%	10%	13%
SPGHS	-	100%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	100%	-	0%	-	0%
Weslaco East	75%	83%	36%	50%	13%	17%	45%	39%	26%	22%	2%	0%	87%	85%	47%	48%	8%	10%
CTE Early College	70%	78%	11%	27%	2%	5%	47%	56%	22%	24%	0%	0%	81%	91%	35%	36%	5%	6%
Central MS	100%	100%	93%	98%	68%	92%	98%	100%	87%	99%	12%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuellar MS	100%	100%	99%	100%	72%	84%	100%	100%	84%	92%	7%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garza MS	99%	99%	82%	94%	50%	64%	98%	100%	95%	100%	20%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary Hoge MS	99%	100%	86%	88%	45%	52%	100%	100%	88%	91%	8%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weslaco ISD	79%	82%	45%	52%	23%	26%	53%	49%	35%	31%	4%	2%	85%	83%	47%	47%	9%	11%

Middle Schools

- Algebra I: Increases in Meets and Masters categories
- English I: Struggling in this area

High Schools

- Algebra I: Increases in Meets and Masters categories for EHS and CTE ECHS
Algebra I: Increases in Meets for WHS
- Biology I: Increases for EHS and excellent scores for CTE ECHS

2016 - 2017 Spring STAAR (EOC) Approaches, Meets and Masters Summary Report

Campus	English II						US History					
	Approaches		Meets		Masters		Approaches		Meets		Masters	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Weslaco HS	54%	63%	32%	45%	4%	4%	87%	77%	42%	42%	12%	16%
SPGHS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Weslaco East	44%	56%	24%	38%	1%	2%	84%	80%	39%	39%	8%	10%
CTE Early College	59%	51%	28%	33%	0%	3%	81%	38%	31%	0%	5%	0%
Weslaco ISD	49%	58%	28%	40%	2%	3%	85%	77%	40%	40%	10%	12%

- English II: Increases at WHS, WEHS, and CTE ECHS at the Meets level
- US History: District is struggling in this area
- Scores for elementary grade levels will be forwarded to the Board via their weekly update.

Dr. Rivera commended Sam Houston for their scores in Reading and Math and acknowledged Central Middle School for their Math scores as well. He wanted to know if there were facilitators at the high school level working with the areas of U.S. History, Biology, and English due to the low scores. Mrs. Peterson replied that in addition to the facilitators, there are also content area strategists at central office.

Mr. Nieto wanted to know how many of the 8th graders who took the English I exam received the mastery level. He acknowledged Cleckler-Heald, Gonzalez, Memorial, and Sam Houston for their scores in the masters' level in Math. In addition, several schools received over 20% mastery in Reading: Airport, Cleckler-Heald, Gonzalez, Margo, Memorial, Roosevelt, and Sam Houston. He commended the principals for an excellent job.

Mrs. Peterson thanked Claudia Alanis and Rick Flores for preparing the reports.

- Enrollment/Average Daily

Dr. Canales presented the following information on enrollment.

**Weslaco Independent School District
Enrollment Comparison**

CAMPUS	37 th Week Enrollment		DIFFERENCE
	2015-2016	2016-2017	
Elementary Schools	8697	8362	(335)
Middle Schools	3660	3592	(68)
High Schools	4676	4651	(25)
Alternative	105	109	4
Total	17138	16714	(424)
ELF – Academy	296	293	(3)
GRAND Total	17434	17007	(427)

May 26, 2017

- For the 37th week of enrollment there was a total of 427 students less compared to last year's enrollment of 17,434.
- Technology staff has been researching information to determine where the students are going.
 - › 220 students have left WISD to attend charter schools.

Mr. Andres Sanchez provided the following information.

**Weslaco Independent School District
Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Comparison**

Six Weeks Period	School Year 2015-2016	School Year 2016-2017	Difference
First	16,268	16,058	(210)
Second	16,404	16,172	(232)
Third	16,375	16,115	(260)
Fourth	16,290	16,029	(261)
Actual ADA of Best Four Six-Weeks Periods	16,334	16,086	(248)

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget	Actual ADA for First Three Six-Weeks Periods
16,100 ADA	16,086

- Budget was based on 16,100
- Actual ADA: 16,086 (14 less than what was budgeted)
- The district receives \$7,500 per student for ADA; therefore, the district will receive \$105,000 less for the 14 ADA.
- Staff will budget 16,000 ADA (100 less) for the new school year.

Mr. Sanchez wants to be conservative because the district did not meet the ADA of 16,100 this past year. In prior years, the district budgeted 15,800 and came out with 500 ADA higher. Last year the ADA was 16,334 at the end of the year, but staff had budgeted 230 less at 16,104.

Dr. Rivera felt that 16,000 was too low and stated, “You need to challenge the principals to make sure they get the enrollment up there, because if you go lower, that means lower expectations.” He requested ADA counts for the high schools be included in their weekly update.

Board President Erasmo Lopez concurred with Dr. Rivera and asked staff to leave the ADA the same and challenge the principals to bring up the numbers. He asked staff to concentrate on increasing the numbers at the elementary levels because this is where the losses are occurring.

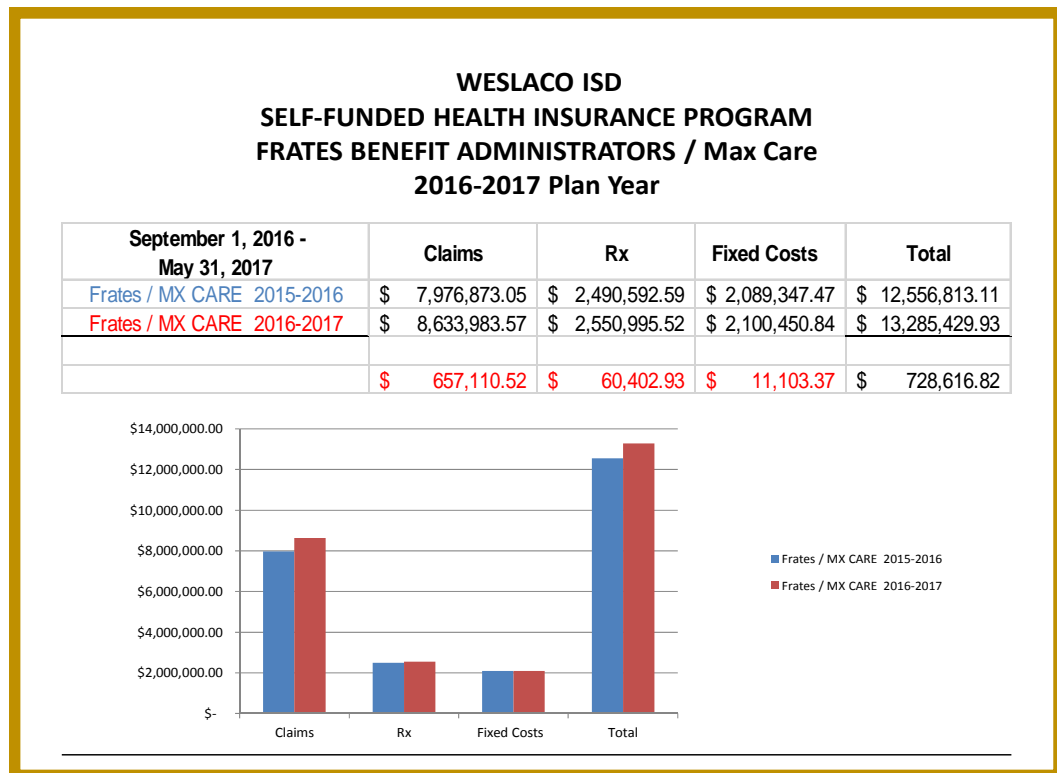
Andrew Gonzalez requested that information on the budget amount for ADA for the past three (3) years be included on their weekly update.

Dr. Canales informed the Board that Mr. Sergio Garcia is currently reviewing the withdrawal process to ensure that parents understand that students enrolled at WISD can still attend our school district even if they move to another school district, as long as they provide the transportation. Staff continuous to brainstorm on coming up with ways to help retain students at WISD.

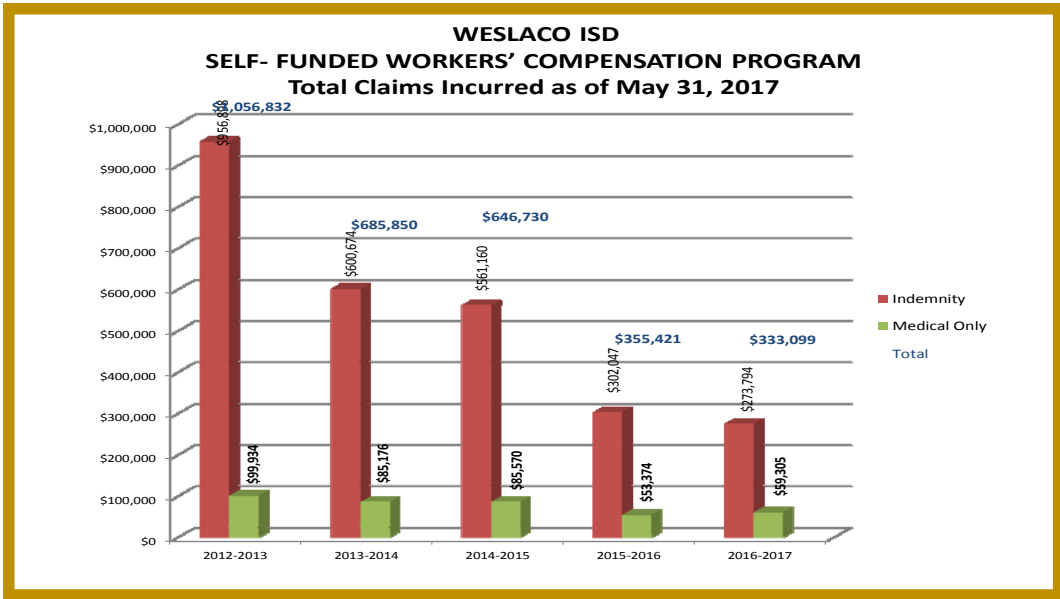
Dr. Rivera asked about the attendance % goals for the campuses and whether the goals were being attained. He requested that information be provided in their weekly update.

- Insurance

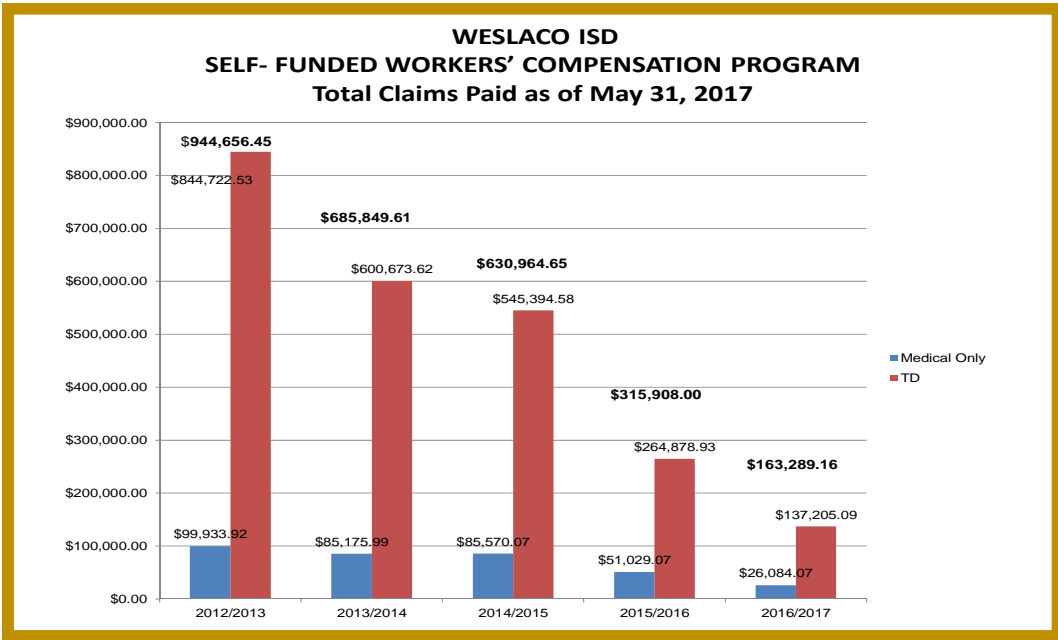
Mr. Mike De La Rosa, Risk Manager, presented the following reports on insurance.



- Total spent on plan year 2016-2017 is \$13,285,429.93 compared to \$12,556,813.11 spent in 2015-2016, for a 5% increase of \$728,616.82.



- Indemnity incurred as of May 31, 2017 is \$333,099 vs. \$355,421 incurred in 2015-2016.
- The cost has dropped almost 50% from plan year 2014 since the creation of the 504 network implemented in 2015.



- Total claims paid as of May 31, 2017 for 2016-2017 plan year: \$163,289.16
 - Total claims paid for 2015-2016 plan year: \$315,908.00
- › Mr. Lopez wanted to know how much money was budgeted for the health insurance plan this year?

\$16 million

- › Are there any extra costs coming in?

According to Mr. De La Rosa, there are three more months pending plus run outs, so the district could potentially see a deficit. As a result, staff might have to transfer \$1 million from the general fund to cover the excess.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Patrick Kennedy made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Rivera acknowledged the sponsors who made donations to the school district.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 8, 2017 and the Special Meeting of May 30, 2017

The Board approved the minutes as presented.

- B. Approval of Out of Valley Trips

The Board approved the following trips as presented.

Weslaco High School

- The JROTC students will travel to San Antonio, Texas, on June 15, 2017 to partake in the Annual Educational Cadet Ride Along. The students will explore career paths as they visit Fort Sam Houston and St. Mary's University. Students will also enjoy some time at Fiesta Texas.
- The top ten juniors will visit various Texas colleges in San Antonio and the Austin area on June 26-29, 2017. Students will tour St. Mary's University and Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio and St. Edwards University in Austin. Students will have the opportunity to tour each university and become familiar with their culture and geographical attributes.

Weslaco Early College High School, Weslaco East Early College High School, and CTE Early College High School

- A total of four students will attend an out-of-state college trip to California on June 27-30, 2017. The students will tour UC Berkley, Stanford, and Santa Clara Universities. Students will collect admissions, college assistance programs, financial aid, and housing information that will help them plan for their college of choice.
- A total of four students will attend an out-of-state college trip to Washington University which is located in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 11-15, 2017. Students will collect admissions, college assistance programs, financial aid and housing information that will help them plan for their college of choice.
- A total of four students will travel to Massachusetts on June 21-24, 2017 to tour Harvard, MIT, and Brown Universities. Students will collect admissions, college assistance programs, financial aid and housing information that will help them plan for their college of choice.

- C. Approval to Accept \$1,650 Donation from Valley Nature Center for Weslaco ISD Elementary and Middle School Students

The Board accepted the \$1,650 donation from Valley Nature Center as presented.

Scholarships will be awarded to qualifying students from elementary and middle schools to attend Nature Quest Summer Camps in June 2017.

- D. Approval to Accept \$1,000 Donation from Jay Bhakta for the Weslaco High School Staff Courtesy Fund

The Board accepted the \$1,000 donation from Jay Bhakta as presented. The funds will be utilized for special recognition of staff, illnesses, death in family and other staff related occasions.

- E. Approval to Renew Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Between Hidalgo County Juvenile Board and Weslaco Independent School District

The Board approved the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hidalgo County Juvenile Board.

As required by Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, the Hidalgo County Juvenile Board must establish and operate the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for youths who are expelled from school for the offenses described in Section 37.007, which are mandatory expellable felony offenses. Students committing these types of offenses are mandated by the state to be placed in JJAEP. Students receive educational services and academic course credit earned is awarded to the student and reported to the home campus.

Transportation is provided by HCJB for students expelled to J.J.A.E.P. The school district is not required to pay a fee on students who are expelled for mandatory felony offenses to this program. Since the program is operated by the HCJB and funded by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, funds generated from student average daily attendance are not provided to our school district.

WISD has a good working relation with the J.J.A.E.P. personnel.

- F. Approval of the Cooperative Program Agreement with The University of Texas at Austin to Implement the “OnRamps” Program

The Board approved the Cooperative Program Agreement with The University of Texas at Austin to implement the “OnRamps” Program.

The “OnRamps” Program is a cooperative program of dual enrollment courses, high school teacher training, and professional learning that will give Weslaco ISD students the option to earn college credit from The University of Texas at Austin while enrolled in high school. OnRamps courses will be offered at Weslaco High School, Weslaco East High School, and the Weslaco 21st Century CTE Early College High School.

The 85th Legislature may provide a state appropriation that reimburses all partnering districts 100% of the cost per student and teacher training fees. If not approved by the Legislature, the high school allotment budget will be used for this program.

- G. Approval of Purchase of Houghton-Mifflin Journeys/Senderos Kindergarten Consumable Book Journeys/Senderos Grades 1-5 Print and Digital Bundles in English and Spanish that are Part of the Current Reading Adoption

The Board approved the purchase of Houghton-Mifflin Journeys/Senderos Kindergarten

consumable book and Journeys/Senderos grades 1-5 print and digital bundles in English and Spanish which are part of the current adoption.

The reading adoption, Journeys/Senderos, provides a research-based reading program that incorporates components of Guided Reading. Journeys/Senderos provides print and digital resources for reading comprehension, word study, read alouds, and assessment. Consumable portions of this curriculum must be purchased annually. Lessons support a balanced literacy framework and are used by teachers in the Kindergarten-5th grade classrooms. These resources support the current reading adoption. These materials will be purchased through the IMA Allotment.

H. Approval of Purchase of the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative (TCMPC) TEKS Resource System

The Board approved the purchase of the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative (TCMPC) TEKS Resource System as presented.

The TCMPC is a shared service agreement between the twenty Texas Educational Resource Centers (ESCs), that share the responsibility for the content, management, and operations of the TEKS Resource System (TRS). The TRS contains curriculum components and sample assessment items that are aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The TRS defines understandings and expectations for student learning that will provide WISD teachers a common foundation and starting point for the instructional planning process.

I. Approval of Purchase of District Radios for Campuses

The Board approved the purchase of 96 digital radios (800 MHZ) from SAT Radio Communications from San Antonio, Tx. The radios will be used district-wide by campus administration, and to communicate with all security guards on campus at all times, especially during functions such as football games, graduations, etc. Staff will also have clear communications with the Security Department during emergencies involving the entire district.

The new radios will be programmed to create “private” groups at each campus and at the Transportation and Security Departments. The cost of this purchase is \$54,412.80. The purchase will be funded from the Local Maintenance Fund budget.

J. Approval of Update 107

The Board approved Update 107 as presented. Update 107 was presented for first reading during the Regular Board Meeting held on May 8, 2017.

Update 107 contains recommended changes to local policies on topics including gifts, fundraising and solicitations, employee and contractor misconduct, employee suspension and expense reimbursement, and student compulsory attendance and wellness policies. Listed below are the policies in need of adoption.

- CDC (Other Revenues – Gifts and Solicitations)
- CJ (Contracted Services)
- DC (Employment Practices)
- DEE (Compensation and Benefits – Expense Reimbursement)
- DFAA (Probationary Contracts – Suspension/Termination During Contract)
- DFBA (Term Contracts – Suspension/Termination During Contract)
- DFCA (Continuing Contracts – Suspension/Termination)
- FEA (Attendance – Compulsory Attendance)
- FJ (Student Fundraising)
- GE (Relations with Parent Organizations)

K. Approval of Proposal Awards:

1. Child Nutrition - Cafeteria Tables & Equipment (Proposal # 17-06-45)

The Board awarded the proposal for cafeteria tables and equipment to the following vendors:

Vendor Location	Indoor Tables	Total Cost
J.R. Inc. Universal City, Tx.	\$90,708.25	\$ 90,708.25
65 indoor tables will be purchased. J.R. Inc. submitted the lone bid.		

Vendor Location	Kitchen Equipment	Total Cost
Kitchen Resources Harlingen, Tx.	\$116,527.84	\$ 116,527.84
1 double convection oven, 4 pass thru warmers and 4 pass thru refrigerators will be purchased.		

The total cost of this purchase is \$207,236.09 and will be paid from the WISD Food Service Fund budget.

2. Weslaco Athletics Basketball Supplies & Equipment (Proposal # 17-06-46)

The Board awarded the proposals for basketball supplies for the Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School basketball programs to the following vendors:

Company	Location	Award Amount
American Team Sports	Richardson, Texas	\$ 2,411.60
Bill Guthrie Sports	Harlingen, Texas	\$ 4,733.15
BSN Sports	Dallas, Texas	\$ 16,534.42
Barcelona Sporting Goods	La Feria, Texas	\$ 13,864.94
Eastbay, Inc.	Wausau, Wisconsin	\$ 21,184.42
Flaghouse, Inc.	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	\$ 115.00
Pyramid School Products	Tampa, Florida	\$ 495.82
S&S Worldwide	Colchester, Connecticut	\$ 24.57
Total		\$ 59,363.92

Athletic supplies will be purchased as needed throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Funds will be available in the 2017-2018 Co-curricular Fund budget for these purchases.

3. Weslaco Athletics Golf Supplies & Equipment (Proposal #17-06-47)

The Board awarded the proposals for golf supplies and equipment for the Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School golf programs to the following vendors:

Company	Location	Award Amount
American Team Sports	Richardson, Texas	\$ 1,565.00
Bill Guthrie Sports	Harlingen, Texas	\$ 9,420.64
BSN Sports	Dallas, Texas	\$ 559.92
Barcelona Sporting Goods	La Feria, Texas	\$ 1,202.00

Bill Guthrie Sports	Harlingen, Texas	\$ 9,420.64
Eastbay, Inc.	Wausau, Wisconsin	\$ 8,376.93
MCM Sporting Goods	Mission, Texas	\$ 1,047.90
Total		\$ 28,895.37

Golf supplies and equipment will be purchased throughout the 2017-2018 school year for both high schools and their supporting middle schools. Funds will be available in the 2017-2018 Co-curricular Fund budget for these purchases.

4. Weslaco Athletics Tennis Supplies & Equipment (Proposal #17-06-48)

The Board awarded the proposals for tennis supplies and equipment for the Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School tennis programs to the following vendors:

Company	Location	Award Amount
American Team Sports	Richardson, Texas	\$ 1,841.65
BSN Sports	Dallas, Texas	\$ 2,742.33
Bill Fritz Sports	Apex, North Carolina	\$ 149.75
Bill Guthrie Sports	Harlingen, Texas	\$ 9,420.64
Barcelona Sporting Goods	La Feria, Texas	\$ 1,389.00
Eastbay, Inc.	Wausau, Wisconsin	\$ 4,376.22
Pyramid School Products	Tampa, Florida	\$ 5,985.30
S&S Worldwide	Colchester, Connecticut	\$ 55.50
Total		\$ 25,648.65

Tennis supplies and equipment will be purchased throughout the 2017-2018 school year for both high schools and their supporting middle schools. Funds will be available in the 2017-2018 Co-curricular Fund budget for these purchases.

5. Weslaco Athletics Wrestling Supplies & Equipment (Proposal #17-06-49)

The Board awarded the proposals for wrestling supplies and equipment for the Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School wrestling programs to the following vendors:

Company	Location	Award Amount
American Team Sports	Richardson, Texas	\$ 13,709.30
Barcelona Sporting Goods	La Feria, Texas	\$ 3,618.00
Bill Fritz Sports	Apex, North Carolina	\$ 1,683.00
Bill Guthrie Sports	Harlingen, Texas	\$ 4,613.15
Eastbay, Inc.	Wausau, Wisconsin	\$ 18,245.12
MCM Sporting Goods	Mission, Texas	\$ 806.50
BSN Sports	Dallas, Texas	\$ 19,066.85
Riddell/All American	San Antonio, Texas	\$ 1,787.00
Pyramid School Products	Tampa, Florida	\$ 4,110.55
Total		\$ 67,639.47

Wrestling supplies and equipment will be purchased throughout the 2017-2018 school year for both high schools. Funds will be available in the 2017-2018 Co-curricular Fund budget for these purchases.

L. Approval of Budget Amendments

The Board approved the budget amendments as presented.

1. Weslaco High School – Local Maintenance Fund – To pay for Administrative travel and incentives - \$11,000.00
2. Weslaco High School Summer School – High School Allotment Fund – To pay extra duty pay for Counselor working the WHS T-STEM ECHS Program - \$2,097
3. Staff Development Dept. – Local Maintenance Fund – To set up a budget to reimburse tuition for 7 teachers enrolled in the UTRGV Educational Leadership Master’s Program - \$48,069
4. Curriculum & Instruction Dept. – Local Maintenance Fund – To set up budget to pay 2 WISD teachers who will be presenters for the ABYDOS three-week workshop in June 2017 and pay 31 participants - \$80,762
5. Technology Department – Local Maintenance Fund – To reclassify funds to purchase 2-way 800 MHz radios for Administration at all school campuses - \$53,283
6. Special Education Department – State Special Education Fund – To reclassify funds to pay for Lead Forward consultant, travel for parents of student attending a camp, and to purchase furniture for new, smaller location - \$16,950
7. Vocational Education Department – State Vocational Education Fund – To reclassify funds to pay for Ag student officers attending two conventions this summer, and Family and Consumer Science students competing at the national level in Nashville, TN. In addition, to cover staff development travel expenses in the summer - \$24,223
8. Memorial Elementary – Local Maintenance Fund – To reclassify funds to cover costs of reading consultant in August during Staff Development Week. Also, to purchase refreshments for Staff Development Week in August - \$3,013
9. Rico Elementary – Local Maintenance Fund – To reclassify funds to purchase cheer uniforms for new members, and to provide a staff breakfast or lunch in August during Staff Development Week - \$3,030
10. Margo Elementary – Local Maintenance Fund – To reclassify funds to pay for a Motivational Speaker and to provide breakfast and refreshments for Staff Development Week in August - \$4,430
11. Cleckler-Heald Elementary – State Gifted & Talented Education Fund – To reclassify funds to purchase laptops for GT classrooms - \$225
12. Cleckler-Heald Elementary – Local Maintenance Fund – To reclassify funds to pay for two presenters for Staff Development Week in August. Will also purchase breakfast and refreshments for staff development, and purchase student incentives for the start of the new school year - \$4,190

Transfers to/from Fund Balance & Changes in Revenues, Other Resources/Uses

13. Business Office – Local Maintenance Fund – To record budget for Proceeds of Limited Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2017 - \$17,000,000. \$15,650,000 is being transferred to Fund 617 in the Construction Fund where a budget will be set up for the projects earmarked to be

paid from this loan. \$1,350,000 is being recorded as an increase to the Fund Balance assigned for Facilities or Other Needs to replenish the funds transferred to Fund 617 in April 2017 for the Turf & Track Resurfacing Project and Tile Installation Project.

M. Approval of Monthly Tax Adjustments for April 2017

The Board approved the monthly tax adjustments for April 2017 as recommended by the Hidalgo County Tax Office.

Listed below are the total tax adjustments for April 2017:

Type of Tax	Current Levy	Prior Years Levies	Roll Back Taxes	Total
M & O Taxes	(\$ 7,248.41)	(\$ 899.99)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 8,148.40)
I & S Taxes	\$ 0.00	(\$ 2,100.94)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)
Total Adjustments	(\$ 7,248.41)	(\$ 899.99)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 8,148.40)

These negative tax adjustments represent a decrease in the tax collections for the year.

N. Approval of Monthly Tax Adjustments for May 2017

The Board approved the monthly tax adjustments for May 2017 as recommended by the Hidalgo County Tax Office.

Listed below are the total tax adjustments for May 2017:

Type of Tax	Current Levy	Prior Years Levies	Roll Back Taxes	Total
M & O Taxes	(\$11,154.72)	(\$ 1,070.51)	\$ 7,871.34	(\$ 4,353.89)
I & S Taxes	\$ 0.00	(\$ 254.48)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 254.48)
Total Adjustments	(\$11,154.72)	(\$ 1,324.99)	\$ 7,871.00	(\$ 4,608.37)

These negative tax adjustments represent a decrease in the tax collections for the year.

O. Approval to Renew Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for Collection of School District Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board approved the Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for collection of school district property taxes for fiscal year 2017-2018. The Hidalgo County Tax Office has collected property taxes for the District since 1995. Business Office staff has a good working relationship with the County Tax office.

The tax collection fee for 2017-2018 will be \$95,064. The county will be paid a monthly fee of \$7,922. This fee will be deducted from the monthly collections which is shown in the report that is submitted to the District every month. The proposed tax collection fee is 5% of the current interlocal agreement amount which states that any increase of the collection fee cannot exceed 5% of the agreed amount.

P. Approval to Accept Donations in the Amount of \$4,350.00 for the Weslaco East High School Graduation Fireworks Celebration from Various Vendors

The Board accepted the donations as presented. The funds will go into the Faculty Account to cover the cost of the Fireworks Display held after the Weslaco East High School Graduation Ceremony.

1. \$ 300.00 from Ronald Miller
2. \$ 100.00 from Montalvo Insurance
3. \$ 150.00 from Margo's Corner Snowiz
4. \$ 100.00 from Andrew Gonzalez
5. \$ 250.00 from Weslaco Vision Source
6. \$ 150.00 from Joshua Pedraza
7. \$ 500.00 from Erasmo Lopez
8. \$ 500.00 from Jeff Everitt
9. \$ 100.00 from Patrick Kennedy
10. \$ 500.00 from Leo Munoz
11. \$ 100.00 from Marty Masso
12. \$ 100.00 from David Fuentes
13. \$ 500.00 from Yvonne Ortegon
14. \$1,000.00 from Carlos Tamez

IX. Discussion Items:

A. Interim Financial Reports for the Month of May 2017

The Board acknowledged the Interim Financial Reports for the month of May 2017 as prepared by the Business Office.

Mr. Andres Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, presented the following report.

Source	Budget	Received & Receivable	Variance	Percentage
5700 Local Source	25,000,728	24,993,778	(6,950)	99.97%
5800 State Source	129,137,305	94,420,833	(34,716,473)	73.12%
5900 Federal Sources	15,131,753	10,642,900	(4,488,853)	70.33%
Totals	169,269,786	130,057,511	(39,212,275)	76.83%

Disbursements:

- Of the \$173,991,066 expenditures budgeted, the district has spent \$120,493,352 which represents 69.25% of revenues.
- As of May 31 (9 months) represents 75% - slightly over on revenues and below on expenditures.
- Staff expects to have \$3 to \$4 million in savings at the end of the year, mostly from Function 11.
 - › Savings goes into the fund balance and is assigned to facilities or any other needs
 - › Last year there was a savings of about \$8 or \$9 million

Mr. Sanchez informed the Board that the State had approved the budget and WISD could receive \$2.5 million for next year. In addition, he received an email stating that \$1 billion is being considered for education as discussed during the special Legislative Session; therefore, there is a possibility the district could receive additional money.

B. Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Tax Office Collection Report for April 2017: Current Taxes and Delinquent Taxes

The Board acknowledged the Collection Report for April 2017 as presented. Section 31.10 Property Tax Code requires the Tax Assessor/Collector to submit to the governing body of the taxing unit a written report made under oath accounting for all taxes collected for the unit during the preceding month.

Listed below is the April 2017 report from the Hidalgo County Tax Office:

	Original Tax Levy	Taxes Collected to Date	Tax Modifications (Adjustments) to Date	Taxes Outstanding To-Date	% Tax Collections 2016-2017	% Tax Collections 2015-2016	2016-2017 vs. 2015-2016
Current Taxes	\$24,363,529	\$ 22,272,157	(\$ 169,070)	\$ 1,922,302	92.05%	91.48%	.57% Higher
Delinquent Taxes- Prior Years Levy	4,404,049	\$ 875,212	(179,103)	\$ 3,349,735	20.72%	20.90%	0.18% Lower
Rollback Taxes	14,896	14,896	0	0	100.00%	0.00%	N/A
Totals	\$ 28,782,474	\$ 23,162,264	(\$348,172)	\$ 5,272,037			

- The collection of current taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 through April 30 is 0.57% higher than the delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- The collection of delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 through April 30 is 0.18% lower than the delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- The column for tax modifications represents the cumulative tax adjustments (September through April 2017) reported by the Hidalgo County Tax Office for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in their March 2017 report.

C. Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Tax Office Collection Report for May 2017: Current Taxes and Delinquent Taxes

The Board acknowledged the Collection Report for May 2017 as presented. Section 31.10 Property Tax Code requires the Tax Assessor/Collector to submit to the governing body of the taxing unit a written report made under oath accounting for all taxes collected for the unit during the preceding month.

Listed below is the May 2017 report from the Hidalgo County Tax Office:

	Original Tax Levy	Taxes Collected to Date	Tax Modifications (Adjustments) to Date	Taxes Outstanding To-Date	% Tax Collections 2016-2017	% Tax Collections 2015-2016	2016-2017 vs. 2015-2016
Current Taxes	\$24,363,529	\$ 22,460,527	(\$ 180,225)	\$ 1,722,778	92.88%	92.42%	.46% Higher
Delinquent Taxes- Prior Years Levy	4,404,049	\$ 947,520	(180,427)	\$ 3,276,102	22.43%	22.99%	0.56% Lower
Rollback Taxes	14,896	21,693	7,871	1,075	95.28%	0.00%	N/A
Totals	\$ 28,782,474	\$ 23,429,739	(\$ 352,781)	\$ 4,999,955			

- The collection of current taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 through May 31 is 0.46% higher than the delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- The collection of delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 through April 30 is 0.56% lower than the delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- The column for tax modifications represents the cumulative tax adjustments (September through May 2017) reported by the Hidalgo County Tax Office for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in their May 2017 report.

X. Discussion and Possible Action Items:

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Submit a Nomination from Within Our Local Board to Fill a Position on the TASB Board of Directors or Endorse a Nominated Individual from Another Board in Our TASB Region at the July or August Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees were invited to submit a nomination to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors. The position is currently held by Sylvia Perez Atkinson from Brownsville ISD. Mrs. Atkinson has indicated that she will not seek reelection.

Dr. Canales explained the process for nominating an individual, reviewed the information required for submission to TASB by the candidate, and provided the deadlines for the nomination process.

Since none of the trustees expressed an interest in being nominated, this item required no action. The Board will have the opportunity to endorse a nominated individual from another Board in the TASB Region who has complied with the requirements.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of Proposal Award for Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance (Proposal #17-06-51)

Weslaco ISD retains Errors and Omissions insurance for the purpose of insuring against potential professional liability claims. Claims coverage includes sublimit for legal defense and other associated costs. The coverage is separate from all other coverage including Property and Casualty.

Staff received three (3) proposals. All companies submitted limits of one million dollars. Western World and AIG submitted School Employment Practices Liability insurance with a \$50,000 deductible and \$25,000 deductible for all other claims. Indian Harbor submitted a \$25,000 deductible that was offset by a higher premium. AIG offered the lowest premium (\$51,400) with comparable coverage. The District's premium for 2016-2017 was \$60,870.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the proposal award for Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance from AIG as submitted by Shepard Walton King Insurance Group. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Renewal of the District's Fleet, General Liability, Crime and Law Enforcement Insurance with Travelers Public Entity Group through Shepard Walton King Insurance Agency; **OR** Authorize Administration to Solicit Proposals for Same

The District carries General Liability (GL), Law Enforcement, Crime and Fleet Insurance with Travelers Texas Public Entity Group. Last year, the District solicited competitive proposals and awarded the products to Travelers Texas Public Entity Group through Shepard Walton King.

Listed below is a breakdown of the individual lines of coverage:

- General Liability, Fleet/Cargo, Crime & Law Enforcement Liability

This insurance covers the District in any event of liabilities imposed by lawsuits and similar claims i.e. accidents, falls, damage to rented premises, etc. The GL premium also includes Employee Benefit Plan Liability in the amount of \$851. This protects the District in the event an error is made in the administration of the District's various self-funded insurance programs including Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance.

Also included is the District’s Law Enforcement policy which covers the District and security guards in the event an injury or property damage is sustained during the normal course of their duties.

General Liability	Deductible	2016-2017	2017-2018
GL Annual Aggregate Limit: \$2,000,000	\$ 0.00	\$22,667	\$22,106

- Crime: The policy covers the District in the event of employee theft, damage, forgery, computer fraud, funds transfer fraud, etc.

Crime	Deductible	2015-2016	2016-2017
Per Occurrence Limit: \$250,000	\$1,000/ 2,500	2,770	\$ 2,746

- Comprehensive Fleet (auto): The District’s Fleet policy covers all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles in the event of an auto accident. This policy covers damage caused to other vehicles during an accident. As part of this coverage, a cargo rider is also included for an additional \$2,500 which covers damage to trailers and their cargo.

Fleet	Deductible	2016-2017	2017-2018
Per Occurrence Limit: \$2,000,000	\$1,000.00	\$194,535	\$ 194,104

The total casualty package renewal is \$218,956.00; a decrease of \$992.00 from last year’s premium of \$219,948.00.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve a three year renewal option with Traveler’s Texas Public Entity Group through Shepard Walton King Insurance Group to provide Fleet, General Liability, Crime and Law Enforcement Insurance for fiscal year 2017-2018. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This will be the second renewal option.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Renewal of the District’s Excess Workers Compensation Insurance with Safety National Insurance through Shepard Walton King Insurance Agency; **OR** Authorize Administration to Solicit Proposals for Same

The District purchases excess stop loss insurance for its Workers’ Compensation Program. This excess insurance is similar to the stop loss coverage purchased for the self-funded medical benefit program. The District will enter into the second year of a three-year renewal option. The District’s Self-Insured Retention Rate (SIR) is currently \$450,000.

The premium for 2017-2018 is \$62,507 for an increase of \$4,000 due to an increase in payroll.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the three-year renewal option with Safety National Insurance through Shepard Walton King Insurance Group to provide excess workers’ compensation insurance for fiscal year 2017-2018. Oscar Caballero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Renew the District’s Agreement with Tri Star Risk Management to Administer the District’s Self-Funded Workers’ Compensation Program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; **OR** Authorize Administration to Solicit Proposals for Same

WISD currently provides Workers’ compensation benefits to its employees on a Self-Funded Program as outlined in chapter 504.001 of the Texas labor code. The district retains the services

of a Third Party Administrator (TPA) to administer the program and comply with Texas Department of Insurance regulations and State laws.

Last year, Tri-Star Risk Management was selected to provide TPA services for one year, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms. The second and third year renewal option allows for a 2.5% increase which amounts to \$53,800 for year 2017-2018. In addition to the administrative fee, Tri-Star also charges fees for cost containment services which include bill review at \$8.50 per bill, and pre authorization services at a fee of \$125 per case. The total 2017-2018 estimated admin costs is \$78,800.

Mr. De La Rosa informed the Board that Tri-Star has been providing good service to the district.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to enter the second year of a three-year renewal option with Tri-Star Risk Management to administer the District's Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program for fiscal year 2017-2018. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve the Proposals for Consultants for Special Education Services: Occupational; Physical & Speech Therapy (RFP# 17-06-44)

Dr. Canales recommended that the Board take no action on this item at this time. Staff will present the item at the July Board Meeting.

The reason for withdrawing this item from the agenda was due to the size of the committee. Staff would like the committee members to include principals and teachers from all levels, as well as practitioners. The committee will review the services to be provided and rank the proposals received.

Mr. Nieto commented that it was important to involve as many people on this committee in order to receive input and make a good decision on selecting consultants who will provide the best services to the special education students.

- G. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to: 1) Rank the Proposals Received for the Fencing Project at the following Schools: Silva Elementary, Gonzalez Elementary, Margo Elementary, North Bridge Elementary, CTE Calvillo Complex, Aquatic Center & CTE Early College High School & 2) Approve a Vendor for this Project as Ranked by the Board (CSP# 17-06-50)

The Board recessed at 7:02 p.m. to inspect the quality of workmanship and materials of the wrought iron fence samples submitted by the four companies. The Board returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to table the item and instructed administration to split the project into two separate projects as equally as possible.

The school attorney addressed his concern, stating that the vendor probably submitted a bid based on a reduced price for materials for the entire project. He is not certain that the company could guarantee the same price if the project is split in half, being that the vendor will now be purchasing less material.

Mr. Lopez suggested tabling the item could allow administration to contact the vendors for a best and final offer. Mr. Andres Sanchez replied that staff is not able to contact the vendors because some of the vendors were present when the bids were opened and therefore the amounts have been made public.

Mr. Kennedy amended his motion to exclude the directive to administration, but to table the item at this time. Dr. Rivera seconded the motion.

Mr. Lopez suggested that the administration contact the two lowest bidders to see if they were interested in doing half of the fencing project.

The school attorney was concerned over the initial motion because the administration was dictating to the vendors that this project was going to turn into two different projects. He suggested that the Board reject all bids and rebid the project as two separate projects.

Mr. Nieto stated that the bids received were all scattered; one was very high, two were in the middle and the other one was very low. Thus, the board members questioned the amounts submitted for the same work.

Mr. Kennedy commented that the Board inspected four 8 ft. sections of fence welded by each separate vendor. According to Mr. Kennedy, the quality looks good on all panels; however, the board members would like to see a fencing project recently completed in Edinburg by one of the vendors to see how it functions.

All board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Patrick Kennedy and seconded by Dr. Rivera to table the item.

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

Erasmus Lopez made the motion to convene in closed session to discuss legal questions with the school attorney. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board convened in closed session at 7:27 p.m.
The Board returned to open session at 7:43 p.m.

The Board President announced that no decisions were made in closed session; the Board only consulted with the school attorney on what appropriate steps could be taken on this item.

As recommended by SWBC consultants, Dr. Canales recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide Third Party Administrative Services (TPA), Utilization Review, and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Network Access. As per the consultant, BCBS provided the best value to the District on the following basis:

- The highest network discounts proposed at 64.3%.
- A larger network which is inclusive of Knapp Medical Center
- Performance penalties placing a total of \$391,287 at risk

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the Third Party Administrative Services proposal submitted by Blue Cross Blue Shield as proposed by the District's Insurance Consultant and the administration. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion.

Andrew Gonzalez stated the following, "I don't like the fact that Blue Cross Blue Shield is dictating who we choose as agent and taking that right away from the Board, threatening us by taking the proposal off the table. I shared my concerns with our new consultants about going this route, about them being audited, and so I'll have to vote against it either way."

A vote was called for on the motion made by Dr. Rivera and seconded by Patrick Kennedy to approve the Third Party Administrative Services proposal submitted by Blue Cross Blue Shield as proposed by the District's Insurance Consultant and the administration.

Voting in favor of the motion were Dr. Rivera, Patrick Kennedy, and Dr. Jaime Rodriguez. Voting against the motion were Andrew Gonzalez, Oscar Caballero, and Isidoro Nieto. The Board President voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried with a 4 to 3 vote.

XI. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 7:47 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, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 and 551.071)
 - a. Deliberation of Personnel on Organizational Chart(s)

B. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (Tex. Gov't Code 551.072)

C. Consultation with Attorney Regarding: a) Pending or Contemplated Litigation; b) a Settlement Offer; or c) a Matter in Which the Duty of the Attorney to the Weslaco Independent School District Under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

Dr. Rivera left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

XII. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:33 p.m. to take action on the following items:

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

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

1. Employment of Personnel

Non-action

2. Resignations

The superintendent recommended that the Board approve the resignation of certified professional personnel as presented.

Name	Position/Location	Reason/Effective Date
1. Aguilera, Alfredo	Counselor Weslaco High School	Mr. Aguilera is resigning to accept a position with another school district, effective June 20, 2017.
2. Martinez, Maria Nelda	Teacher Memorial Elem. School	Ms. Martinez retired after 34 years in education, with all 34 years of service to Weslaco ISD, effective May 27, 2017.

Patrick Kennedy made the motion to approve the resignations as presented. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

a. Deliberation of Personnel on Organizational Chart(s)

Non-action item.

b. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (Tex. Gov't Code 551.072)

Non-action item.

B. Consultation with Attorney Regarding: a) Pending or Contemplated Litigation; b) a Settlement Offer; or c) a Matter in Which the Duty of the Attorney to the Weslaco Independent School District Under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to authorize legal counsel and administration to proceed as discussed in closed session as recommended by the school attorney. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.