



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
319 West Fourth Street
Weslaco, Texas

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Date:
Time:



Special Meeting
WISD Board Room
November 21, 2016
6:02 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order by David Fuentes, Board President.
- II. A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

David Fuentes, President
Erasmus Lopez, Vice President
Oscar Caballero, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Isidoro Nieto, Trustee

Adrian Gonzalez and Dr. Richard Rivera were absent.

- III. Approval of the 2016 Certified Property Tax Roll

Section 26.09(e) of the Property Tax Code, requires the Tax Assessor/Collector to submit the Certified Tax Roll to the governing body of the taxing unit by August 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Total Appraised/Assessed Value	\$ 2,936,974,599.00
Less Total Exemptions	(767,267,631.00)
Taxable Value	\$ 2,169,706,968.00
Freeze Taxable Values	(111,332,662.00)
Adjusted Freeze Taxable Values	\$ 2,058,374,306.00
Tax Rate per \$100 of Taxable Valuation	\$ 1.1397
Levy Before Frozen Levy Loss	\$ 23,459,291.97
Frozen Levy	881,314.22
Late Rendition	22,922.50
Levy Per Hidalgo County	\$ 24,363,528.69

According to Mr. Andres Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer, the tax levy was \$30,000 more at the time the budget was prepared.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the 2016 Certified Property Tax Roll as presented by the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor/Collector. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Closed Meeting:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the following item:

1. Deliberation Regarding Employment Contract for Dr. Priscilla Canales as Superintendent of Schools (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.074)

V. Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:24 p.m. to take action on the following item:

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Employ Dr. Priscilla Canales as Superintendent of Schools and Approve an Employment Contract

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve Dr. Priscilla Canales as Superintendent of Schools effective December 1, 2016, and authorize the Board President to execute an employment contract pursuant to the terms discussed in closed meeting. Oscar Caballero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Canales took a few minutes of personal privilege to say a few words.

“First of all, to the campus and district leaders and the audience, I’m excited to be here. I am humbled, honored, and also happy. When I first came here, I flew in from Austin and I drove to Weslaco from Harlingen. I started feeling like I was home. I grew up about an hour and half north of here in a small community where people came together to create great opportunities for children. There was never a day in my life when educators did not look at me and the other children like we were winners. We were known, we were valued, we were inspired, we were asked to dream and then go after the dreams; so when I came to Weslaco, before I even drove in, and I’ve been here before, it felt like I was home. So to all of you, I look forward to working with, and by you, to continue the great things and to create many more great things for our students and our families.

To my parents who are in the audience, mom and dad, Margarita Hinojosa Canales and Leonel Canales - from the beginning they stressed the importance of education to all three of us, we’re three in the family, and not only that, they said that with education and leaving in America came tremendous responsibility. Daddy told us time and time again, ‘You give it your all and you become all that you can be so you can serve and help others,’ and mother was right there by his side making sure that when we fell, we had the courage to get up and keep on going.

To all of you, my doors will be open and you’ll have my phone number. I’m looking forward to serve in the spirit of community focused on kids and family.

To the Board of Trustees, I’m so proud to be part of a team of eight and I told everybody in Del Valle and my family and friends, and my friend Rose who grew up in Brownsville and is in the audience; I told all of them that your questions were so student and community focused that your faces said you care tremendously about what happens for children, and I respected that from “Hello” and look forward to working with you every single day in the spirit of doing what’s right for the children, staff, faculty, and the community of Weslaco. Thank you so much for the opportunity. I appreciate it.”

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.