

WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting: Regular Board Meeting
Place: Board Room
Date: January 9, 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
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee

III. Opening Prayer

Dr. Veronica Alonzo, Counselor at Memorial Elementary School delivered the invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge

The following students from Memorial Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance.

- Lorena Cerda is a fourth grade student and the daughter of Yolanda Cerda and Muhammad Ali Cerda. Lorena has been a member of the Music Memory team for two years and her team placed 1st both years at the District Meet. Lorena is also a member of the Robotics team which will be advancing to Area competition later this month. She is a member of the Student Lighthouse Committee and the Newscast team. Last year, Lorena's artwork was selected as the yearbook cover and her artwork has been displayed at the Bi-Cultural Museum. Lorena also enjoys taking piano lessons and is involved in the Boys and Girls Club basketball league.
- Maia Flores is the daughter of Marina Gonzalez and Abel Flores. She is a fifth grade, superior honor roll student at Memorial Elementary where she is involved in many school activities. Maia is currently a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and a member of Memorial's Lighthouse Team. She is also a member of her school's newscast team and will be representing Memorial at the upcoming district Spelling Bee. Maia recently competed in the District UIL Meet where she placed 1st in Spelling and 2nd in Oral Reading. She has also competed in our District Science Fair where she won 1st place honors two years in a row. Maia enjoys reading as well as playing softball and volleyball. Maia plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in English Literature. She has aspirations of becoming an author and is currently working on her first novel.

V. Awards and Recognitions

Weslaco East High School Cross Country Team

Luis Ramirez is the 32-6A individual cross country champion and a Regional qualifier for the 2nd year. Luis is the only one from District 32-6A to advance to the State meet. This state qualifier was also selected to the All-Valley Cross Country 2nd Team by the RGV Cross Country Coaches Association. Luis participated in track last year where he won the District Championship and qualified for regionals in the 800 meter dash.

VI. Proclamation for National Guidance and Counseling Week, February 6-10, 2017

The Board proclaimed the week of February 6-10, 2017 as “National Guidance and Counseling Week.” The proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

Whereas, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

Whereas, school counselors help parents focus in ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children; and

Whereas, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

Whereas, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

Whereas, comprehensive development school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school and prepare for post-secondary education;

Therefore, Erasmo Lopez, Board President of the Weslaco Independent School District proclaimed February 6-10, 2017 as “National Guidance and Counseling Week.”

Mr. Lopez thanked the counselors for the support they provide to all the students.

Board Member Recognition

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, each board member was presented with a plaque, scrap book, polo jacket, and a goody basket on behalf of the administration and the elementary and middle school campuses. Dr. Canales thanked the board members for their service and dedication to Weslaco ISD.

Board Member	Term	# of Years
Patrick Kennedy	2016 - 2017	1
Andrew Gonzalez	2014 - 2017	2
Isidoro Nieto	2014 - 2017	2
Dr. Richard Rivera	2012 - 2017	5
Oscar Caballero	2011 - 2017	6
Erasmo Lopez	2009 - 2017	8

Mr. Lopez commented that the presentation was very overwhelming and stated, “We serve to help our community work for our kids, and to help our teachers and principals to make this a better place. We all live as a family together here in Weslaco and the gifts you have brought forward are very much appreciated, but not necessary.” On behalf of his fellow board members, he thanked the staff for their gifts and acknowledgement.

VII. Public Comments

- Eric Gonzalez, 718 Countryside Dr. (Former Weslaco High School graduate and current student at UTPA)

Mr. Gonzalez addressed the Board to talk about Tony Villarreal due to the recent news that his job was under attack and he wanted to give a testimony about him.

“I’ve known Coach Tony since I was a 6th grader at middle school. Coincidentally, his wife was my teacher. Basically, I dreamed about playing for the Panthers on Varsity and having him as my coach made it even that much more satisfying when I got there. He’s one of the most hardworking and dedicated individuals I’ve ever seen in my life. Monday through Sunday, he’s in the office doing everything he can to bring wins to the community in Weslaco, but also to graduate successful young man. You know, I love him like a second father. He’s kept communication with me since I graduated up to now, and he is a huge reason why I am currently a Division I football player in one of the most prestigious universities in the nation. As far as what the future holds, they are coming off a tough season but I was privileged enough to coach the 7 on 7 season, and this is completely away from many of the coaches; they don’t really know about it. I saw kids come together not knowing what the future holds as far as their coach goes, seeing their coach gone, but I saw kids come together and turn the corner to see if their coach stays...there is light ahead. One of those kids happens to be my little brother and he’s asking me all the time what’s going to happen, and I don’t know. I tell him, the correct man that could lead you would be Coach Tony Villarreal. I’ll leave you with this. I’ve had the privilege to play pee wee football, junior high football, high school football, and now Division I college football; and out of all the coaches I’ve ever had, he has had the most profound impact on me as a person going forward and he will always be the greatest coach that I’ve ever had.”

VIII. Superintendent’s Report

- Student Enrollment

Dr. Canales presented the enrollment counts for the 18th week of school.

District Enrollment Comparison			
Campus	18 th Week Enrollment		Difference
	2015-2016	2016-2017	
Roosevelt Elementary	638	603	(35)
Sam Houston Elementary	757	702	(55)
Silva Elementary	796	734	(62)
Gonzalez Elementary	828	779	(49)
Margo Elementary	1041	972	(69)
Airport Elementary	662	659	(3)
Memorial Elementary	907	911	4
North Bridge Elementary	859	783	(76)
Rico Elementary	859	843	(16)
Cleckler-Heald Elementary	902	908	6
Ybarra Elementary	579	557	(22)
Mary Hoge Middle School	973	974	1
Cuellar Middle School	745	685	(60)
Central Middle School	954	937	(17)
B. Garza Middle School	1083	1068	(15)
South Palm Gardens	66	58	(8)
East High School	2133	2069	(64)
Weslaco High School	2516	2526	10
Horton	80	83	3
Hidalgo County Bootcamp	25	30	5
Early College High School	169	199	30
TOTAL	17572	17080	(492)
21 st Century ELF Academy	301	313	12
GRAND TOTAL	17873	17393	(480)

› Enrollment for the 18th week of school reflects a decrease of 480 students. Eight (8) schools show an increase in their enrollment as reflected on the chart above.

**Weslaco Independent School District
Enrollment Comparison**

CAMPUS	18 th Week Enrollment		DIFFERENCE
	2015-2016	2016-2017	
Elementary Schools	8828	8451	(377)
Middle Schools	3755	3664	(91)
High Schools	4884	4852	(32)
Alternative	105	113	8
Total	17572	17080	(492)
ELF – Academy	301	313	12
GRAND Total	17873	17393	(480)

Dr. Canales reported that there were 890 no shows at the start of the school year, but there was also 1800 new students enrolled in our district between the periods of August 2016 to present. Nonetheless, 2280 students who were enrolled at WISD last year are no longer with the district. District staff is carefully reviewing the data on the withdrawals to see where the students are going.

During the months of August and September there were 114 students who started school at WISD, but withdrew to go back to their home country. A total of 202 students started the school year at WISD and later withdrew to go to school out of state. An additional 366 students withdrew but the reasons for their withdrawal is not known. Staff is working on a better process for recording this information. In addition, nine students withdrew during the months of August and September to attend charter schools.

Dr. Canales stated, “We are looking at data to see what we are doing, where the students are going, what are we going to do and how does that connect to everything else we do in Weslaco, and we are sending the message that we are the choice for children.”

- ADA

Mr. Andres Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, provided a comparison report on the Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

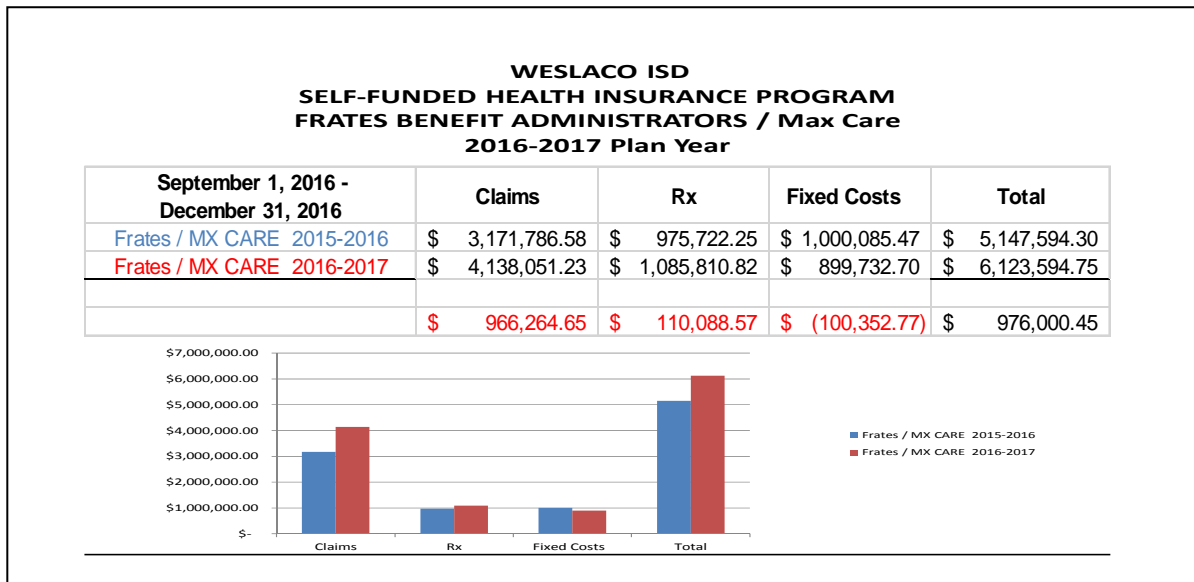
**Weslaco Independent School District
Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Comparison**

Six Weeks Period	School Year 2015-2016	School Year 2016-2017	Difference
First	16,268	16,058	(210)
Second	16,404	16,172	(232)
Third	16,375	16,118	(257)
Actual ADA of First Three Six-Weeks Periods	16,349	16,116	(233)
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget	Actual ADA for First Three Six-Weeks Periods		
16,100 ADA	16,116		

Mr. Sanchez explained that the district budgeted 16,100 ADA for fiscal year 2016-2017. The actual ADA for the first three six-weeks periods is 16,116 which is 16 ADA higher than what was budgeted. The district is not losing any money at this time.

- Insurance

Mr. Mike De La Rosa, Risk Manager, presented the following reports on insurance.



- Claims: District spent \$966,264.65 more than the previous year (2015-2016).
- Rx cost: District spent \$110,088.57 more on prescriptions this year as compared to 2015-2016.
- Fixed costs: District has spent \$899,732.70 to date, \$100,352.77 less than last year (2015-2016).
The difference is a result of the installment payment for the re-insurance fee paid last year in December. This year the fee will be paid in January 2017. According to Mr. De La Rosa, claims should start leveling off.

**WESLACO ISD
SELF-FUNDED WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM
December 2016**

	2016-2017	2015-2016
Budgeted for Plan Year	\$ 500,000	\$ 300,000
Claims	42	41
Total Medical Claims, Rx, Admin, Indemnity & Services Incurred Through December	\$ 124,674	\$ 91,000
Total Paid in December Inclusive of all Plan Years	\$ 41,426	\$ 43,011
Total Reserves	\$ 367,429	

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Mr. Lopez told Mr. De La Rosa to follow up on filling the position of Safety Coordinator.

IX. Consent Agenda

Item #7 was pulled out for discussion by Oscar Caballero. Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item #7. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2016

The Board approved the minutes as presented.

2. Approval of Out of Valley Trips

The Board approved the trips as presented.

Raul A. Gonzalez Elementary School

- The fourth and fifth grade students will travel to Austin, Texas, on May 18-20, 2017. The students will visit the State Capitol, the State Supreme Court, Bob Bullock Museum, Austin Ghost Tours, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Texas Memorial Museum, Natural Bridge Cavern and view the Mexican free-tail bats at the Congress Ave. bridge.

Sam Houston Elementary School

- The 5th grade students will travel to San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The students will visit the Alamo and Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum. This experience will promote inclusive and collaborative learning that fosters science, technology, engineering, and math (TEM) exploration and discovery.

Roosevelt Elementary School

- The 5th grade students will travel to San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, April 13, 2017. The students will visit SeaWorld where they will experience hands-on activities to promote higher level thinking skills.

Central Middle School

- The 7th and 8th grade band students from Central Middle School will travel to San Antonio, Texas, on May 12, 2017. The students will learn to appreciate different styles of music throughout the Fiesta Texas Theme Park as they listen to different musical shows and band performances throughout the day.

Weslaco East High School

- The Drama students will attend the Texas Educators of Theatre Association in Galveston, Texas, on January 25-28, 2017. The three-day performance will allow students to work on their problem solving skills and interpersonal communication skills, sequentially learn commands and be commanded.
- The Varsity Boys Golf Team will travel to San Antonio, Texas, on February 16-18, 2017, to participate in the 2017 RGVGCA Spring 6A Regional Preview Golf Tournament. The athletes will compete against possible regional competition and attempt to qualify for State competition.

Weslaco High School

- Twenty ELLIA club active members will attend a college trip to San Antonio to visit Six Flags Fiesta Texas Theme Park on April 21, 2017. This experience will expand their geographical knowledge of the state of Texas.
- The Swim team will participate in the State Swim Meet in Austin, Texas, on February 16-18, 2017. The students will compete in the state swim meet with a chance to win a state title.
- The Varsity Girls Golf Team will participate in the RGVGCA Pre-Regional Golf Tournament in San Antonio, Texas on February 16-18, 2017. The athletes will gain valuable experience.

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 - The Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams will participate in the Region IV Wrestling Tournament in San Antonio, Texas, on February 16-19, 2017. This valuable experience will give athletes the opportunity to represent WISD at the regional tournament and prepare for state competition.
 - The Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams will participate in the State Wrestling Tournament in Cypress, Texas on February 23-26, 2017. The athletes will have a chance to win a state title.
 - The Varsity Baseball Team will participate in the Border Olympics Baseball Tournament in Laredo, Texas on February 23-25, 2017. This experience will prepare the athletes for upcoming 32-6 A district play.
 - The Varsity Baseball Team will participate in a non-district game against Corpus Christi Moody in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 28, 2017. This experience will prepare the athletes for upcoming 32-6A district play.
 - The Varsity Softball Team will participate in a Softball Tournament in Seguin, Texas on March 1-3, 2017. The athletes will gain valuable experience from this competition.
3. Approval to Accept a \$150.00 Donation from William Farris with the Credit Card Guy for Memorial Elementary School-Quest Field Trip

The Board accepted the \$150.00 donation as presented. The funds will be used to help cover the cost of expenses incurred during their trip to Washington, D.C.

4. Approval to Accept a \$60.00 Donation from Richard and Maureen Vos for Memorial Elementary School

The Board accepted the \$60.00 donation as presented. The funds were used to purchase Christmas gifts for students at Memorial Elementary School.

5. Approval to Purchase an Online Curriculum and Annual Site License for Students in CTE Career Fields from CEV Multimedia, LTD as a Sole Source Purchase

The Board approved the purchase of an online curriculum and annual site license from CEV Multimedia, LTD as presented.

Students enrolled in the CTE programs will be able to access digital online curriculum to prepare to test for industry certification specific for various career fields related to every CTE pathway across the district. Students are given the option to complete a certification exam in one of seven areas: 1) Agricultural Science; 2) Architecture, Construction, Transportation & Manufacturing; 3) Business, Marketing & Finance; 4) Career Exploration; 5) Family & Consumer Sciences; 6) Health Science; and 7) Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security.

The cost of the site licenses is \$54,685.00.

6. Approval of Budget Amendments

The Board approved the budget amendments as presented.

- A. Gonzalez Elementary – State Gifted & Talented Fund for Quest Student Field Trip Reclassify Funds - \$2,225.00

- B. Food Service Department – Food Service Fund to Purchase Large Kitchen Equipment to Increase Budget: Expenditures: \$731,800
 - C. Local Maintenance Fund – Operating Transfer to Self-Insurance Fund to Cover Deficit at August 31, 2016 in the Self Insured Health Insurance Fund
- Other Uses: \$1,140,000

ITEM PULLED OUT FOR DISCUSSION:

7. Approval of Computers for Campuses and Departments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

This item was pulled out for discussion by Oscar Caballero.

- › Mr. Caballero wanted to know if the computers were new or refurbished equipment.
- › Mr. Lopez wanted to know if each campus was going to receive a fair share of the computers on order. He wants to make sure all campuses receive an equal amount of computers and devices.

Technology Director Carlos Martinez explained that the quantity of computers being purchased was based on responses sent in from the schools and departments on their needs for the 2016-2017 school year. Therefore, the computers, laptops, and chromebooks included in this purchase are already assigned as requested by campuses and departments. Furthermore, each principal allocates certain amount of money in their budget from local funds for additional computers/devices. Mr. Martinez will provide a report to the Board on the status of technology needs at each campus.

The total cost for this purchase is \$1,018,069.50. The purchase will be funded from the following budgets: Local Maintenance, State Gifted & Talented, State Vocational, State Special Education, State Bilingual, Title I Regular, Title I Migrant, and Federal Vocational.

Oscar Caballero made the motion to approve the purchase of computers for campuses and departments from CDW-G from Chicago, Illinois; Dell Marketing from Round Rock, Texas; and Reyna Enterprises Inc. dba CRC from McAllen, Texas. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. Discussion Items:

8. Interim Financial Reports for the Month of December 2016

The Board acknowledged the Interim Financial Reports for the month of December 2016 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	24,999,338	8,976,218	(16,023,010)	35.91%
5800 State Source	129,137,305	49,789,532	(79,356,773)	38.55%
5900 Federal Sources	14,760,753	3,486,935	(11,273,818)	23.62%
Totals	168,897,286	62,243,685	(106,653,601)	36.85%

- Total revenues received is \$62,243,685 which is equal to 36.85% of the budget.
- Expenditures incurred and paid through December 31, 2016 is \$51,779,942 which is equivalent to 30.36%.

XI. Discussion and Possible Action Items:

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) School District Policy Update 106

Update 106 is a special update in response to the commissioner of education rules adopted as authorized by Education Code 29.022, which requires installation and operation of video and audio equipment in certain special education classrooms or other special education settings on request of a parent, staff member, or trustee.

Mr. Sergio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Administration presented the following information:

- Continual monitoring of video recordings shall be prohibited. Video recordings will only be used if an incident is reported to campus principals.
- Video recordings shall not be used for teacher evaluation or monitoring or for any purpose.
- The principals must provide a response to the requestor within ten District business days. The principal must also provide advance written notice to staff on the campus and to parents of the students of the surveillance monitoring.
- The District shall operate the cameras during the instructional day at all times when students are in the classroom or other setting.
- No video surveillance shall be conducted on the inside of a bathroom or other area used for toileting or diapering a student or removing or changing a student's clothes.
- The District shall post notice at the entrance to a classroom or other setting in which video cameras are placed.
- Video recordings shall be retained for at least six months but may be retained for a longer period in accordance with the District's records management program or as required by law.
- Videos are confidential and can only be viewed by certain individuals.
 - › A district employee or a parent of a student who is involved in an incident documented by a recording for which a complaint has been reported to the District.
 - › Appropriate Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) personnel as part of an investigation.
 - › A peace officer, school nurse, district administrator trained in de-escalation and restraint techniques, or human resource staff member in response to a complaint or an investigation of an incident.
 - › Appropriate TEA or State Board for Educator Certification personnel or their agents as part of an investigation.
- Incident report form shall be filed within 48 hours of the facts giving rise to the allegation.
- No later than ten District business days after the report is filed, the principal or designee shall respond by notifying the person whether the alleged incident was recorded in the District's video surveillance footage and shall initiate other steps as required by law, District policy, or local procedures.

Principals will receive this information at their next staff meeting.

Patrick Kennedy made the motion to approve TASB School District Policy Update 106. Dr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of the Replacement of the Paint Booth for CTE Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing Classes Project at the Joe Calvillo CTE Complex:

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

Mr. Andres Sanchez explained that the Federal Government (Environment Protection Agency) has been working with states in mandating the use of water-based paints over solvent-based paints. The paint booth currently being used by students in the Auto Body and Collision classes was designed for use of solvent-based paints. Therefore, Mrs. Sandra Avila and her staff have taken the proactive approach to convert the CTE classes that use automotive paints to water-based solvent for student safety.

Mr. Sanchez recommended the competitive sealed proposal method of construction for this project and informed the Board that the services of an engineer will be required to evaluate the proposals received.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve the competitive sealed proposals as the method of construction, delegate the administration the authority to rank the proposals to be received, and approved the criteria and points to be used for ranking the proposals. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Hire Trinity MEP Engineering to Evaluate and Assist with the Recommendation of the Proposals to be Received for the Replacement of the Paint Booth for CTE Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing Classes Project at the Joe Calvillo CTE Complex

The administration recommended that the Board hire Trinity MEP Engineering to evaluate the proposals to be received for the paint booth replacement project at the Joe Calvillo CTE Complex and to assist Administration with the recommendation to the Board. Staff has worked with this firm in the past and is satisfied with their work.

Staff will solicit vendors bids to design and install a new “downdraft paint booth” that will be specifically designed for water-based paints. The engineer will evaluate all drawings and layouts submitted and the specifications of the proposed exhaust system to make a recommendation for approval by the Board.

The cost of the engineering services for this project is estimated at \$2,000 - \$3,000. The cost will be paid from the funds in the Fund Balance Assigned for Facilities or Other Needs in the General Fund.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve Trinity MEP Engineering to evaluate the proposals received for the paint booth replacement project at the Joe Calvillo CTE Complex as recommended. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve Releasing a Request for Qualifications Statements for Architectural Services

The administration recommended that the Board approve the administration to advertise and solicit qualifications statements for architectural services.

The Facilities Committee has met several times to discuss the overall facility needs of the district and has identified and ranked various repair and construction needs throughout the district. Due to the nature and total estimated cost of these projects, the district must hire an architect to develop

the design of the projects, prepare plans and specifications, assist with the evaluation of the contractor's proposals, and supervise the construction of the projects.

Once the qualifications statements are received and reviewed, the Board can then select three or four architects as done in the past, and decide on which projects they would like to proceed with.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to approve administration to advertise and solicit qualifications statements for architectural services. Oscar Caballero seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of Improvements to Lackey Stadium for: 1) Installation of New Artificial Turf, and 2) Resurfacing of Running Track:
 - 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

Athletic Director Oscar Riojas explained that the fiber on the field turf at Bobby Lackey Stadium has reached its final life stage while the running track has lost its running elasticity which is now considered a "hard surface." The stadium is used year-round for WISD Football, Track and Soccer, City League Youth Football, and the Summer Recreation Programs.

According to Coach Riojas, the turf was tested by a company called Hellas and it is still considered safe. However, due to year-round usage and its wear and tear, he is recommending the installation of new artificial turf and resurfacing of the running track for the safety of the athletes.

The process of resurfacing the turf should take around 25 to 27 days. The scope of work will include: rolling up existing turf, cleaning the area, placing boards on edges, putting up whole new carpet on top; and adding new pea gravel and rubber granules on top of new turf.

The process for resurfacing the track will take around 10 to 12 days. The scope of work includes: grinding the top part of track, adding top coat of rubber granules, and restriping.

The estimated completion date of the project is July 28, 2017.

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the competitive sealed proposals method of construction, authorized the administration to rank the proposals to be received, and approved the criteria and points to be used for ranking the proposals. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Dr. Rivera wanted to know if this project was budgeted. He stated, "I like the project and it has to be done, but we have a lot of other needs." He wanted to know if staff had a prioritized list of facility projects that need to get completed.

Mr. Sanchez replied that an updated list of projects will be forwarded to the Board via their weekly update and he will also present the projects to the Board at the February Board Meeting. The funds for this project are allocated in the budget for facilities and other needs.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Isidoro Nieto and seconded by Andrew Gonzalez to approve the competitive sealed proposals method of construction, authorized the administration to rank the proposals to be received, and approved the criteria and points to be used for ranking the proposals.

14. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve: 1) Renewal of the Contract for Appeal and Audit Services with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P., for Administrative Appeals and Judicial Appeals (If Necessary) of the Property Value Study Findings as Conducted by the State of Texas Comptroller's Office; or 2) To Release a Request for Qualifications Statements for Appeal and Audit Services for Administrative Appeals and Judicial Appeals of Property Study Findings as Conducted by the State of Texas Comptroller's Office

The firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott L.L.P. has worked with the District for two years since January 12, 2015. The firm will represent the District in all phases of appealing and/or auditing the State Comptroller's property values when those values are higher than the local property values. If an appeal is needed and is not filed, the District loses state funding. Appeals are not necessary if the State Property Values and Local Values are the same, and the District will not incur any costs.

- The fee for appeal services is 10% of the additional state aid that the District obtains as a result of a complete appeal.
- If the firm prepares and files only a self-report appeal because the District has been assigned local value or if the firm prepares and files an audit request, the District agrees to pay the firm as compensation a contingent fee of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the additional state aid that the District obtains as a result of the self-report appeal or audit.

If no funds are recovered, there is no fee charged.

According to Mr. Sanchez, this firm has brought in \$650,000 to the district as a result of completing an appeal in the past.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to renew the contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. for legal representation services for administrative appeals and judicial appeals (if necessary) of the property study findings as conducted by the State of Texas Comptroller's Officer services. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

15. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve: 1) Renewal of Contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. for Delinquent Tax Collection Services; or 2) To Release a Request for Qualifications Statements for Delinquent Tax Collection Services

The current contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P.'s has been in force for two years since January 12, 2015. The firm has assisted the district in the collection of all delinquent taxes, penalty and interest, owing to the Weslaco ISD which the Taxing Authority's Tax Collector, Hidalgo County Tax Office, refers to them for collection.

Vice President Oscar Caballero pointed out that WISD had not gone out for proposals in over five years. Therefore, he made the motion to release a request for qualifications for delinquent tax collection services. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Andrew Gonzalez said that he had never been through the process of selecting an attorney firm for delinquent tax collection services. Thus, this would be a good opportunity for him to better understand this process.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

16. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Purchase of Interactive Panels to Implement Tutorials and Curriculum in All of the Elementary Migrant Labs, Migrant PK-3 Classes, and Migrant STEM Class

The purpose of this purchase is to implement tutorials and curriculum in all of the elementary migrant labs, migrant PK-3 classes, and migrant STEM class. The panels will serve as an innovative resources specific to migrant students and as an introduction to blended learning. In addition, the panels provides the migrant instructional assistants, PK-3 migrant teachers and migrant STEM teacher, an engaging and innovative platform with the ability to customize and personalize the curriculum with the purpose of increasing student learning.

All the panels come with the Clear Touch Interactive Suite included at no additional cost as well as a standard three-year warranty and onsite technical support. The cost of this purchase is \$80,711.20.

Dr. Rivera made the motion to purchase the interactive panels as presented from a company called SHI from Austin, Texas. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XII. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 7:18 p.m. to discuss the following items:

17. 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. Deliberation Regarding Possible Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Weslaco ISD Board of Trustees

XIII. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:46 p.m. to take action on the following items:

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

Personnel Matters (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)

A. Employment of Personnel/New Hires

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

NEW HIRES		
Name	Position	Location
1. Cantu, Michelle	English Teacher	Weslaco East High School
2. Chapa, Edith	1 st Grade Teacher	Weslaco High School

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the contracts for certified professional personnel as presented. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Resignations

Superintendent Dr. Priscilla Canales recommended that the Board approve the resignations/retirements of certified professional personnel as presented.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS		
Name	Position/Location	Reason/Effective Date
1. Flores, Mario A.	Welding Teacher	Resigned to accept a position with TITAN PSG who is giving him the opportunity to go to Korea and excel in his field of expertise, effective January 2, 2017.
2. Hernandez, Apolonio	1 st Grade Teacher Rico Elementary School	Resigned for personal reasons, effective May 27, 2017.

Andrew Gonzalez made the motion to approve the resignations/retirements of certified professional personnel as presented. Isidoro Nieto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

19. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Weslaco ISD Board of Trustees Pursuant to Texas Education Code 11.060

Isidoro Nieto made the motion to appoint Dr. Jaime Rodriguez to fill the vacancy on the Weslaco ISD Board of Trustees. Andrew Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.