



# WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Dr. Priscilla Canales, Superintendent*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:	Special Board Meeting
Place:	WISD Board Room
Location:	319 W. Fourth Street
Date:	May 21, 2018
Time:	12:12 P.M

## MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order by Oscar Caballero, Vice President.
- II. A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

Oscar Caballero, Vice President  
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee  
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee  
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

*Eramso Lopez, Patrick Kennedy, and Isidoro Nieto were absent.*

- III. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of: a) Membership in the Orion Consortium; and b) Agreement with Region One for Internet Access Service 10 GBPS Fiber Connectivity

Superintendent Dr. Canales pointed out that the purpose of this membership is to create a Region-Wide consortium to lower the costs of internet access, provide higher speed access, disaster recovery, and flexibility to maintain and/or increase capacity. The membership consortium is for a minimum of four years and will be renewed automatically on July 1 of each calendar year for up to six consecutive years unless the consortium member (Weslaco ISD) provides written notice to Region One by March 1 of each calendar year or 120 days advance notice. The district will pay \$18,000 per year for the first four years and can continue in the contract at a cost of \$12,000 per year up to six additional years.

Weslaco ISD will gain 2.5 times of the current internet speed for approximately half of the district's cost in the first 4 years and one-third of the current cost in the last 6 years. The net total cost to the District for 10 years will be \$14,400. This is a Priority One Erate Project that will qualify for the Weslaco ISD 90% Erate discount. The purchase will be made between July1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 in order to qualify for the 90% discount and continue 1 year at a time for the next 10 years.

According to Mr. Carlos Martinez (Technology Director), the district currently has 4 GBPS of fiber connectivity. The nation recommends that school districts should have at least 10 or higher by year 2020 for students. WISD will now have 10 GBPS and therefore internet service will be 2.5 faster at half the cost for the first four years.

Dr. Richard Rivera made the motion to approve the membership in the Orion Consortium and the agreement with Region One for internet access service 10 GBPS fiber connectivity. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider: 1) Approval of the Administration's Recommendation of the Ranking of the Proposals Received for the Construction of the Improvements to the Girls Athletic Facilities and Boys Athletic Facilities at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School Project, and 2) To Authorize Administration to Enter into Contract Negotiations and Approve a Contract for this Project (CSP #18-05-21)

This project was ranked as a "need" by the Facilities Committee approved by the Board on February 13, 2017. On May 30, 2017, the Board approved the hiring of PBK Architects to design the plans and specifications. On December 11, 2017, the Weslaco ISD School Board voted to approve the competitive sealed proposals method of construction, delegated the ranking authority to the Administration, and approved the criteria and points.

The district received seven (7) proposals. The ranking committee reviewed and recommended that this project be awarded to Rigney Construction, LLC from Edinburg, Texas at a cost of \$5,276,000.00. The project should take 240 days to complete.

The project will include the following add-ons:

- Mondo flooring and lockers at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School
- Roofing at Weslaco High School

Dr. Jaime Rodriguez made the motion to approve the Administration's recommendation of the ranking of the proposals received for the construction of the improvements to the Girls Athletic Facilities and the Boys Athletic Facilities at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School project, and to authorize administration to enter into contract negotiations and approve a contract for this project. Dr. Richard Rivera seconded the motion.

Dr. Rivera wanted to know who had served on the ranking committee. He also wanted to know if Mr. Sanchez was aware if this company had made a lot of change orders in their previous jobs, because too many change orders will drive up the cost of the project. Mr. Sanchez will follow up on his inquiry.

The following staff members served on the committee:

- Sergio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Administration
- Andres Sanchez Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance
- Oscar Riojas, Athletic Director
- Americo Garza, Director of Energy Management
- Baldemar Garcia, Purchasing Director
- David Iglesias, PBK Architect

Andrew Gonzalez wanted to know if staff had worked with the company to reduce the best and final offer. He asked Mr. Iglesias to keep an eye on the number of change orders and to keep Mr. Sanchez informed.

Mr. Sanchez and staff will meet with the company to try and negotiate the best and final offer. If negotiations cannot be agreed on with contractor ranked #1 in writing, the district will end negotiations and start negotiations with contractor ranked #2, and so on.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez and seconded by Dr. Richard Rivera to approve the Administration's recommendation of the ranking of the proposals received for the construction of the improvements to the Girls Athletic Facilities and Boys Athletic Facilities at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School project, and to authorize administration to enter into contract negotiations and approve a contract for this project.

V. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Resolution to Ratify the Lease Purchase Transaction with PNC Equipment Finance LLC for the Acquisition of a New Digital Scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium

On April 17, 2018 the Board approved Weslaco ISD to enter into a lease purchase transaction with PNC Equipment Finance LLC of Cincinnati, Ohio to finance the acquisition of a new digital scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium at a cost of \$1,356,568.16. As part of their legal requirements, PNC Equipment Finance LLC had requested a Board resolution indicating approval for Weslaco ISD to enter into the lease purchase agreement with PNC Equipment Finance LLC (PNC).

The school attorney advised the Board that the company would not accept the minutes of the board meeting authorizing approval of PNC and therefore requested a signed resolution. All terms of the previous approval will remain the same.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the resolution to ratify the lease purchase transaction with PNC Equipment Finance LLC for the acquisition of a new digital scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Dr. Rivera wanted to know how much money the district had on hand because the first payment of \$109,000 is due in September. According to Mr. Sanchez, they have about \$78,000.00 in revenues that was collected for the current year. The district already has sponsors but they are also working with additional companies to try to secure additional funding.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Andrew Gonzalez and seconded by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez to approve the resolution to ratify the lease purchase transaction with PNC Equipment Finance LLC for the acquisition of a new digital scoreboard for Bobby Lackey Stadium.

VI. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 12:27 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)
  - a. Discussion of Renewal of Probationary Contract for Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year
  - b. Discussion of Renewal of Term Contract for Librarian for the 2018-2019 School Year

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)

VII. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 12:46 p.m. to take action on the following items:

A. Possible Action, If Necessary, on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting

N/A

B. Discussion and Possible Action on New Employment

Non-action item.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Resignations

The school attorney advised the Board that action was necessary because the resignations/retirements were mid-year.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Location</b>	<b>Reason/Effective Date</b>
1. Cavazos, Maria Alba	Teacher Margo Elementary	Ms. Cavazos is retiring after (38) years in education, with all (38) years of service at Weslaco ISD, effective June 1, 2018.
2. Villarreal, Raymond	Title I Regular Director Title I Regular	Mr. Villarreal is retiring after (39) years of service at Weslaco ISD, effective September 1, 2018.
1. Villarreal, Antonio A.	Warehouse Administrator	Mr. Villarreal is retiring after (38) years in education, with (14) years of service at Weslaco ISD, effective June 25, 2018.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the resignations/retirements as presented. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and Possible Action to Renew Probationary Contract for Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the renewal of probationary contract for the following teacher for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by their immediate supervisor.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Location</b>	<b>CNT 18-19</b>
1. Adrian Gomez	Secondary Teacher Weslaco East High School	PRB1

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the renewal of probationary contract for the employee as presented. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. Discussion and Possible Action to Renew Term Contract for Librarian for the 2018-2019 School Year

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the term contract for librarian for the 2018-2019 school year as discussed in closed meeting.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Location</b>	<b>CNT 18-19</b>
1. Sandy Corpus	Librarian Silva Elementary School	Term

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the renewal of the term contract for the librarian as discussed in closed meeting. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.