



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Priscilla Canales, Ph.D., Superintendent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:
Place:
Location:
Date:
Time:

Public Hearing
WISD Board Room
319 W. Fourth Street
November 12, 2018
5:51 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
Isidoro Nieto, Secretary
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee
Dr. Richard Rivera, Trustee

Oscar Caballero and Dr. Jaime Rodriguez were absent.
Andrew Gonzalez joined the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

- III. Public Hearing on Amendments to the Previously Approved Implementation of an Optional Flexible School Day Program for At-Risk Students

Dr. Raul Cantu, Student Support Services Coordinator, presented the following report, which explained the amendments to the previously approved implementation of the Optional Flexible School Day Program.

Weslaco ISD Amended Optional Flexible School Day Program



**PUBLIC HEARING
November 12, 2018
WESLACO ISD BOARDROOM**

Priscilla Canales Ph.D., Superintendent

Sue Peterson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Leadership
Norma Brewer, Student Support Services/State Compensatory Director
Raul Cantu Ph. D., Student Support Services Coordinator

- Weslaco ISD would like to extend the Optional Flexible School Day Program to all WISD campuses, and all summer school programs.



History of OFSDP

August 13, 2018, Board Approval of OFSDP for Weslaco High School, Weslaco East High School and South Palm Garden Campuses

The OFSDP was authorized in House Bill (HB) 1 by the 79th Legislature, Third Called Session, 2006, and became effective **May 26, 2006**. HB 1297 and HB 3646, 81st Legislature, 2009, modified program provisions to increase the number of students eligible for participation in OFSDPs, effective September 1, 2009.

November 12, 2018 Seeking Board Approval to extend OFSDP to all WISD Campuses and during summer school programs

Weslaco ISD started participating in the program in 2010-2011. (8 years)



Optional Flexible School Day Program

The Texas Education Agency offers school districts the opportunity to offer a program that will offer flexible hours and days of attendance for a student who:

- Has dropped out of school,
- Is at risk of dropping out, or
- **Will be denied credit for one or more classes in which the student has been enrolled as a result of attendance requirements under the Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.092.**



Program Goals

- Improve graduation rates
- Reduce dropout rate
- **Improve course credits earned**
- **Improve promotion rates**




Optional Flexible School Day Program

- **It provides an alternate method of attendance accounting.**
- Students must take STAAR during the regularly scheduled assessment calendar.
- A student enrolled in this type of program may participate in UIL if they meet UIL eligibility criteria.


- WISD will have to re-submit an application to TEA once the Board has approved the amendments.



Application Process

- The district must submit an annual application to Texas Education Agency (TEA) and request approval for participation.
 - A public hearing must be held to discuss the proposed program.
 - If approved by the school board, then an application will be submitted to TEA.
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- The following slots are requested as part of the amendments.



Amended 2018-2019 Student Participation

High Schools	Middle Schools	Elementary Schools
Requesting 200 slots	Requesting 75 slots	Requesting 50 slots

Dr. Cantu explained that this program would help students who are having a hard time with their attendance; thus, it will help them meet the 90% minimum requirement.

In past years, this program has been offered to high school students only; therefore, the amendment is for extending the program to middle school and elementary students as well. Dr. Cantu pointed out that minutes are captured through the flexible schedule instead of days; these include minutes during the school day. The program will be available to students who have not passed their exam requirements and need to take one course. In addition, the flexible schedule will allow a student to attend school for 10 hours a day in order to make up their missing attendance.

IV. Public Comments on the Amendments to the Optional Flexible School Day Program Report

An opportunity was given to the public to address any questions or concerns.

No comments were addressed.

V. Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:58 p.m.