



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE RIGHT CHOICE

Dr. Cris Valdez
Interim Superintendent of Schools



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Location:
Date:
Time:

Special Board Meeting
WISD Board Room/Virtual
319 W. Fourth Street
March 2, 2022
6:44 P.M.

THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ONLINE FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS. THE MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: <https://youtu.be/NG4PDehgOf0>

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
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Vice President
Jesse Trevino, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Isidoro Nieto, Trustee
Jaclyn Sustaita, Trustee

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos was absent.

III. Public Comments

➤Edward Mejia, 721 E. Torritos, Weslaco, Tx.

Mr. Mejia made the following comments:

“I’m very irate and disgusted on the level of behavior that some people on the Board have done to myself in preventing me from coming forward to attend the meetings, and it’s ridiculous in nature. I was served

with a criminal trespass warning as you can see here and today I was prevented from coming in just because of my political background and who I support. That should not have any bearing on what goes on in this society because you all are censoring what I believe in and that's coming to these meetings publicly. These meetings are for the public and not for one individual in itself, and I feel like you all have been violating me since day one since I was served with that ridiculous notice weeks ago. I also wanted to have a grievance with the Superintendent and she has failed to return my phone calls to me. I'm here asking for the same attention that you all give the same person whether it was Edward Mejia or Joe Blow nobody. I've been trying to get that for weeks and I have not been given the attention because of course we just went through a heated district attorney race, which of course I was a part of. That being aside, I just want the same level of attention that you all would give the next person in line if it was me or not, and I have not been given that and it is not right. I want to hear from someone from this Board or the district and be granted a grievance because I have much to say on the level of treatment I've been given by you – the representatives of this district that we the people elect. Those are not your seats; they belong to the people and the fact that you all have been using it against me for political retaliation is not right and it is about time that the truth comes out. I'm here today to voice my concerns and the way I feel because I'm not gonna tolerate it, I'm not. Enough is enough – to throw the police is one thing, with no bearing whatsoever, so I expect to be given the same level of treatment as anybody else would be vs. me or not. That's all I'm requesting and I hope to hear from somebody soon cause this is getting out of hand. I was blocked from coming in here earlier cause the guard mentioned that the order came from the Superintendent to block me from coming in and that there was a criminal/trespass order against me in play. I should not be treated just because I don't agree with certain people on the Board's political backings and they are using it as a political toy against me. I demand and expect to be given a grievance meeting with the Superintendent before her departure.”

IV. Closed Meeting to Conduct a Level Three Grievance Requested by J. Campos Pursuant to Policy DGBA (Local)

As requested by Mr. Joe Campos, this hearing took place in open meeting.

Open Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

The following board members were present:

Armando Cuellar, Board President
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Vice President
Jesse Trevino, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Isidoro Nieto, Trustee
Jacklyn Sustaita, Trustee

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos was absent.

Attorney Eloy Sepulveda represented the board members. Ms. Veronica Martinez represented the Administration. Mr. Campos represented himself.

This grievance was livestreamed and a recording is available online for viewing.

The Board deliberated in closed meeting at 7:18 p.m.

- V. Reconvene in Open Meeting: Possible Action on Level Three Grievance Requested by J. Campos Pursuant to Policy DGBA (Local)

The Board reconvened in open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to table this item. Mrs. Jaclyn Sustaita seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Isidoro Nieto, Mrs. Jaclyn Sustaita, Mr. Jesse Trevino, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, and Mr. Andrew Gonzalez. Motion passed.

- VI. Closed Meeting to Conduct a Level Three Grievance Requested by J. Valdez Pursuant to Policy DGBA (Local)

The Board did not hear this grievance because the grievant withdrew her grievance prior to the meeting.

- VII. Reconvene in Open Meeting: Possible Action on Level Three Grievance Requested by J. Valdez Pursuant to Policy DGBA (Local)

Non-action item.

- VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.