



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting: Regular Board Meeting
Place: Board Room
Date: February 13, 2017
Time: 6:00 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
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

Patrick Kennedy was absent.

- III. Opening Prayer

Rosie Hernandez, Fourth Grade Teacher from Cleckler-Heald Elementary delivered the invocation.

- IV. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge

The following students from Cleckler-Heald Elementary led the pledge of allegiance.

- Sophia Pecina is a Superior Honor Roll student at Cleckler-Heald Elementary. She is the daughter of Luis and Dalia Pecina. Sophia participates in the QUEST program and placed first in the life science category for the science fair at the campus level. Sophia is also involved in the TV Club, All-Star Mentor Club, and Student Council. She also helps emcee events for her school. Sophia plays for Team Elite, a traveling basketball team and also practices gymnastics. In her spare time, Sophia enjoys helping her grandmother with arts and crafts. Sophia aspires to graduate from Yale Medical School and return to work in the Rio Grande Valley as a trauma surgeon in an emergency room.
- Lauren Perez is a fifth grade student at Cleckler-Heald Elementary. She is the daughter of Ivan and Hilda Perez and is also a Superior Honor Roll student. Lauren is the back-to-back first place winner in UIL Oral Reading at the district level. She placed first in the physical science category at the campus level. Lauren participates in the QUEST program, the TV Club, All-Star Mentor Club, and Student Council. She also helps emcee school events. In her spare time, Lauren plays softball with Xtreme Heat and basketball with the Boys and Girls Club and the First Baptist Church. Lauren also enjoys baking. Lauren aspires to earn a law degree from Princeton University and practice law in Houston.

V. Awards and Recognitions

WHS Boys Swimming

The Board acknowledged Weslaco High School athlete Daryl Wells for recently setting a new school record in two swimming events.

Daryl broke two WHS records in the 200-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Butterfly events. Daryl will now qualify for the State Swimming and Diving Championship Meet to be held in Austin, Texas.

VI. Proclamation for Family, Career and Community Leadership Day, February 17, 2017

The Board proclaimed February 17, 2017 as FCCLA Leadership Day.

WHEREAS, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the national nonprofit student organization for Family and Consumer Sciences students through grade 12, helps youth assume their roles in society through Family and Consumer Sciences education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the organization extends classroom learning through chapter projects that develop leadership and initiative and helps young men and women learn how to plan, make decisions and carry out and evaluate programs of action as they work with other youth and adults in their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, offers members an opportunity to work together for common purposes for the improvement of themselves, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the day of February 17 has been designated **FCCLA LEADERSHIP DAY**.

THEREFORE, I, Erasmo Lopez, President of the Weslaco Independent School District Board of Trustees, hereby proclaim the day February 17th FCCLA Leadership Day in Weslaco ISD and urge all citizens to acquaint themselves with the activities and values of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, to show interest in it and give help and encouragement to these young men and women who are working to achieve knowledge and experience that will help prepare them for future responsibilities as active and concerned adult and concerned adult members of society.

VII. Proclamation for Career and Technical Education Month, February 2017

The Board proclaimed the month of February 2017 as Career and Technical Education Month. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, February 1-28, 2017, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the ever increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

THEREFORE, I, Erasmo Lopez, President of the Weslaco Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim February as **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH** in Weslaco, Texas and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

VIII. Proclamation for Educational Diagnosticians' Week, March 3-10, 2017

The Board proclaimed the week of March 3-10, 2017 as Educational Diagnosticians' Week. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, has proclaimed March 3-10, 2017 as "Educational Diagnosticians Week" to raise awareness of the important work these professionals perform every day in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, educational diagnosticians provide important services that benefit children, parents, schools, and communities in Texas; and

WHEREAS, these professionals administer and interpret tests measuring academic achievement, adaptive behavior, intelligence, language skills, and perceptual motor skills, and

WHEREAS, they also diagnose learning disabilities and recommend appropriate special education programs for these young people; and

WHEREAS, diagnosticians consult with professionals in other fields when children exhibit emotional, medical, physical or speech difficulties; and

WHEREAS, their unique combination of training and experience helps parents and school districts motivate exceptional students and detect learning difficulties in others early on so students receive the support they need to learn and grow so that all children have the opportunity to read at grade level, master basics of math, science and social studies and prepare themselves for productive lives as adults;

THEREFORE, I, Erasmo Lopez, President of the Weslaco Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim *March 3-10, 2017*, as **EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIANS' WEEK** in Weslaco ISD and urge all citizens to recognize with appreciation these diagnosticians' commitment to education and their dedication to helping our children achieve their highest potential.

IX. Proclamation for National Social Work Month, March 2017

The Board proclaimed the month of March as National Social Work Month. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, professional social workers work on the front lines of human service delivery to help people solve real problems;

WHEREAS, professional social workers see firsthand the insidious effects of hatred and prejudice on individuals, families, and communities, including a rise in hate crimes;

WHEREAS, professional social workers understand that crimes against individuals based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political belief, or other characteristics diminish the humanity of victim and perpetrator alike;

WHEREAS, the social work profession strives to help the victims of violence, and concurrently to remove the causes of violence through community advocacy, institutional change, and public policy initiatives;

WHEREAS, professional social workers help solve problems and settle differences without resorting to violence;

THEREFORE, I, Erasmo Lopez, President of the Weslaco Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim *March, 2017*, as **NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH** in Weslaco ISD and call upon members of the community to join with the social work profession in support of appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities designed to achieve its goals.

X. Proclamation for Youth Art Month, March 2017

The Board proclaimed the month of March as Youth Art Month. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the study of art leads to a fuller, more meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, Art education provides substantial educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, Art education develops students' 21st Century skills; Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and prepares them for higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities, and also gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Art education advances student mastery in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education; and,

WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Texas Art Education Association, Weslaco Parents for Arts Learning (PAL), strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of the Rio Grande Valley and the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Weslaco have joined the National Art Education Association in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors, and offering support to our committed art teachers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erasmo Lopez, President of the Weslaco ISD School Board do hereby proclaim March 2017 as **YOUTH ART MONTH**.

All administrators are urged to give their full support to quality school arts programs for our youth.

XI. Public Comments

- Mari Ayala, 2 A La Casa Gardens, Mercedes, Tx.

Ms. Ayala made the following comments:

“I am the President of the Weslaco East Band Boosters, but I am coming to you today as a concerned parent. First, I want to say thank you to the current school board members that took the time out of their busy schedules to go take a look at the band hall at Weslaco East High School and the concerns that we parents have. For the new board members, I want to take time to let you know that our band hall was built back in 2002 for a 90 member band, now in 2016 we are double that amount. We have kids practicing in the hallway and sharing our band rooms with other organizations, so I think it's time that our kids get a band hall. The Weslaco East Regiment is an award winning band. They get invited to perform at Walt Disney World and they have performed at the McAllen Christmas Parade and at our City of Weslaco Christmas Parade. Again, I just want for you to take the time and consider the band hall as being one of our priorities up there to get these kids the right building that they need. Another concern is the practice field. This year, in marching season we had approximately 4-5 of our kids who got sprained ankles because they practice on a field that has holes and does not have the correct lighting. As a concerned parent, we need to get that as a priority on the school boards' list to get that done.”

- Diana Moncada, 218 N. Republic, Weslaco, Tx.

Ms. Moncada addressed the Board on the following topics:

“I am the proud band booster president for the award winning Weslaco Panther Corp. I am here before you to ask you for the reinstatement of Mr. Ram Aldape. Mr. Aldape is more than just an educator. He has been a leader, motivator and above all an inspiration to the WPC family. He has motivated many young minds to love music. WPC suffered a tremendous hit when Mr. Aldape was removed as head band director but, because of his teachings and words of encouragement, the Panther Corp strive to do their best. Despite lack of practice, organization, and encouragement, they earned a Division I rating at Pigskin. A new band director was brought in to help these kids. Their music that they had already learned in practice was changed along with their marching techniques so late in the season. They should never have had to endure all those changes at once and so close to competition. I’m asking that you bring back a man that knows them and can do the job. For the juniors and seniors, it is too late for them to have a chance to make it to state, but he can take the freshmen and sophomores to state. Let’s put the best interest of the WPC family first; let’s show that hard work pays off by bringing Mr. Aldape back to the house of the mighty award winning Weslaco Panther Corp.”

XII. Superintendent’s Report

- Student Enrollment

Superintendent Dr. Priscilla Canales presented the enrollment counts for the 23rd week of enrollment.

District Enrollment Comparison			
Campus	23 rd Week Enrollment		Difference
	2015-2016	2016-2017	
Roosevelt Elementary	644	607	(37)
Sam Houston Elementary	753	706	(47)
Silva Elementary	810	736	(74)
Gonzalez Elementary	828	787	(41)
Margo Elementary	1039	975	(64)
Airport Elementary	666	660	(6)
Memorial Elementary	902	914	12
North Bridge Elementary	870	800	(70)
Rico Elementary	861	850	(11)
Cleckler-Heald Elementary	900	914	14
Ybarra Elementary	578	561	(17)
Mary Hoge Middle School	969	967	(2)
Cuellar Middle School	736	687	(49)
Central Middle School	948	951	3
B. Garza Middle School	1090	1069	(21)
South Palm Gardens	81	71	(10)
East High School	2096	2024	(72)
Weslaco High School	2507	2522	15
Horton	111	104	(7)
Hidalgo County Bootcamp	18	30	12
Early College High School	170	194	24
TOTAL	17577	17129	(448)
21 st Century ELF Academy	298	315	17
GRAND TOTAL	17875	17444	(431)

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Enrollment for the 23rd week of school reflects 431 students less compared to last year’s enrollment at the same time.

- › Several campuses had small increases: Memorial Elementary, Cleckler-Heald Elementary, Central Middle School, Weslaco High School, Hidalgo County Bootcamp, Early College High School, and the Elf Academy.
- › Staff is tracking enrollments and withdrawals for this semester.
- › From January 3, 2017 to February 10, 2017 there were 277 new students. Of the 277 students, 73 were migrant students.

- › From January 23 through February 10, 2017, 332 students withdrew of which 44 were migrant.
- › Reason for Withdrawals:
 - 31 – returned to their home country
 - 5 – went to charter schools
 - 108 – reason for withdrawal is unknown
 - 135 – left the district to go to another Texas public school

Staff has been monitoring the enrollment and withdrawals closely and will be working on developing procedures and strategies to utilize in the future.

Mr. Nieto commented that other school districts like PSJA offer different activities that attract students to their district. They offer golf to students in 4th grade and other districts offer swimming. He suggested that staff take advantage of the natatorium and provide lessons to students at a certain grade level in an effort to keep students at WISD and attract other students to our district.

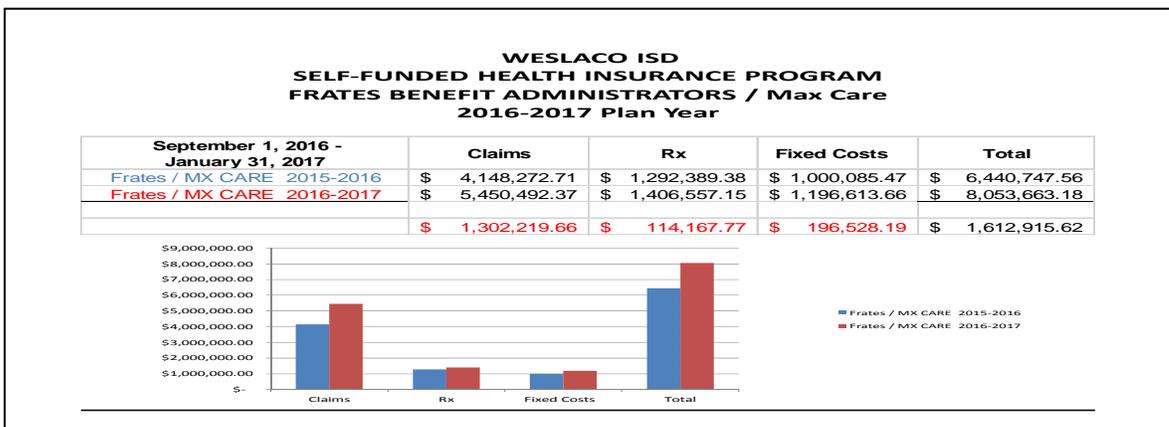
**Weslaco Independent School District
Enrollment Comparison**

CAMPUS	23 rd Week Enrollment		DIFFERENCE
	2015-2016	2016-2017	
Elementary Schools	8851	8510	(341)
Middle Schools	3743	3674	(69)
High Schools	4854	4811	(43)
Alternative	129	134	5
Total	17577	17129	(448)
ELF – Academy	298	315	17
GRAND Total	17875	17444	(431)

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- Insurance

Mike De La Rosa, Risk Manager, provided the following reports on insurance. He pointed out that claims for the month of January are high due to employees getting procedures done during the holidays.



- › Fixed Costs: District has spent \$1,196,613.66 compared to \$1,000,085.47 spent in 2015-2016; for an increase of \$196,528.19. The difference is due to the transitional reinsurance fee of \$70,000 paid to the federal government as required by the Affordable Care Act.

**WESLACO ISD
SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM
FRATES BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS / Max Care
2016-2017 Plan Year**

- Enrollment has increased by 217 Lives

	Jan-17	Jan-16	
Total Participants	2325	2293	32
Total Members	3386	3201	185
			217

- Individual Stop Loss Claims
 - 2016 ISL \$100,000 5
 - 2017 ISL \$125,000 4

- Enrollment in the health plan has increased by 217 lives. More people are signing up for the district's health plan because the prices are more competitive than what is being offered on the market.
- Four (4) individuals have hit the \$125,000 threshold.

**WESLACO ISD
SELF-FUNDED WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM
January 2017**

	2016-2017	2015-2016
Budgeted for Plan Year	\$ 500,000	\$ 300,000
Claims	52	52
Total Medical Claims, Rx, Admin, Indemnity & Services Incurred Through January	\$ 130,630	\$ 141,173
Total Paid in January Inclusive of all Plan Years	\$ 62,983	\$ 50,223
Total Reserves	\$ 336,321	

- The plan is doing well with a total of \$336,321 in reserves.
- A total of \$1,140,000 was transferred into the health plan.
- \$1.4 million was budgeted in 2016-17 to cover additional expenses on the health insurance program.

The board members acknowledged staff for doing a good job on providing employees with a good health benefit package.

XIII. Consent Agenda

Item #15 A was pulled from the agenda for discussion. Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item #15 A. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2017 and the Public Hearing of January 9, 2017

The Board approved the minutes as presented.

2. Approval of Out of Valley Trips

The Board approved the following trips as presented.

Cleckler-Heald Elementary School

- The fifth grade students will travel to San Antonio, Tx. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Students will visit Six Flags Fiesta Texas to enrich their learning in Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, and in Science. This trip will provide a scientific learning experience.

A.N. Tony Rico Elementary School

- The fifth grade students will travel to San Antonio, Tx. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. The students will learn about San Antonio's history and culture through Texas art and artifacts, and natural science as they visit Natural Bridge Caverns and the Witte Museum.

Beatriz Garza Middle School

- The National Junior Honor Society students will travel to College Station, Tx. to tour Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas on April 9-10, 2017.

Mario Ybarra Elementary School

- The Quest students will travel to Corpus Christi, Tx. on March 3, 2017. Students will tour the USS Lexington and the Texas State Aquarium.
- The fourth grade students will travel to San Antonio, Tx. on April 13, 2017. Students will visit The San Antonio Zoo and The Alamo.
- The fifth grade students will travel to San Antonio, Tx. on April 13, 2017. Students will visit Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

Weslaco East High School

- The Choir students will attend and compete in the TMEA State Clinic and Concert in San Antonio, Tx. on February 8-13, 2017. Students will be able to compete for individual awards and have the opportunity to listen to other students from around the State of Texas and evaluate the performances.
- The Drama students will have the opportunity to attend a UIL One Act Play Clinic at San Jacinto College Central at San Jacinto, Tx. on Thursday, February 23, 2017.
- The Jazz Band students will attend the Texas A&M Jazz Festival on March 25, 2017 in Kingsville, Tx. The students will have the opportunity to perform for professional jazz musicians and receive constructive feedback on improvement ideas.
- The Boys Track Team will attend the Adidas Javalina High School Invitational Meet in Kingsville, Tx. on February 24, 2017. Students will have the opportunity to compete against regional level competition and be exposed to college level coaches.
- The Wrestling Team will participate in the Regional Wrestling Tournament to be held in San Antonio, Tx. on February 16-19, 2017.
- The Wrestling Team will participate in the State Wrestling Tournament in Houston, Tx. on February 23-26, 2017.
- The Girls Powerlifting Team will attend the 2017 Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Associations State Meet in Waco, Tx. on March 16-17, 2017.
- The Boys Powerlifting Team will attend the Texas High School Powerlifting Associations State Meet in Abilene, Tx. on March 23-26, 2017.

Weslaco High School

- The Science students will visit NASA Space Center in Houston, Tx. on Friday, April 7, 2017. The students will participate in space exploration and have the opportunity to collaborate with one another using physics collaboration.
- The Cheerleading Squads will participate in a college trip to the University of Texas San Antonio, along with a trip to Six Flags on May 12-13, 2017.
- The Girls' Powerlifting Team will attend the State Powerlifting Meet in Waco, Tx. on March 17-19, 2017. Athletes will have the opportunity to compete against some of the top powerlifting programs in the state.
- The Girls' Track Team will attend the Texas Relays Track Meet in Austin, Tx., March 30 through April 1, 2017.
- The Boys and Girls Track Teams will attend the Regional Track Meet in San Antonio, Tx., on April 27-29, 2017.
- The Boys and Girls Track Teams will attend the State Track Meet in Austin, Tx. on May 11-14, 2017.
- The Business Professionals of America (BPA) students will attend and participate in the BPA State Leadership Conference at Dallas, Tx. on March 1-5, 2017.

Weslaco High School & Weslaco East High School

- The BPA students will attend and participate in the BPA State Leadership Conference to be held in Dallas, Tx. on March 1-5, 2017.
- The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students and sponsors will attend and participate in the FCCLA State Leadership Conference and Competition to be held in Dallas, Tx. on April 5-8, 2017.
- The SkillsUSA students will attend and participate in the State Skills and Leadership Competition to be held in Corpus Christi, Tx. on April 7-9, 2017. This contest aids in building the students' belief and abilities in themselves as they participate in numerous general competitive events and in the election of SkillsUSA State Officers.
- The Criminal Justice competitors, sponsors, and chaperones will participate and compete at the 2017 Texas Public Service Association (TPSA) Competition to be held in El Paso, Tx. on April 6-9, 2017. This competition helps the students define who they are and what career they want to follow after high school.
- The Criminal Justice competitors, sponsors, and chaperones will participate and compete at the 2017 Border Challenge Sheriff's Competition to be held in El Paso, Tx. on April 20-23, 2017. Students will benefit from competition because they will have an understanding of the skills needed on their job description.

Weslaco High School, Weslaco East High School, and CTE Early College High School

- The FFA students will attend and participate at the Area Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Events to be held in Jourdanton, Tx. on March 30-31, 2017. Students will participate in cattle, milk, quality, and Floriculture Career Development Events.

- The FFA students will attend the South Texas Invitational in San Antonio, Tx. on March 25, 2017. Students will participate in the milk quality, nursery-landscape, and Floriculture Career Development Events.
- The FFA students will attend the South Texas Invitational Career Development Events in Jourdanton, Tx. on April 5, 2017. Students will participate in the livestock evaluation, wool, poultry, milk quality, nursery-landscape, and floriculture events.
- The Agriscience students will attend the South Texas Invitational in Robstown, Tx. on April 14, 2017. Students will participate in livestock evaluation, wool, poultry, milk quality, nursery-landscape, floriculture Career Development Events.

District-Wide

- Secondary students will attend the ExxonMobil Science & Engineering Fair in San Antonio, Tx. on March 31 through April 2, 2017. This competition promotes student achievement in science and engineering and promotes a college-readiness culture as students will explain their original research projects to a panel of professional judges, similar to what occurs at a college research symposium.
- The special populations students will have an opportunity to represent Weslaco ISD at the State Special Olympics 2017 Summer Games to be held in Arlington, Tx. on May 24-28, 2017. Students with disabilities have the opportunity to excel and practice their daily living skills and to functionally use their social skills taught in the classroom.

3. Approval to Accept Donations in the Amount of \$5,500.00 from Wonderful Giving for Weslaco East High School Girls Basketball Program

The Board accepted the donation from Wonderful Giving as presented. The funds will be used to purchase items needed for the Girls Basketball Program.

4. Approval to Accept Donation in the Amount of \$100.00 from Academy Sports for Airport Drive Elementary School

The Board accepted the donation from Academy Sports as presented. The funds will be used to purchase a set of bicycles to be given away to students with good attendance.

5. Approval to Accept a \$500.00 Donation from JTJS L.L.P. Operations Account for the National Junior Honor Society at Beatriz Garza Middle School

The Board accepted the donation from JTJS L.L.P. as presented. The funds will be used to help pay for expenses incurred by the National Junior Honor Society students while participating on their field trip to Texas A&M University at College Station.

6. Approval to Accept a \$150.00 Donation from Jorge Guerrero for National Junior Honor Society at Beatriz Garza Middle School

The Board accepted the donation from Jorge Guerrero as presented. The funds will be used to help pay for expenses incurred by the National Junior Honor Society students while participating on their field trip to Texas A&M University at College Station.

7. Approval to Accept Target Grant Scholarship Award in the Amount of \$700.00 for “Rodolfo” Rudy Silva Elementary School Kindergarten Students

The Board accepted the grant scholarship award from Target as presented. The scholarship was awarded to Leticia Jasso Vallejo, teacher at Silva Elementary. The donation will be used to fund a field trip for kindergarten students to the IMAS Museum on April 21, 2017.

8. Approval of 2016-2017 Membership Renewal Fee for Participation in the Region One School Board Association

The Board approved to renew the membership with the Region One School Board Association for the 2016-2017 school year at a fee of \$150.00.

The Region One Education Service Center is a significant force in the field of public education legislation. Its success will be built through the efforts of the Superintendents, combined with the development of research information capabilities of the Association. The association pledges to utilize these resources to enhance the quality of services offered to the children and staff of the district and to the Board of Trustees.

9. Approval of 2016-2017 Membership Renewal Fee for Participation in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC)

The Board approved to renew the membership for participation in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) at a fee of \$300.00.

As an active member, the district receives ongoing assistance to local governments in the areas of management services; human resources development; law enforcement and criminal justice; public health; economic and industrial development; natural resources management; data research and development; intergovernmental services; community development, and transportation planning and services to the District.

These comprehensive planning functions conducted by the Development Council relate to all segments of the population, the economy and governmental skills.

10. Approval of Region One Education Service Center’s Local Assessment Fee for Special Service Projects for the 2016-2017 School Year

The Board approved the local assessment fee to the Region One Education Service Center for participation in the areas of Leadership Support, Operations Support, and Technical Support. The local assessment fee rate of \$1.29 is based on the district’s total refined ADA of 16,332.67. The district’s fund commitment is \$21,069.15.

These resources will be used to enhance the quality of service provided by the Region One Education Service Center in the quest for education excellence for all children.

11. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Weslaco Independent School District and Texas Pre-Freshmen Engineering Program (Tex-Prep) at South Texas College for Year 2

The Board approved the inter-local cooperation contract for the Texas Pre-Freshmen Engineering Program held at South Texas College. This program is an academically intense, mathematics-based, enriched program that has a component that is presented in an eight-week session over the course of three summers. This will be the second summer of participation.

The primary goal of TexPrep is to improve access to careers in Mathematics, Sciences, and Engineering. Weslaco ISD is the only mid-valley school district that has been invited to participate. A total of 28 rising seventh graders participated in the first year of the program last

summer. These students will be invited to attend again this summer along with 30 new rising 7th graders for a total of 58 participants. The cost for each student is \$300.00.

12. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) for Central Middle School, Dr. Armando Cuellar Middle School, Beatriz G. Garza Middle School, and Mary Hoge Middle School to Implement the Introduction to Computer Science (ICS) Units for 2017-2018 School Year

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) as presented. All middle schools will begin teaching the introduction to Computer Science units in August of 2017. The district received a grant for \$20,000 from PLTV that will offset the costs associated with this implementation.

PLTV will provide transformative learning experiences for students by creating an engaging classroom environment to empower students to develop knowledge and skills that will build interest STEM related fields. Each middle school will send 1-2 teachers to training this summer to be prepared to teach two sections of Introduction to Computer Science at each middle school beginning August 2018.

13. Approval of Purchase of Two (2) Hydraulic Training Boards for the CTE Diesel Program

The Board approved the purchase of Hydraulic Training Boards from Pneumatic Training LLC located in Buford, Georgia at a cost of \$56,000.00. This purchase is a sole source item and will be funded from the CTE 2016-2017 budget.

The purchase includes two (2) double sided hydraulic training boards for the Basic Hydraulics course currently being offered. The training board consists of different components which allows students to have a “hands-on real world” experience with hydraulics. Students will learn the principles of hydraulics and how the various types of hydraulic systems work. Doc’s Hydraulics not only specializes in creating these hydraulic boards, they also train teachers on how to use it and provide lab exercises for the trainer.

14. Approval of Quarterly Investment Activity Report for Quarter Ended November 30, 2016

The Board approved the Quarterly Investment Activity Report for quarter ended November 30, 2016 as presented. House Bill No. 2459 passed in 1995 requires that the Investment Officer(s) of a governing body prepare a written quarterly report of investment transactions for all funds for the preceding reporting period.

Fund Name	Book Value 11/30/2016	Ending Market Value 11/30/2016	Market Value is Higher (Lower) than Book Value By	Accrued Interest @ 11/30/2016
Total First Public Investment Pool	\$ 44,537,429.86	\$ 44,549,936.03	\$ 12,506.17	N/A
Total Texas Term Investment Pool	\$ 10,783,135.41	\$ 10,783,135.41	-	N/A
Total Tex- Pool	\$ 5,797,701.98	\$ 5,797,701.98	-	N/A
Totals – All Investments	\$ 61,118,267.25	\$ 61,130,773.42	\$ 12,506.17	

The investment earnings for the quarter ended November 20, 2016 is \$77,841.09.

15. Approval of Proposal Awards:

A. Fire Extinguishers Sales & Service District-Wide (Proposal #17-10-14) Re-Bid

This item was pulled out for discussion.

B. Serving Counter Replacements at Margo Elementary, Memorial Elementary, and North Bridge Elementary Cafeterias (Proposal #17-12-23)

The Board approved the purchase of serving counter replacements for Margo Elementary, Memorial Elementary, and North Bridge Elementary cafeterias from Mission Restaurant Supply located in McAllen, Texas, at a cost of \$472,647.20.

Each project includes two (2) serving counter replacements, one cashier stand and two pass-thru counters. The purchase includes complete assembly (equipment, parts & labor). The electrical and plumbing hook-up will be provided by Weslaco ISD staff.

Mission Restaurant has done this type of work for other Weslaco ISD cafeterias and has also worked with various school districts in the valley.

C. Weslaco Athletics: Volleyball Supplies & Equipment (Proposal #17-02-25)

The Board awarded the proposal for volleyball supplies and equipment to the following vendors:

Company	Location	Amount
Alert Services	San Marcos, TX.	\$ 1,080.00
American Team Sports	Richardson, TX.	\$ 18,066.50
Barcelona Sporting Goods	La Feria, TX.	\$ 19,973.79
Bill Fritz Sports	Apex, NC.	\$ 361.88
Bill Guthrie Sports	Harlingen, TX.	\$ 5,603.05
BSN Sports	Dallas, TX.	\$593.12
Eastbay, Inc.	Wausau, WI.	\$ 4,798.99
Cannon Sports	Sun Valley, CA.	\$ 68.00
GTM Sportwear	Manhattan, KS.	\$ 270.00
Pyramid School Products	Tampa, Fl.	\$ 10,461.69
S&S Worldwide	Colchester, CT	\$ 303.00
Total		\$ 61,580.02

Athletic supplies will be purchased as needed throughout the 2017-2018 school year. The approval of the proposal is good for one year. Funds are available in the 2017-2018 Co-curricular fund budget.

16. Approval of Budget Amendments

The Board approved the budget amendments as presented.

A. Cuéllar Middle School – Local Maintenance Fund to Purchase Discover Education Reading Materials (\$883.00)

B. Airport Elementary – Gifted & Talented Fund to Purchase Instructional Materials for GT Classroom (\$1,000.00)

- C. State Comp Department – State Comp Fund to Hire Consultant for Roosevelt Elementary (\$6,000)
 - D. Rico Elementary – Local Maintenance Fund to Purchase Student Incentives (\$3,355)
 - E. Weslaco High School – Local Maintenance Fund for Parental Department Travel (\$700.00)
 - F. Weslaco East High School – Local Maintenance Fund for Social Worker Travel (\$300.00)
 - G. Athletics – Co-Curricular Fund to Reclassify Funds to Pay for Materials and Labor for Fertilization and Maintenance of the Baseball and Softball Fields at Weslaco High School and Weslaco East High School (\$8,620)
 - H. Local Maintenance Fund to Pay for Hotel Fees not Covered by Federal Migrant Funds for Social Worker Travel (\$100.00)
 - I. Business Office – Local Maintenance Fund to Set Up a Budget to Purchase 12 School Buses (10 Regular Buses and 2 Special Ed Buses) - Expenditures: \$1,178,000
 - J. Business Office – Local Maintenance Fund to Set Up a Budget to Purchase Surveillance Cameras for Special Education Classrooms - Expenditures: \$150,000
17. Approval of Monthly Tax Adjustments for December 2016

The Board approved the monthly tax adjustments for December 2016 as recommended by the Hidalgo County Tax Office.

Listed below are the total tax adjustments for December 2016:

Type of Tax	Current Levy	Prior Years Levies	Roll Back Taxes	Total
M & O Taxes	(\$50,428.24)	(\$ 17,042.02)	\$ 0.00	(\$67,470.26)
I & S Taxes	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Adjustments	(\$ 50,428.24)	(\$ 17,042.02)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 67,470.26)

18. Approval of Monthly Tax Adjustments for January 2017

The Business Office did not receive the tax adjustments report for the month of January 2017 from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. The report will be presented for approval at the March Board Meeting.

Discussion Item Pulled out for Discussion:

- 15-A. Fire Extinguishers Sales & Service District-Wide (Proposal #17-10-14) Re-Bid

This item was pulled out for discussion by Trustee Andrew Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez questioned the reason for rebidding this item and why the previous company who serviced the district did not submit a bid.

Mr. Andres Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, informed the Board that only one company submitted a bid back in October, but the references received for this company were not very good. Staff decided to rebid this item in an effort to try and receive additional bids. As a result, the district received three (3) proposals.

The lowest bid received was from the company who submitted a proposal back in October. Staff did extensive research and checked additional references. The references received were good. In addition, this company has ten technicians who are licensed with the state who can do the job.

According to Melissa Escalon, Safety and Security Director, staff had encountered several incidents with the previous company. The company would not show up when called to perform certain tasks and when they did show up, they would get up and leave to go take care of something else. Thus, the company ended up under investigation with the state Fire Marshall.

XIV. Discussion Items:

19. Interim Financial Reports for the Month of January 2017

The Board acknowledged the Interim Financial Reports for the month of January 2017 as prepared by the Business Office.

Mr. Andres Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, presented the following report.

Source	Budget	Received & Receivable	Variance	Percentage
5700 Local Source	24,999,228	20,996,559	(4,002,669)	83.99%
5800 State Source	129,137,305	61,754,675	(67,382,630)	47.82%
5900 Federal Sources	14,760,753	6,032,431	(8,728,322)	40.87%
Totals	168,897,286	88,783,665	(80,113,621)	52.57%

Expenditures incurred and paid through January 31, 2017 is \$65,452,951 which represents 38.22% in budgeted expenditures.

Dr. Rivera asked if staff anticipated going over the budgeted amounts in any of the accounts. Mr. Sanchez replied that function 36 (travel) usually incurs additional expenses due to student trips and playoff games. He explained that Function 11 (instructional) might have been over budgeted since the district did not hire as many teachers because of the reduced enrollment.

20. Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Tax Office Collection Report for December 2016: Current Taxes and Delinquent Taxes

The Board acknowledged the Collection Report for December 2016 as presented. Section 31.10 Property Tax Code requires the Tax Assessor/Collector to submit to the governing body of the taxing unit a written report made under oath accounting for all taxes collected for the unit during the preceding month.

Listed below is the December 2016 report from the Hidalgo County Tax Office:

	Original Tax Levy	Taxes Collected to Date	Tax Modifications (Adjustments) to Date	Taxes Outstanding To-Date	% Tax Collections 2016-2017	% Tax Collections 2015-2016	2016-2017 vs. 2015-2016
Current Taxes	\$24,363,529	\$ 9,582,608	(\$66,458)	\$14,714,463	39.44%	36.11%	3.33% Higher
Delinquent Taxes- Prior Years Levy	4,404,049	\$ 385,781	(86,920)	\$ 3,931,348	8.94%	10.51%	1.57% Lower
Rollback Taxes	14,896	10,871	0	4,025	72.98%	0.00%	N/A
Totals	\$ 28,782,474	\$ 9,979,260	(\$153,378)	\$ 18,649,836			

- The collection of current taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 through December 31 is 3.33% higher than the delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- The collection of delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2016-2017 through December 31 is 1.57% lower than the delinquent taxes for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- The column for tax modifications represents the cumulative tax adjustments (September through December 2016) reported by the Hidalgo County Tax Office for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in their December 2016 report.

21. Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Tax Office Collection Report for January 2017: Current Taxes and Delinquent Taxes

The tax collections report for the month of January 2017 was not received from the Hidalgo County Tax Collections as of Friday, February 10, 2017. Upon receipt, it will be forwarded to the Board via the weekly update and submitted for formal acknowledgement at the March Board Meeting.

XV. Discussion and Possible Action Items:

22. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval to Change the Regular Board Meeting Scheduled on March 13, 2017

Regular Board Meetings are scheduled the second Monday of the month. In March, the second Monday of the month is March 13, which is the first day of Spring Break.

Staff recommended two dates: Tuesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 9. Since March 7 is a tentative date for open house for middle schools, staff recommended that the Board approve to change the board meeting date to Thursday, March 9.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to change the Regular Board Meeting to Thursday, March 9 as recommended by the administration. Oscar Caballero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

23. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Submit a Nomination from Within Our Local Board to Fill Interim Position on the TASB Board of Directors

Local Boards were invited to submit a nomination for an interim position (TASB Region I, Position A) on the TASB Board of Directors that is currently vacant. As this is an interim appointment by the TASB Board of Directors, candidates will not seek endorsements from other districts in the Region. A Nominations Committee will interview candidates the last week in March at the TASB Headquarters in Austin. This position will be subject to the nomination and Delegate Assembly election process beginning next spring.

Trustees elected to serve are charged with carrying out the policies established by the Delegate Assembly of the Association. The individual Director is expected to attend four Board meetings of the Board with one of the meetings being at the same time as the annual TASA/TASB Convention. The Director will be asked to serve on a standing committee that will meet as needed in conjunction with Board meetings. The Director should be a capable, experienced school board member who can assist in providing the Association with outstanding leadership. The term of office of each Director is three years.

Trustee Isidoro Nieto expressed an interest in serving on the TASB Board of Directors.

Andrew Gonzalez nominated Isidoro Nieto as a candidate for the interim position (TASB Region I, Position A) on the TASB Board of Directors. Dr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

24. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between WISD and South Texas College for the Continuation of the Weslaco Early College High School, Weslaco East Early College High School and Weslaco 21st Century CTE Early College High School for the 2017-2018 School Year

WISD has been working closely with South Texas College to offer the at-risk population the opportunity to graduate with an Associate's Degree while enrolled in high school. The intent and goal of the Early College High Schools is to provide a nurturing atmosphere for students that require extra support systems and "accelerated" programs to help them succeed. The student experience is designed to prepare students to be college ready provided they make a commitment to enroll in a complete dual enrollment curriculum enabling them to attain a 60 hour associate's degree. School districts with Early College programs are required by TEA to gain annual approval of the MOU with their higher education program.

Mr. Xavier Salinas, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, informed the Board that the MOU will also limit the salary of the professors not to exceed \$4,000 per class per semester. In addition, textbooks purchased by the school district for dual enrollment college courses taught as part of the Early College High School academic program will be used for at least four (4) years from the date of purchase.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with South Texas College as presented. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

25. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve the Purchase of Twelve (12) School Buses

Staff requested competitive quotes from various school bus companies in the state. They specifically asked for quotes from vendors who were members of approved purchasing cooperatives. Two quotes were received from vendors of the Buyboard Purchasing Co-Op: Longhorn Bus Sales from Houston, Texas, and Rush Bus Centers from Selma, Texas.

After review of the proposal responses, Transportation Director Lupe Garcia recommended that all twelve buses be purchased from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC located in Houston, Texas, at a cost of \$1,177,902.00. This company met all required specifications but was not the lowest priced. The district has purchased International buses from this dealership in the past and has not had any major issues. In addition, these buses have less problems and thus require fewer repairs. Based on prior experience, this company has offered dependability and exceptional service by providing two local services (La Feria/Pharr) that are strictly for buses; therefore, the turnaround time in getting buses back from repairs is a lot faster. On the other hand, the Bluebird buses are serviced through Rush Truck Centers which concentrates on Peterbilt and 18-wheelers and thus take longer to repair the buses.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the purchase of twelve buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC out of Houston, Texas. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Requests for information by board members:

- Dr. Rivera asked staff to look into the possibility of purchasing activity buses for transporting the football team, basketball team, etc. to and from games.
- Erasmo Lopez asked staff to run a report on how much the district spent last year on renting out charter buses for out of valley field trips. He would like to find out if it is beneficial for the district to purchase 2-4 charter buses in order to save some money.
- Andrew Gonzalez suggested that staff look into wrapping a few buses with a slogan that will promote Weslaco ISD until staff determines if there is a cost savings in purchasing charter buses.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Dr. Rivera and seconded by Andrew Gonzalez to purchase twelve buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC out of Houston, Texas.

Mr. Garcia informed the Board that the new buses should arrive within 120-150 days.

26. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of 1) Change Order, 2) Final Completion, and 3) Final Payment for the Fencing Project for Seven Campuses: Weslaco East High School, South Palms Gardens High School, Cuellar Middle School, Central Middle School, Airport Elementary, Sam Houston Elementary and Memorial Elementary (CSP #16-06-37)

The Board approved the fencing project at seven campuses on June 13, 2016. This project was awarded to Four Seasons Development Co., Inc. and consisted of a combination fence of chain link and wrought iron plus gates at all campuses. The initial cost for all campuses was \$396,997.29. There was an add-on cost of \$6,738.48 due to an increase in linear feet of either wrought iron or chain link fence at various campuses. There was also a change order which consisted of an additional cost of \$45,560.00 due to additional gates that were either modified or added from the original scope of work plus repairs made to sprinkler lines. The final balance due is \$65,746.78.

Mr. Nieto wanted to know why the existing chain link fence facing the canal at Memorial Elementary School was not replaced with wrought iron. Mr. Sergio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, replied that the chain link fence was still in good condition and therefore he made the decision to keep it and not spend additional monies.

Mr. Nieto preferred that the fence be replaced. Mr. Lopez directed staff to contact the company to see if they would honor the pricing to replace that section of the fence with wrought iron. Mr. Garcia will contact the company to follow up on replacing the fence and also suggested that they could wait until the next phase of the fencing project to do this work.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the change order, final completion, and the final payment for the fencing project for all seven campuses as presented. Oscar Caballero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

27. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve a Ranking for Priority Order of Facility Projects

The Facilities Committee, comprised of program directors, campus administrators, district leaders, and the board president, have met on a regular basis to prioritize the facility needs for the district using the following guiding principles: 1) Health, Safety and Security; 2) Academics and Co-Curricular Supports/Extra-Curricular Supports; 3) Optimal Utilization; and 4) Equity in Facilities.

The committee ranked the following seventeen projects in priority order:

FACILITY PROJECTS NEEDS		
Rank	Project Description	Amount
1	Roofing – District (Immediate Need) Architect needed	\$ 1,800,000
2	Magnetic Doors, Security Huts, Raptor System Architect needed for security huts only (District can go out for proposals for magnetic doors and raptor system)	100,000

3	HVAC Equipment & Controls District-Wide (includes Margo Elementary electrical system upgrade) Mechanical Engineer needed	3,725,000
4	Fire Alarm Systems – District-Wide Mechanical Engineer needed	1,200,000
5	Girls Locker Rooms – WHS & WEHS Architect needed	4,600,000
6	Fencing Project – Margo, NB, Silva, Gonzalez, CTE, ECHS, Aquatic Center, Horton (Including rolling gates with touch panel access system district-wide) (District can go out for proposals)	1,000,000
7	WEHS Band Hall Architect needed	4,600,000
8	WHS Field House Architect needed	2,900,000
9	CATE – Calvillo Complex – Remodeling No amount indicated pending review by an architect	
10	Lights at Tennis Courts – WHS & WEHS Mechanical Engineer needed	825,000
11	Roosevelt Elementary Architect needed	4,900,000
12	Pavilions at 3 Middle Schools Architect needed	1,200,000
13	Tile Project – Margo, Memorial, Silva & Gonzalez Offices & Libraries, WEHS Officer and Library (District can go out for proposals)	600,000
14	Parking Improvements (Resurfacing) District-Wide Civil Engineer needed	500,000
15	Parking Lot Additions at Silva & Gonzalez Elementary School Civil Engineer needed	500,000
16	Band Practice Turf	400,000
17	District Digital Billboard Structural Engineer needed	360,000
	Subtotal for Projects Above that Need Funds Allocated	\$29,210,000

Once the Board approves the architects and assigns a project to each architect, all projects should be completed within 2-3 years. According to Mr. Sanchez, the district has \$16,000,000 available from fund balance assigned for facilities and \$3,850,000 set aside for buses, computers, and surveillance cameras for a total of \$19.8 million. The administration would like to obtain a Maintenance Tax Note loan for renovation of projects and/or school buses in the amount of \$17,000,000. The total funds available for the projects would be \$36,850,000. Therefore, the district would be able to complete all the projects listed in the amount of \$29,210,000.

Andrew Gonzalez asked for the Board to consider putting a priority on projects that need to meet code enforcement with the City. He pointed out that the band hall at East High School is very congested, which is a concern that has been addressed by parents several times.

Mr. Sanchez said that the district can do all the projects up to #8 that require an architect with the \$16 million on hand. The projects requiring a mechanical engineer will have to wait until the district obtains a loan.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the ranking in priority order of the facility projects presented by the administration. Dr. Jaime Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Other concerns/requests addressed by board members:

- Dr. Rivera addressed the figures provided for the band hall at EHS and the field house at WHS. He wanted to know if the size of the buildings met the needs of the students based on the cost being provided and if the buildings were comparable at both high schools.
 - › According to Mr. Sanchez, the band hall project will consist of the construction of a new building that will connect to the existing band hall. The band hall will double in size and will now include additional space for private practices. Input was provided by the band director.
 - › According to Coach Riojas, the committee received input from the coaches and a mock design was developed for the WHS field house. The field house will include a coaches' office, showers, and a locker room with 275 lockers. It will be a functional building to meet the needs of growing student athletes at WHS.

Plans are to remodel the inside of the existing field house to utilize for other programs, such as girl sports. PBK provided input on how to better utilize and maximize the space to provide more room for the girls' athletic programs.

- Oscar Caballero addressed the size of the pavilions for the middle schools: Cuellar, Central, and Mary Hoge. He pointed out that Mary Hoge has no trees and therefore there is no shade for students. On windy days, students are also exposed to a lot of dirt blowing around. He was surprised to see the project at #12 rather than in the top 5.

- › The pavilions will be comparable in size to the pavilion at B. Garza.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Mr. Nieto and seconded by Dr. Rodriguez to approve the ranking in priority order of the facility projects presented by the administration.

28. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred by the Weslaco Independent School District

Mr. Sanchez explained that the resolution was prepared by Attorney David Mendez with the intent that the Board will proceed in financing a loan. Information on the loan will be presented for Board approval at the March Board Meeting. Once approved, it should take two to three months before the loan is sold. Since staff will be ordering computers for the current year and buses will be ordered this week, this resolution will assist the district in getting reimbursed from the loan for any expenses made prior to receiving the loan. The funds will be placed back in to the district budget.

Dr. Rivera wanted to know the total amount of the loan being considered, the years of finance, and the interest rate to be paid on this loan, as well as the number of loans that are still outstanding.

According to Mr. Sanchez, the loan is for \$17,000,000 over 20 years at a 3.8% interest rate or less. The district has three (3) outstanding loans from 2007, 2008, and 2009.

- \$300,000 is left to pay on one loan
- Another loan will expire next year and will free up \$600,000
- In 2018-2019 the district will pay another loan which will free up \$240,000

Once these loans are paid, the district will have total of \$1.2 million that can be used to pay for this loan.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the resolution expressing intent to finance expenditures to be incurred by the District. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

29. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Roofing Improvements Project District-Wide:

- A. Board Determination of Procurement Method of Construction that will Provide the Best Value to the District for the Project
- B. Board Determination to Retain the Authority to Rank the Proposals to be Received for this Project, or Board Delegation of Their Authority to the Administration to Rank the Proposals to be Received
- C. Approval of Criteria and Points to be Used for Ranking the Proposals

The Facilities Committee has been meeting to discuss the overall facility needs of the district and has identified and ranked roof repairs as top priority need. Once the Board selects the architect firms, this project will be ready to be assigned to one of the firms.

Roofing Improvements needed within the next 12 to 24 months:

- Weslaco High School – Old Band Hall
- Weslaco High School – Transition Center (Special Education)
- Beatriz Garza Middle School – Band Hall
- Beatriz Garza Middle School – Gym
- Cuellar Middle School – Band Hall
- Cuellar Middle School – Gym
- Louise Black Complex – Classroom Wings 100 & 200 (currently used as classrooms of the CTE Early College High School)
- Louise Black Main Office – (currently used by Special Education Department & District Library Services)
- North Bridge Elementary
- Airport Elementary
- Memorial Elementary
- Gonzalez Elementary (minor)
- Silva Elementary (minor)
- Rico Elementary (minor)
- Cleckler-Heald Elementary (minor)

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1,600,000

Roofing Improvements needed within the next 36 to 48 months

- Weslaco High School – Classroom Wings: D, E, J & R
- Beatriz Garza Middle School – Office, Library, Cafeteria
- Beatriz Garza Middle School (Sky Lights)
- Margo Elementary – Office, Library & Cafeteria
- Weslaco High School – Field House
- Weslaco High School – Domingo Sepulveda Gym
- Central Middle School – Field House
- Administration Building
- Business Office
- Portable Buildings at Stephen F. Austin Complex (Offices)

Estimated cost for Group 2 is \$3,950,000.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve: A) the competitive sealed proposals method of construction as the best value to the district, B) delegated the authority to administration to rank the proposals to be received, and C) approved the criteria and points to be used for ranking the proposals as presented. Oscar Caballero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XVI. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the following items:

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

- A. Employment of Personnel/New Hires
- B. Resignations
- C. 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)
 - 1. Recommendation on Termination of Employee on Probationary Contract
 - 2. Discussion Regarding Weslaco High School Head Football Coach

31. Deliberation with Legal Counsel Regarding Possible Claim(s) Related to Artificial Turf (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

Dr. Richard Rivera left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

XVII. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:59 p.m. to take action on the following items:

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

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

A. Employment of Personnel/New Hires

Superintendent Dr. Canales recommended that the Board approve the contracts for certified professional personnel as presented.

Name	Position	Location
1. Hernandez, Brandon	Welding Teacher	Weslaco High School CTE

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the recommendation of contracts for certified professional personnel. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Resignations

The following resignations/retirements of certified professional personnel were presented.

Name	Position/Location	Reason/Effective Date
1. Gutierrez, Margarita	1 st Grade Teacher Margo Elementary School	Will retire after 33 years in education, with all 33 years of service at Weslaco ISD, effective May 27, 2017.
2. Holleschau, Karen	Quest Teacher Cleckler-Heald Elementary School	Retiring after 30 years in education, with all 30 years of service at Weslaco ISD, effective May 27, 2017.
ADDENDUM		
1. Valenzuela, Jose	Teacher Secondary	Resigned due to personal reasons, effective May 27, 2017.

Non-action.

C. 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)

1. Recommendation on Termination of Employee on Probationary Contract

Non-action.

2. Discussion Regarding Weslaco High School Head Football Coach

Non-action.

31. Deliberation with Legal Counsel Regarding Possible Claim(s) Related to Artificial Turf (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

Non-action.

XVIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.