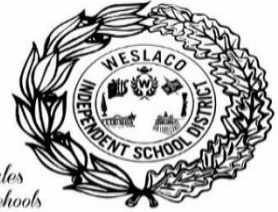




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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:  
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Special Board Meeting  
Board Room/Virtual  
319 W. Fourth Street  
March 26, 2021  
12:11 P.M.

THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ONLINE FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS AS PERMITTED BY THE SUSPENDED PORTIONS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT AS APPROVED BY GOVERNOR ABBOTT. THE MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: <https://youtu.be/uRJGBv2huCk>

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Armando Cuellar, Board President.

### II. Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established. The following members were present.

Armando Cuellar, President  
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Vice President  
Marcos De Los Santos, Trustee  
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee

Mr. Jesse Trevino joined the meeting at 12:19 p.m.  
Mr. Isidoro Nieto and Mrs. Jaclyn Sustaita were absent.

### III. Public Comments

The public had the opportunity to participate in public comments by registering no later than 11:45 a.m. at the following web link: <https://www.wisd.us/superintendentboard/new-page>.

No one signed up to address the Board.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Weslaco Independent School District and City of Weslaco Regarding the Proposed Regional Detention Facility at B. Garza Middle School and to Authorize the Board President to Execute Any Related Documents

On October 8, 2013, the Weslaco Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a drainage detention easement to the City of Weslaco for the future expansion of Sugar Cane Drive between Border Avenue and Westgate Drive. The need for additional water detention capacity has presented itself as a result of the two floods that have occurred since 2018.

The City of Weslaco approached the school district with a request for additional property to expand the existing detention pond. The expansion area requested of approximately 9 acres will increase the total detention pond area to approximately 18 acres.

The proposed interlocal agreement outlines the following:

1. The District will allow the City to construct a Regional Detention Facility on the Property;
  - Once constructed the District will have full use of the Property;
  - The city shall construct the Regional Detention Facility in accordance to the specifications outlined by the District;
  - The District shall grant the City full use of the Regional Detention Facility as necessary to retain excess water.
2. The City, as part of the plans and specification for the Regional Detention Facility, shall install and maintain a fence of not less than 4 feet in height to provide for the security of said Property. The District may, but does not have the obligation to secure such area at such times in its sole discretion.
3. The City shall pay for all improvements to the Property pursuant to the specifications of the District.

Meetings and walk-throughs were conducted related to the proposed Regional Detention Facility. The Interlocal Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Weslaco Independent School District and the City of Weslaco regarding the proposed Regional Detention Facility at Beatriz Garza Middle School and to authorize the Board President to execute any related documents. Marcos De Los Santos seconded the motion.

Mr. Gonzalez thanked the City for reaching out to the school district with this request. He acknowledged the board members and the City for being open minded and working together to find a solution, which has now doubled the capacity of what was requested by the city. Due to previous flooding in this area in recent years, he hopes the detention facility will help surrounding homes from flooding in the future.

Dr. Jaime Rodriguez wanted to know how the students would be able to utilize the areas. He also pointed out that the agreement included a 4 ft. fence and asked if that was adequate or if a higher fence was necessary.

Mr. Oscar Riojas, Executive Director for Facilities, explained that the students would continue to use the areas to play baseball, soccer, football, and golf when the areas are not flooded. He stressed the importance of this project because it will alleviate flooding issues for the district and homes around these areas.

Mr. Mike Perez, City Manager, commented that the agreement indicated a minimum height of 4 ft. for the fencing; however, they will accommodate the needs of the school district.

Board President Armando Cuellar preferred a higher fence for security purposes. He mentioned that the areas should be available for use by the students the majority of the time because when flooding occurs, it does not last for a long time. He wants to make sure the district does not compromise the usability of the fields in any way, form, or fashion, due to the original design on a previous project that left the district short on the

usability. Thus, the school district will be involved with this process to assure that things are being done, and that it is a win-win situation for everyone.

Mr. Mike Perez confirmed that the city was going to make modifications to that project referenced.

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos thanked everyone who was involved with this project. He feels this initiative between the City and the School District will be very productive because with the recent floods that have occurred, he has seen the devastation it has caused many of the families who live around this area. He also thanked the campus administrators from Cleckler-Heald Elementary and B. Garza Middle School for their participation and input on this project.

Mr. Andrew Gonzalez wanted to know if the school district would be able to keep some of the dirt to use for raising some of the areas at the Maintenance Department. Mr. Mike Perez replied that the district could reuse the dirt.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Mr. Andrew Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Marcos De Los Santos to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Weslaco Independent School District and the City of Weslaco regarding the proposed Regional Detention Facility at Beatriz Garza Middle School and to authorize the Board President to execute any related documents.

#### V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.