



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**319 W. Fourth Street
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Location:
Date:
Time:

Special Meeting
WISD Board Room
319 W. Fourth Street
April 18, 2017
7:23 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Erasmo Lopez, President
Oscar Caballero, Vice President
Isidoro Nieto, Secretary
Andrew Gonzalez, Trustee
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

Dr. Richard Rivera was absent.

- III. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Award the Design of the Chemical Storage Building for the Aquatic Center to Rike Ogden Figueroa Alex Architects

The administration recommended that the Chemical Storage Building project be awarded to Rike Ogden Figueroa Alex Architects. This project has been approved by the Board and the Facilities Committee. The cost for this project is estimated at about \$100,000 and will be funded through the Local Maintenance Fund's Fund Balance assigned for Facilities and Other Needs.

Board members questioned the storing of chemicals and whether the chemicals were dangerous if exposed to the students.

Athletic Director Oscar Riojas informed the Board that there is a storage room attached to the Aquatic Center where the chemicals, water pumps, and mechanical equipment is currently stored. The acid stored in this storage room has slowly started to corrode the door handles and anything that is made of metal. The chemicals are dangerous; thus, the new storage building will be enclosed with ventilation on top (no air conditioning) to allow the chemicals to breathe out to the open air.

Mr. Kennedy asked staff to work together with the architect to design a good safeguard area for the safety of students passing by.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to award the design of the Chemical Storage Building for the Aquatic Center to Rike Ogden Figueroa Alex Architects as recommended by the administration. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion.

Board President Erasmo Lopez commented that this storage room has to be a containment facility. The chemicals must be contained in the building in the event of a spill. Furthermore, no drains can be connected to city facilities; otherwise, the district could be in trouble if acid were to spill into the municipal sewer.

The board members voted in favor of the motion made by Andrew Gonzalez and seconded by Patrick Kennedy to award the design of the Chemical Storage Building for the Aquatic Center to Rike Ogden Figueroa Alex Architects as recommended by the administration.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action to Select Insurance and Employee Benefits Consultant (RFP#17-05-43)

A workshop was held prior to this meeting to hear presentations by several consultants.

The Board President asked his fellow board members to table this item to allow Dr. Rivera the opportunity to participate on this item. Dr. Rivera was not present at this meeting. This will also allow all board members time to decide on their selection due to this item being a high cost item.

Patrick Kennedy made the motion to table this item to allow Dr. Rivera the opportunity to watch the presentations. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion.

A brief discussion was held on scheduling a special meeting to take action on this item. Board members will be polled for a meeting to be posted in the coming week.

The board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion made to table the item.

V. Discussion and Possible Action to Rescind the Action of the Board of Trustees Taken on April 10, 2017, Regarding Approval of the Administration's Recommendation for the Proposals Received for the Tile Installation Project for Five Elementary Schools: Silva Elementary, Gonzalez Elementary, Margo Elementary, Memorial Elementary and Weslaco East High School (RFP#17-05-39)

This item was placed on the agenda by the request of the Board.

Board President Erasmo Lopez commented that there had been some confusion on this item at the last meeting.

The school attorney clarified that the board member who made the motion at the last meeting or any board member who voted in the affirmative should make the motion to rescind.

Since no motion was made, prior action taken at the April 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting remains the same.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action to Award Proposal(s) Received for the Tile Installation Project for Five Elementary Schools: Silva Elementary, Gonzalez Elementary, Margo Elementary, Memorial Elementary and Weslaco East High School (RFP#17-05-39)

Non-action item.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Action by the Board to Adopt its Own Ranking Evaluation for the Resurfacing of the Lackey Stadium’s Football Field Turf & Running Track (CSP #17-04-33) that Offers the Best Value for the District Based on the Published Selection Criteria and the Weighted Value for Those Criteria

The Board President asked to change the order of the day and discuss this item at the end of the meeting in order to address legal questions to the school attorney.

- VIII. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 7:36 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- A. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (Tex. Gov’t Code 551.072)

- IX. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open session at 8:26 p.m.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Action by the Board to Adopt its Own Ranking Evaluation for the Resurfacing of the Lackey Stadium’s Football Field Turf & Running Track (CSP #17-04-33) that Offers the Best Value for the District Based on the Published Selection Criteria and the Weighted Value for Those Criteria

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to adopt the ranking evaluation for the resurfacing of the Lackey Stadium’s football field turf & running track (CSP #17-04-33) that offers the best value for the District based on the published selection criteria and the weighted value for those criteria.

Vendor	Ranking
Spin Turf	69
Hellas Construction	81
Astro Builders	67
Field Turf	82
Paragon Sports	67
Vibra-Whirl Sports	66

Oscar Caballero seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Isidoro Nieto, Oscar Caballero, Andrew Gonzalez, and Dr. Jaime Rodriguez. Patrick Kennedy voted against the motion. Motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote.

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

- A. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (Tex. Gov’t Code 551.072)

Non-action item.

- X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.