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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:	Special Board Meeting
Place:	Board Room/Virtual
Location:	319 W. Fourth Street
Date:	July 29, 2021
Time:	5:38 P.M.

THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ONLINE FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS AS PERMITTED BY THE SUSPENDED PORTIONS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT AS APPROVED BY GOVERNOR ABBOTT

THE MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: ***https://youtu.be/rWIrUESxaCE***

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

II. Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

Armando Cuellar, President
Jesse Trevino, Secretary
Isidoro Nieto, Trustee
Jaclyn Sustaita, Trustee

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m.
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
Andrew Gonzalez was absent.

III. Public Comments

The public had the opportunity to participate in public comments by registering no later than 5:15 p.m. at the following web link: ***https://www.wisd.us/superintendentboard/new-page***.

There were no public comments.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of Four-Hundred-Seventy (470) Touchless Sensor Faucets to be Installed District-Wide

Due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus and the District's continuing concern for the safety of students and staff, the Administration requested approval to purchase 470 touchless sensor-activated faucets to be installed at the campuses district-wide. The faucets are hands-free operational which will allow students to wash their hands without having to touch any part of the unit. The faucets will be purchased from Central Plumbing & Electric Supply from Weslaco, Texas at a cost of $101,990.00 ($217.00 per faucet). Funding for the faucets will be obtained from the ESSER III Federal Grant.

Mr. Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the purchase of four-hundred-seventy (470) touchless water faucets from Central Plumbing & Electric Supply from Weslaco, Texas. Mr. Jesse Trevino seconded the motion.

›Mr. Jesse Trevino wanted to know if it was possible to split the order with the two companies in an effort to reduce the delivery timeline, rather than having to wait two to six weeks for them to arrive from one company.

Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Americo Garza provided the following responses:

•Staff would prefer not to split the order since the faucets will be purchased through ESSER funds.
›Staff wants to order the same brand of faucets.

›The 300 faucets ordered during the summer arrived within two weeks. District staff will not be able to begin installing the new order until September 2021.

›The estimated delivery time for the 470 faucets is 2-6 weeks but they could arrive sooner as the previous order.

›Staff wants to purchase the faucets from the lowest bidder.

•Staff plans to have all faucets installed by December 2021 or into the spring semester.

•Staff will look for outside labor to assist in completing this project if delays are encountered with the installation.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Mr. Isidoro Nieto and seconded by Mr. Jesse Trevino to purchase four-hundred-seventy (470) touchless sensor faucets from Central Plumbing & Electric Supply from Weslaco, Texas.

V. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of One-Hundred-Forty (140) Retrofit Water Bottle Filling Stations to be Installed District-Wide

Due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus and the District's continuing concern for the safety of students and staff, the Administration recommended to purchase one-hundred–forty (140) retrofit water bottle filling stations from Bush Company from Weslaco, Texas. These 140 water bottle filling stations will be in addition to the 160 stations already installed at schools. The water bottles will be installed throughout the district's campuses and departments as needed.

The bottle filling stations are "hand-free" operational which will allow the students to fill their own containers without having to touch any part of the unit. Each station has a filtration system that notifies staff when it is time to replace the water filter, which under normal use should last at least three months. The cost of this

purchase is $64,674.40; $461.96 per unit cost. Funding will be obtained from the ESSER III Federal Grant. The estimated delivery time will be 14-16 weeks.

Mr. Isidoro Nieto made the motion to approve the purchase of one-hundred-forty (140) retrofit water bottle filling stations from Bush Supply Company from Weslaco, Texas. Mr. Marcos De Los Santos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

The Board convened in closed meeting at 5:50 p.m. to discuss the following items:

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

1. Employment of Personnel – Certified Professional & Non-Contractual Personnel
2. Resignations
3. 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)

B. Deliberation Regarding Acquisition of Real Property (Tx. Gov't Code 55.072)

C. Consultation with Attorney Regarding: a) Pending or Contemplated Litigation: b) a Settlement Offer: or c) a Matter in Which the Duty of the Attorney to the Weslaco ISD under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Tex. Gov't. Code 551.071)

1. Discussion to Review Preliminary Findings for the Forensic Audit – Personnel Matters

D. Discussion on Dr. Canales's Future Plans with Weslaco ISD

Mr. Isidoro Nieto left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez did not log back on to open session.

VII. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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

1. Discussion and Possible Action on New Employment –Certified Professional & Non-Contractual Personnel

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve certified professional and non-contractual personnel as discussed in closed meeting.

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL		
Name	**Position**	**Location**
1. Ruth Alvarado	Kindergarten Teacher	Margo Elementary School
2. Natalie Rivas	Elementary Teacher	Margo Elementary School
ADDENDUM		
1. Alfredo Oviedo	Special Education Teacher	Weslaco East High School

REASIGNMENT OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL ADDENDUM		
2. Melissa Ann Hernandez	From: Special Education Teacher @ Cleckler-Heald Elementary School	To: Occupational Therapist Special Education Department

NON-CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL – ADDENDUM		
Name	**Position**	**Location**
1. Alfredo Cantu	Special Education Aide	Ybarra Elementary School
2. San Juanita Castellanos	Bus Driver	Transportation Department
3. Selene Garcia	Media Aide	Margo Elementary School
4. Victoria A. Guzman	Special Education Aide	Gonzalez Elementary School
5. Clarissa N. Rodriguez	Special Education Aide	Ybarra Elementary School

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos made the motion to approve certified professional and non-contractual personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Mr. Jesse Trevino seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Jesse Trevino, Mr. Marcos De Los Santos, and Mrs. Jaclyn Sustaita. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Resignations

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the resignations/retirements of certified professional personnel as discussed in closed meeting.

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS		
Name	**Position/Location**	**Reason/Effective Date**
1. Sandra Alvarez	Special Education Teacher Gonzalez Elementary School	Sandra Alvarez is resigning to pursue her own business. Her resignation is effective July 27, 2021.
2. Domingo Fabela	Language Arts Teacher Early College High School	Domingo Fabela is resigning to accept a position with another organization. His resignation is effective July 26, 2021.
3. Margarita Amy Gutierrez	4th Grade Teacher Silva Elementary School	Margarita Amy Gutierrez is resigning to accept the position of Specialist-Instructional Support (Math K-5) at Region I ESC. Her resignation is effective July 26, 2021.
4. Salvador Hinojosa	Homebound Teacher Special Education Department	Salvador Hinojosa is relocating to Sunnyvale, Texas to be closer to family. His resignation is effective July 26, 2021.

5. Mario A. Ramirez	JROTC Teacher Weslaco East High School	Mario A. Ramirez is resigning to accept a position with Brownsville ISD. His resignation is effective July 26, 2021.
6. Billy Salazar	ACE Site Coordinator Ybarra Elementary	Billy Salazar is resigning to accept a position with another organization. His resignation is effective July 26, 2021.
7. Mariela Sanchez	4th Grade Teacher Rico Elementary School	Mariela Sanchez is resigning to accept an administrative position with another school district. Her resignation is effective July 27, 2021.
ADDENDUM		
1. Arleen Marin	ACE Site Coordinator Airport Elementary School	Arleen Marin is resigning for personal reasons. Her resignation is effective July 30, 2021.
2. Jose M. Marichalar	AVID Teacher Weslaco East High School	Jose M. Marichalar is resigning to accept a promotion with another school district. His resignation is effective July 28, 2021

Mr. Marcos De Los Santos made the motion to approve the resignations/retirements of certified professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Mr. Jesse Trevino seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Marcos De Los Santos, Mr. Jesse Trevino, and Mrs. Jaclyn Sustaita. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Acquisition of Real Property (Tx. Gov't Code 55.072)

   Non-action item.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Review Preliminary Findings for the Forensic Audit – Personnel Matters

   Non-action item.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.