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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Location:
Date:
Time:

Special Board Meeting
Board Room/Virtual
319 W. Fourth Street
April 1, 2021
12:06 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/oCCaQ1S_P9w

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 board members were present.

Armando Cuellar, President
Jesse Trevino, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Isidoro Nieto, Trustee
Jaclyn Sustaita, Trustee

Dr. Jaime Rodriguez joined the meeting at 12:08 p.m.
Marcos De Los Santos joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

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 for the Board to Consider Agreement Between the County of Hidalgo, Texas and the Weslaco Independent School District for the Installation of Additional WIFI Communication Towers/Equipment on Weslaco Independent School District Properties at North Bridge Elementary and Ybarra Elementary to Assist the Citizens of Hidalgo County with Distance Learning for Students as Well as Improving Telework Capabilities for Families

On September 14, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the Cares Act Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and Weslaco Independent School District effective for the installation of Wi-Fi communication towers on Weslaco Independent School District properties to assist the citizens of Hidalgo County with distance learning for students as well as improving telework capabilities for families.

After their technical assessment at that time, Hidalgo County chose Cleckler-Heald Elementary School, Rudy Silva Elementary School, and Mary Hoge Middle School for their communication towers/equipment to communicate with neighborhoods nearby. After the initial installation of the three towers, Hidalgo County asked for permission to install Wi-Fi equipment on Weslaco ISD's existing 60' tower at North Bridge Elementary School and add a roof top tower at Ybarra Elementary School to expand the Wi-Fi signal into neighborhoods in those areas. The roof top tower at Ybarra Elementary will be installed on a sled placed on a protective mat where no holes will be drilled on top of the roof. There will be no cost to the district except for providing electrical power for the equipment at both locations.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve for Hidalgo County to install additional Wi-Fi communication towers/equipment at Ybarra Elementary School and North Bridge Elementary School to assist the citizens of Hidalgo County with distance learning for students as well as improving telework capabilities for families.

Mr. Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas and the Weslaco Independent School District for the installation of additional WiFi communication towers/equipment on Weslaco Independent School District properties at North Bridge Elementary and Ybarra Elementary to assist the citizens of Hidalgo County with distance learning for students as well as improving telework capabilities for families as recommended by the Superintendent. Mrs. Jaclyn Sustaita seconded the motion.

Mr. Isidoro Nieto commented that approximately 7,500 Weslaco residents would be able to utilize the Wi-Fi towers to connect to free public Wi-Fi. Technology Director Carlos Martinez clarified that more than 7,500 residents would now be able to utilize the free public Wi-Fi with the installation of the additional communication towers/equipment at Ybarra Elementary School and North Bridge Elementary School.

Board President Armando Cuellar acknowledged staff and Hidalgo County for their efforts in assisting the students of WISD.

The Board voted in favor of the motion made by Andrew Gonzalez and Jaclyn Sustaita to approve the agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas, and the Weslaco Independent School District for the installation of additional WiFi communication towers/equipment on Weslaco Independent School District properties at North Bridge Elementary and Ybarra Elementary to assist the citizens of Hidalgo County with distance learning for students, as well as improving telework capabilities for families.

V. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 12:12 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)

- 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 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)

Mr. Isidoro Nieto left the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

VI. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 1:24 p.m.

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

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

1. Employment of Personnel

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve all hires as discussed in closed session, contractual and non-contractual, including the addendum.

Name	Position	Location
1. Nelva Garza	Technical Assistant	Mary Hoge Middle School
2. Rafael Garces	Custodian	Custodial Department
3. Debbie Garza	Custodian	Custodial Department
4. Brianna L. Gonzalez	Counselor Aide	Margo Elementary School
5. Nereida Ramos	Custodian	Custodial Department
6. Javier Reyna, Jr.	Instructional Aide	Sam Houston Elementary School
7. Julia Villarreal	Instructional Aide	Mary Hoge Middle School
REASSIGNMENTS		
1. Tomas Alanis	From: Media Aide Weslaco High School	To: Switchboard Operator Weslaco High School
2. Armando Cisneros	From: Substitute Custodian Custodial Department	To: Custodian Margo Elementary School
3. Jesse Villarreal	From: Substitute Custodian Custodial Department	To: Custodian Memorial Elementary School
ADDENDUM		
Name	Position	Location
1. David Evans	Physical Education Teacher	Weslaco East High School
2. Isaac Lopez	Math Teacher	Mary Hoge Middle School

Mr. Jesse Trevino made the motion to approve all hires, contractual and non-contractual, including the addendum as discussed in closed meeting. Jaclyn Sustaita seconded the motion.

Andrew Gonzalez voted in favor, with the exclusion of what was discussed in closed session.

Dr. Jaime Rodriguez voted in favor of the hires that were agreed upon, with the exception of the one he voiced his concern.

Voting in favor of the motion were Jaclyn Sustaita, Marcos De Los Santos, and Jesse Trevino. The chair voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

2. Resignations

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the resignations/retirements of certified professional personnel as presented.

Name	Position/Location	Reason/Effective Date
1. Norma Brewer	Director, Student Support Services/State Compensatory	Norma Brewer is resigning to accept the position of Director for Counseling & Guidance with McAllen ISD. Her resignation is effective April 9, 2021.
2. Valerie Smith	Speech Teacher Weslaco East High School	Valerie Smith is relocating to Belton, Texas to be closer to family. She requested to be released from her contract as soon as possible.

Mr. Jesse Trevino made the motion to approve the resignations as presented with the exception of one that was discussed in closed session. Mr. Marcos De Los Santos 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)

Non-action item.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.