

Harlandale Independent School District Board of Trustees
Regular Call Board Meeting
September 16, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Harlandale Independent School District met for a Regular Call Board meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at Bellaire Elementary School, 142 E. Amber, San Antonio, Texas 78221. Mr. Ricardo Moreno, President, called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Ricardo Moreno, President; Mr. Juan Mancha, Vice President; Mr. Zeke Mendoza; Ms. Christine Carrillo; Ms. Norma Cavazos; Ms. Elizabeth Limon, Ms. Elaine Anaya-Ortiz, Members. The Chair declared a quorum present.

A moment of silence was held in memory of the following people who passed away recently: Mr. James Clark, Harlandale MS teacher; Ms. Eloise Zaragoza, wife of Edmundo Zaragoza, former board member; McCollum HS student who passed away.

Staff Present: Ms. Samantha Gallegos, Interim Superintendent; Richard Hernandez, Assist. Supt. For Finance; Dr. Melinda Salinas, Executive Director for Human Resources; Jerry Soto, Executive Director for Operation; Mr. Albert Rosales, Public Information Officer; and Ms. Blanche Diaz, Recorder. Also present was Mr. Albert Tovar, attorney, Sanchez & Wilson.

The pledges of allegiance and invocation were given by Bellaire ES students, and Ms. Elizabeth Lozano, principal, gave the thought for the day.

Lone Star Governance: Linda McAnelly and Nicole Smith, Region 20, reported on the progress the board has made with Lone Star Governance since May 2018 and also the board's self-evaluation.

Vision 1: The Board works collaboratively with the Superintendent to develop the vision and student outcome goals. In May 2018, Does Not Meet Focus = 0. Since then, board has worked on Preparing to Focus (1 point), Approaches Focus (4 pts.), Meets Focus (12 pts.), and then, adopted four goals – Master's Focus (12 pts.)

Vision 2: The Board has adopted goal progress measures (GPM) aligned to each student outcome goal. Preparing to Focus (1 pt.); Approaches Focus (4 pts.); Meets Focus and then, Masters Focus (12 pts.).

Vision 3: The Board has adopted a vision for what student outcomes will be and has adopted constraints aligned with the vision. Preparing to Focus (1 pt.), Approaches Focus (3 pts.), and now ready to bring forward constraints to the board.

Vision 4: The Board has adopted constraint progress measures (GPMs) aligned to each constraint. Constraints are all true but need to be brought forward to the board.

Accountability: Need to work toward 50% of board meeting discussion to be on student outcomes. Also, need to adopt the board monitoring calendar.

Mr. Albert Tovar, attorney, reported that House Bill 2840 – Public Comment at Open Meetings – was recently changed in the Texas Legislature and would be discussed in closed session in the fashion it deserves and required by State.

Consent: Mr. Moreno *motioned to approve by consent item 6A, B, C, D, H, I, K, L* and pull items 6E, F, G and Ms. Carrillo seconded.

- a. August 1, 5, 19, 28, 2019 board meeting minutes
- b. Curriculum Committee Minutes
- c. Gift(s) accepted on behalf of the Board
- d. renewal/new of the MOUs/Contracts/Agreements for the 2019-2020 school year- Girls Inc.
- H. budget amendments to the General Fund's sub-funds of Child Nutrition and Donation funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
- I. award RFP 190030 for refrigeration equipment preventative maintenance for school cafeteria services
- K. order by the Board of Trustees of the Harlandale Independent School District authorizing the issuance of its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2019B; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the bonds; delegating the authority to certain members of the Board of Trustees and District staff to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the bonds; and authorizing other matters in connection with the foregoing
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Messrs. Mancha, Mendoza, Moreno, Ms. Carrillo, Ms. Cavazos, Ms. Limon, Ms. Ortiz voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Ms. Gallegos shared information asking the board to approve the submission of 11 State Waiver Requests for Maximum Class Size Exception of 22:1 classroom ratios. After discussion, Ms. Carrillo *motioned to approve submission of the State Waivers for Maximum Class Size Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year to the Texas Education Agency from 11 to 10* and Mr. Moreno seconded. Ms. Carrillo and Mr. Moreno voted in favor; Ms. Cavazos, Ms. Limon, Ms. Ortiz, Mr. Mendoza voted against; Mr. Mancha abstained. The motion failed. Mr. Mancha *motioned to approve the waivers, excluding Adams and Rayburn, to be submitted as requested* and Ms. Ortiz seconded. Messrs. Mancha, Mendoza, Moreno, Ms. Carrillo, Ms. Cavazos, Ms. Ortiz voted in favor; Ms. Limon voted against. The motion carried.

F. Ms. Carrillo *motioned to approve the hiring of a School Safety Officer to oversee all requirements as identified in the 86th Texas Legislature as related to School Safety* and Ms. Cavazos seconded. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried

G. Ms. Carrillo *motioned to approve hiring one additional police officer to patrol elementary campuses primarily* and Ms. Cavazos seconded. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

J. Mr. Moreno *motioned to award RFP 1090031 for concessionaire services to Cake-N-One Catering* and Mr. Mancha seconded. After presentation and discussion, all members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Closed Session: Ms. Carrillo *motioned to convene in closed session to discuss the following items* and Mr. Mendoza seconded:

- A. discuss the recommended Regular Personnel Report (TGC 551.074)
- B. Consultation with attorney regarding the status of claims regarding the Leal Middle School parking lot. (TGC 551.071)

- C. Deliberation and consultation with school attorney regarding pending litigation and settlement proposal of Student v. Harlandale Independent School District, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 345-SE-0619. (TGC 551.071 and 551.0821)
- D. Consultation with attorney concerning House Bill 2840 - public comment and testimony at board meetings and amendment to local public comment procedures/policies. (TGC 551.071)
- E. Consultation with attorney regarding status of litigation styled, Jasmine Engineering, Inc. v. Harlandale Independent School District; Cause No. 2018-CI-02459; 407th Judicial District, Bexar County, Texas (TGC 551.071)
- F. Consultation with attorney regarding status of sale of District real property, described as 100 acres+/- located in the District's southern boundaries (TGC 551.071 and 551.072)
- G. Consultation with attorney concerning process and procedure for initiating and conducting search for District Superintendent (TGC 551.071 and 551.074).

All board members voted in favor and the board convened in closed session at 8:15 PM.

Open Session: At 10:34, the board reconvened in open session. Ms. Carrillo *motioned to approve the regular personnel report as discussed in closed session* and Mr. Mendoza seconded. All board members voted in favor and the motion carried.

C. Ms. Carrillo *motioned to accept the recommendation of the interim superintendent and school attorney and direct the interim superintendent and school's attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session concerning Student v. Harlandale Independent School District, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 345-SE-0619* and Ms. Cavazos seconded. All board members voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. Mr. Moreno *motioned to amend Policy (BED) Local – Public Participation (Citizens to be Heard) to align with HB 2840* and Ms. Carrillo seconded. All board members voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Ms. Carrillo *motioned to approve as discussed in closed session* and Mr. Mendoza seconded. All board members voted in favor and the motion carried.

G. Mr. Moreno *motioned to direct legal counsel to create a draft announcement for the superintendent search as discussed and bring back to the board for comment and approval* and Ms. Carrillo seconded. All board members voted in favor and the motion carried.

There being no further business, Ms. Carrillo *motioned to adjourn* and Mr. Mancha seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:38 PM.

Esequiel “Zeke” Mendoza, Secretary

Ricardo Moreno, President