WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE RIGHT CHOICE

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:	Regular Board Meeting
Place:	WISD Board Room/Virtual
Location:	319 W. 4th Street
Date:	January 18, 2022
Time:	5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.127, BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AT THIS REGULAR BOARD MEETING. HOWEVER, A PHYSICAL QUORUM OF THE BOARD SHALL BE PRESENT AT 319 W. 4TH STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS, 78596.

THE EXCLUSIVE WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT IS TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 18, 2022, AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: ***https://www.wisd.us/superintendentboard/new-page***

THE MEETING WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT THE FOLLOWING WEB LINK: ***https://youtu.be/na7El65_Ax0***

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Establishment of a Quorum

III. Opening Prayer

IV. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge

V. Awards and Recognitions

VI. Recognition of WISD School Board of Trustees

VII. Proclamations

>Career and Technical Education Month, February 2022
>National Guidance and Counseling Week, February 7-11, 2022
>Family Career and Community Leadership Week, February 14-18, 2022
>Digital Learning Day, February 25, 2022

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Superintendent's Report

X. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2021 and the Public Hearing of December 16, 2021

B. Approval of Out of Valley Trips

C. Approval of Policy Update 118 from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)

D. Approval to Accept a Donation of a $300.00 Gift Card from TJMaxx and a $100 HEB Gift Card from Jesus Pena for a Family from North Bridge Elementary

E. Approval to Accept a Donation in the Amount of $150.00 from Frost Bank for Cleckler-Heald Elementary Students

F. Approval to Accept a Wal-Mart Grant Award in the Amount of $1,500.00 for Cleckler-Heald Elementary Students

G. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Sponsors for Weslaco ISD Families:

1. Five (5) HEB Gift Cards from CrossRoads Community Church
2. Five (5) Walmart Gift Cards from CrossRoads Community Church
3. Ten (10) $100.00 HEB Gift Cards from The Love of Christ Lutheran Church
4. $1,000.00 from the Love of Christ Lutheran Church
5. One (1) $150.00 Gift Card from the Lulac Council 291, Clemente Del Campo
6. New School Clothes from Nick Carranza and Adrian Gonzalez for Three (3) WISD Families

H. Approval of Purchase of Imagine Learning Web-Based Interactive Learning System to Enhance the First Language Support of our Pre- Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Migrant Students in English and Spanish, Including Live Support for At-Home

I. Approval of Summer Work Schedule/Vacation Schedule for Central Office and Campus Staff on Year-Round Contracts

J. Approval of Budget Amendments:

1. North Bridge Elementary – Local Fund to Pay for Registration Fees for Facilitators to Attend a Region One Virtual Workshop
2. Athletics Department – Local Fund/Athletics Fund to Purchase Pole Vault and High Jump Pits for Weslaco East High School
3. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education & Leadership – Local Fund to Cover Consultant Expenses from Region One for the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Trainings for Human Resources Staff and Other Central Office Administrators
4. Business Office – Dyslexia Fund to Record Budget for the Dyslexia Fund Roll-Forward
5. Business Office – Technology Special Fund to Record Budget for Capital lease for Palo Alto Networks PA-5220

K. Approval of Monthly Tax Adjustments for December 2021

L. Approval of Investment Activity Report for the Quarter Ended November 30, 2021

XI. Discussion Items:

A. Interim Financial Report for the Four Months Ended December 31, 2021

B. Acknowledgement of Hidalgo County Tax Office Collection Report for December 2021: Current Taxes and Delinquent Taxes

XII. Discussion and Possible Action Items:

A. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval to Change the Regular Board Meeting Scheduled on March 15, 2022

B. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Renaming the WISD Performing Arts Center to the Susan M. Peterson Center for the Performing and Visual Arts

C. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Procurement Method of Construction for the Bobby Lackey Stadium Running Track Replacement:

1. Board Determination of a Procurement Method of Construction that will Provide the Best Value to the District for the Project

2. 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, and

3. Approval of Criteria and Points to be Used for Ranking the Proposals

D. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of an Amount Not to Exceed $12,735,000 "Weslaco Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2022"; Levying a Continuing Direct Annual Ad Valorem Tax and Providing for the Security and Payment Thereof; Prescribing the Form, Terms, and Conditions, and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval and Distribution of an Official Statement Pertaining Thereto and Authorizing the Authorized Representative to Approve the Amount, the Interest Rate, and Terms Thereof and Certain Other Procedures and Provisions Relating Thereto; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase Contract Relating to Said Bonds, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and an Escrow Agreement; Providing an Effective Date; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject and Purposes of this Order

E. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Contract for the Hiring of Bond Counsel on a Contingency Fee Basis

F. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of Revisions to the Weslaco ISD Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to Reflect Substitute Teacher Daily Rate and Director of Assessment & Accountability Extra Duty Stipend

G. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Resolution Regarding Wage Payments to District Employees During District Closing from January 4, 2022 through January 7, 2022 Due to a Spike in COVID-19 Cases Within the Weslaco ISD Community

H. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Local Maintenance Fund to Allocate Funds in the Amount of $167,446 for the Payment of DR-1780, PW 289, 319 to Reimburse the Texas Division of Emergency Management for Federal FEMA Funds Deobligated as Part of Hurricane Dolly

I. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of a Resolution Designating Weslaco ISD as a Freeport Tax Exemption Entity and Ratifying Board Action Taken November 16, 2021 Regarding Same

J. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Consider Approval of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2021

XIII. Closed Meeting to Discuss:

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

1. Employment of Certified Professional Personnel
2. Resignations/Retirements
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. 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 with Attorney Regarding Incident at Mary Hoge Midde School, December 2021

XIV. Reconvene in Open Meeting:

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

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Employment of Certified Professional Personnel
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Resignations/Retirements

XV. Adjournment

Note: The Board of Trustees may, at any time during this meeting, retire to a closed meeting pursuant to §551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to seek the advice of its attorney on any subject slated for discussion, where the duty of the attorney to the Board of Trustees under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees may receive information from, give information to, ask questions of, or receive questions from any third person, including an employee of the governmental body, about the public business items slated for discussion. The Board of Trustees may at any time during this meeting elect to deliberate in open session on any matter, which is slated for discussion in executive session. The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session to take appropriate action on any matter deliberated in executive session.

Note: If any accommodation for a disability is required, notify the Superintendent's Office at (956-969-6915), prior to the meeting date.

NOTICE FOR HIRING BOND COUNSEL

Weslaco Independent School District (the "District") will be considering the approval of a contingent fee contract for legal services ("Legal Services Contract") at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District to be held on January 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Weslaco ISD Board Room, 319 W. 4th Street, Weslaco, Texas. The approval of the Legal Services Contract will be considered in connection with the District's proposed issuance of unlimited tax refunding bonds (the "Obligations"). The District intends to select the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP ("BHDA") to serve as the District's bond counsel in connection with the sale and issuance of the Obligations (the "Issuance") and any other issuances of public securities by the District pursuant to the Legal Services Contract.

BHDA has demonstrated that it has the competence, qualifications, and experience required to serve as the District's bond counsel in connection with the Issuance. BHDA has successfully represented Texas local governments as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of public securities such as the Obligations for over 30 years. BHDA has served as bond counsel to the District since 2015.

Attorneys that represent local governments in transactions such as the Issuance typically are recognized for their work in the specialized area of public finance. The District's successful sale and issuance of public securities, such as the Issuance, will require the preparation of numerous transactional documents, the compilation of those documents into a transcript, and obtaining the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for the sale of the obligations, as well as other procedural steps. The District does not have any attorneys on staff that have the specialized experience required for a successful sale of the Obligations or other public securities that the District may issue.

Each sale of public securities by a local government presents a unique set of legal issues and bond counsel traditionally bills for services on a contingent fee basis. Because bond counsel services are based on a fixed contingency rate, the District can know with certainty the precise amount of the fees before the sale of the public securities, and therefore, can more easily budget and plan for the use of the proceeds.

For the preceding reasons, entering into a contingent fee contract for bond counsel services with BHDA is in the best interest of the residents of the District.