



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:  
Place:  
Location:  
Date:  
Time:

Regular Board Meeting  
WISD Board Room/Virtual  
319 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
September 21, 2021  
5:30 P.M. or Immediately  
Following the Workshop

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.127, BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AT THIS REGULAR BOARD MEETING. HOWEVER, A PHYSICAL QUORUM OF THE BOARD SHALL BE PRESENT AT 319 W. 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS, 78596.

THE EXCLUSIVE WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT IS TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: <https://www.wisd.us/superintendentboard/new-page>

THE MEETING WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: <https://youtu.be/4pKRUoeKodo>

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Establishment of a Quorum
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge
- V. Awards and Recognitions
- VI. Proclamations

- >Proclamation for National Custodial Worker Day, October 2, 2021
- >Proclamation for Texas Education Human Resources Day, October 13, 2021
- >Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week, October 25-29, 2021
- >Proclamation for Dyslexia Awareness Month, October 2021
- >Proclamation for Principals Month, October 2021

- VII. Public Comments

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- >COVID-19 Updates
- >Weslaco Virtual Learning Academy
- >Insurance

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2021 and the Special Meetings of July 8, July 29, August 2, August 5, August 11, August 17, August 25, the Public Hearing of August 23, and the Emergency Meeting of August 13, 2021
- B. Approval of Out of Valley Trips
- C. Approval to Accept Donation in the Amount of \$2,500.00 for Weslaco High School 100 Year Activities Committee from Various Sponsors:
  - 1. \$1,200.00 from Dr. Javier de la Garza
  - 2. \$ 500.00 from Smith Security & Fire
  - 3. \$ 350.00 from Arturo's Bar & Grill
  - 4. \$ 250.00 from Boggus Ford
  - 5. \$ 100.00 from Tamez Financial
  - 6. \$ 100.00 from Victory Tax Service
- D. Approval to Accept a Donation of School Supplies from Texas National Bank for Weslaco ISD Students
- E. Approval to Accept a Donation of School Supplies from PlainsCapital Bank for WISD Students of A.N. "Tony" Rico Elementary
- F. Approval to Accept Donations of Wood Material Products and Seasonal Decorations from Doug Wells of "Wells of Weslaco" for the Weslaco ISD Fine Arts Programs
- G. Approval of Purchase of Subscription Renewal of Kurzweil 3000, an Online Program to Assist Special Education Students at School or Home who Receive Dyslexia, 504, or ELL Program Services for the Twelve Month Period of December 12, 2011 through December 11, 2022
- H. Approval of Purchase of Imagine Learning Web-Based Interactive Learning System to Enhance the Math Abilities of Pre-Kindergarten through Algebra in English and Spanish, Including Live Support for At-Home Math Practice
- I. Approval of Purchase of the Noredink Premium Digital Platform to Provide Support in the Areas of Grammar and Writing in Preparation for STAAR, TSI, and AP Exams for All Middle and High School Students for the 2021-2022 School Year
- J. Approval of Purchase of NEWSELA for Science, Reading Language Arts, and Social Studies Areas for Students in Second through Twelfth Grades for the 2021-2022 School Year
- K. Approval of Purchase of the Pioneer Valley Books On-Site Professional Learning, Modeling, and Coaching Based on Dr. Jan Richardson's The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading Professional Book for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year

- L. Approval of Purchase of McGraw Hill Aleks Web-Based Learning System Student Licenses to Personalize the Learning Paths in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II Courses
- M. Approval of Purchase of the Subscription of the Ripple Effects Software System from Ripple Effects, Inc. for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
- N. Approval of Purchase for “Ready to Learn with Bouncy”, A Resilience Software Program for Pre-Kindergarten Students to Serve as an Instructional Resource for Social-Emotional Learning and to Assist with Behaviors Due to Covid-19 for the 2021-2022 School Year
- O. Approval of Purchase of Texas Instruments TI 84 Plus CE Python EZ-Spot Graphing Calculators with an EZ-SPOT Slide Case for Grade 8 Through High School Math and Science Students
- P. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Weslaco Independent School District and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the Continuation of the Dual Credit Program at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years
- Q. Approval of Contract Training Agreement Between Weslaco Independent School District and South Texas College to Provide GED and ESL Classes for WISD Parents
- R. Approval of TASB Policy Service Membership Renewal for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
- S. Approval of Purchase of Eduphoria Renewal of Software Maintenance and Support for 2021-2022
- T. Approval to Increase the Price of Adult Meals for Breakfast and Lunch at School Cafeterias for School Year 2021-2022
- U. Approval of Extension of Proposal Awards:
  - 1. Automotive & Bus- Parts & Supplies District-Wide (Proposal #21-09-01)
  - 2. HVAC Filters (Proposal #21-09-02)
- V. Approval of Proposal Awards:
  - 1. Student Pictures (Proposal #21-08-40)
  - 2. Safety & Security Systems Repair District-Wide (Proposal #22-09-01)
  - 3. Uniform Rental Service District-Wide (Proposal #22-09-02)
- W. Approval of Budget Amendments:
  - 1. Mario Ybarra Elementary – Local Fund to Purchase Refreshments for Staff Development Trainings throughout the School Year
  - 2. North Bridge Elementary – Local Fund to Pay for Virtual Training at Region One on T-TESS and AEL for Facilitator
  - 3. Fine Arts Department – Local Fund to Purchase Instructional Resources and Supplies for Visual Art Students in Order to Prevent Sharing and to be in Line with District COVID-19 Guidelines
  - 4. Technology Department - Technology Special Fund to Roll-Forward for Technology Special Fund to Budget Instructional Computer Repairs at Individual Campuses

5. Business Office – Local Fund to Record Budget for Purchase Orders Rolled-Forward for Technology Equipment, Athletics Supplies and Equipment, and Classroom Materials and Furniture Ordered in Prior Year and Not Received by August 31, 2021
  6. Business Office – Local Fund to Record a Budget for a Second Human Resources Administrator
  7. Business Office – Local Fund to Record a Budget for TASB to Conduct a Salary and Staffing Study as well as a Stipend Review of the District
- X. Approval of Tax Adjustments for July and August 2021
- Y. Approval to Provide Superintendent or Their Designee the Authority for the Approval and Submission of Individual Student Waivers for Remote Conferencing and Remote Homebound Instruction
- X. Discussion Items:
- A. First Reading of Policy Update 117 from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)
  - B. Interim Financial Report for the Twelve Months Ended August 31, 2021
  - C. Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Tax Office Collection Report for July and August 2021: Current Taxes and Delinquent Taxes
- XI. Discussion and Possible Action Items:
- A. Discussion and Possible Action on Nominating Candidate(s) to Serve on the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2022-2023 and Approval of Resolution for Nomination
  - B. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider the Selection of a Telemedicine Service Provider (RFQ #22-09-03)
  - C. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a One-Year Extension Award Option for Embroidered Items or Authorize Administration to Solicit Proposals for Embroidered Items (Proposal #20-08-27)
  - D. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of Substantial Completion for the Design and Replacement of the HVAC Controls Project at Weslaco East High School (CSP #20-01-07)
  - E. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of the Contract for the Installation of Twenty-Four (24) Poles with LED Light Fixtures at Beatriz G. Garza Middle School Including an Extension to the Completion of the Project (CSP #21-07-38)
  - F. Discussion and Possible Action to Rank the Engineering Firms Previously Approved by the Board to Select Engineering Firms for Upcoming Projects (CSP #21-06-31)
  - G. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a COVID-19 Vaccine Stipend for All District Employees to Be Paid from the American Rescue Plan ESSER III Grant Funds

- H. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of the Sixth Invoice from Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, for Work Done in August 2021 on the Forensic Audit of the District
- I. Discussion and Possible Action to Extend the Award for Ambulance Services for the Weslaco ISD 2021-2022 Athletic Programs or Authorize Administration to Solicit Proposals for Ambulance Services (RFP #20-08-29)
- J. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution to Designate Authorized Signers at Texas National Bank
- K. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve Modifications to the Weslaco ISD Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

XII. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

- A. Personnel Matters (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)
  - 1. Employment of Personnel – Certified Professional & Non-Contractual Personnel
  - 2. Resignations/Retirements
  - 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. Superintendent's Recommendation for the Position of Principal at Dr. Armando Cuellar Middle School
    - b. Superintendent's Recommendation for the Position of Directors for Human Resources
- B. Deliberation Regarding Acquisition of Real Property (Tx. 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 ISD 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)

XIII. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

- A. Possible Action, If Necessary, on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting
  - 1. Discussion and Possible Action on New Employment – Certified Professional & Non-Contractual Personnel
  - 2. Discussion and Possible Action on Resignations/Retirements
  - 3. Discussion and Possible Action on Superintendent's Recommendation for the Position of Principal at Dr. Armando Cuellar Middle School
  - 4. Discussion and Possible Action on Superintendent's Recommendation for the Position of Directors for Human Resources
  - 5. Discussion and Possible Action on Acquisition of Real Property

#### XIV. Adjournment

**Note:** The Board of Trustees may, at any time during this meeting, retire to a closed meeting pursuant to §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to seek the advice of its attorney on any subject slated for discussion, where the duty of the attorney to the Board of Trustees under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees may receive information from, give information to, ask questions of, or receive questions from any third person, including an employee of the governmental body, about the public business items slated for discussion. The Board of Trustees may at any time during this meeting elect to deliberate in open session on any matter, which is slated for discussion in executive session. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session to take appropriate action on any matter deliberated in executive session.

<p>Note: If any accommodation for a disability is required, notify the Superintendent's Office at (956-969-6915), prior to the meeting date.</p>
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