WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026 5:30 PM Central

WESLACO ISD Board Room
319 West Fourth Street
Weslaco, Texas 78596



Benjamin Castillo:	Present
Armando Cuellar, Jr.:	Present
Marcos De Los Santos:	Present
Isidoro Nieto:	Present
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez:	Present
Eduardo Serna:	Present
Jaclyn Sustaita:	Absent

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

- **DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, IN ATTENDANCE**

1. CALL TO ORDER
ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THIS MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:36 PM

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 5:36 PM
IN ATTENDANCE: ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT | ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT | DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY | BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE | MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE | EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE

3. **INVOCATION**
Mr. Elias Treviño, Director of Assessment & Accountability

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS PLEDGE**
Mr. Daniel Budimir, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary School Leadership & Instruction

5. **AWARDS | RECOGNITIONS | PROCLAMATIONS**
Mr. Elias Treviño, Director of Assessment & Accountability

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT
2. ENROLLMENT
3. FINANCIAL ADVISORS/BOND COUNSEL
4. 2025-2026 BUDGET

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DELIVERED THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT PRESENTATION

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

PRESENTATION DELIVERED BY CARR, RIGGS, & INGRAM

9. **LONE STAR GOVERNANCE**
Dr. Richard Rivera, Superintendent of Schools
BEATRIZ SOLANO, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION, DELIVERED THE LONE STAR GOVERNANCE PRESENTATION

9.A. *Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary School Leadership & Instruction*

9.A.1. **FEBRUARY 2026**

- GOAL 1 GPMs 1.1-1.3 - NWEA MAP READING MIDDLE OF THE YEAR RESULTS FOR KINDER-2ND GRADE
- GOAL 2 GPMs 2.1-2.3 - NWEA MAP MATH MIDDLE OF THE YEAR RESULTS FOR KINDER-2ND GRADE
- CPM 2.1 - CLASS COUNTS

9.A.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LONE STAR GOVERNANCE BOARD MONITORING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026
MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY: BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE
MOTION SECONDED BY: DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY
ALL IN FAVOR: ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT | ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT | DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY | BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE | MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE | EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE

10. **PRESENTATION**

- AVAILABLE UNUSED PROPERTY FOR SALE *(by Mr. Abel Aguilar, Deputy Superintendent)*

ABEL AGUILAR, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, DELIVERED THIS PRESENTATION

11. CONSENT ITEMS
ITEMS 11.F.2. & 11.G.2.D. WERE PULLED BEFORE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA BY MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE, FOR DISCUSSION MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE, ABSTAINED FROM APPROVING 11.F.2. This motion, made by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez and seconded by Armando Cuellar, Jr., Carried.
Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS

11.A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11.A.1. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- JANUARY 19, 2026
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ0GbF6zP7A

11.A.2. **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

- JANUARY 26, 2026

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Q7aoywc-uo

11.B. **OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIPS**

11.B.1. **ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Desi Rodriguez, Director

11.B.1.A. **WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL**
Mr. Enrique Ornelas, Principal

11.B.1.A.1. **WHS VARSITY BOYS POWERLIFTING TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS POWERLIFTING TEAM TO ATTEND THE STATE POWERLIFTING MEET IN ABILENE, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.2. **WHS VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM**

11.B.1.A.2.1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM TO ATTEND THE UIL 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.2.2. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM TO ATTEND THE UIL 6A REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.3. **WHS VARSITY GIRLS TRACK TEAM**

11.B.1.A.3.1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS TRACK TEAM TO ATTEND THE UIL 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.3.2. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS TRACK TEAM TO ATTEND THE UIL 6A REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.3.3. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS TRACK TEAM TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BORDER OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN LAREDO, TEXAS

11.B.1.B. **WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL**
Dr. David Gamboa, Principal

11.B.1.B.1. **WEHS VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM TO ATTEND THE INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT IN PORTLAND, TEXAS

11.B.1.B.2. **WEHS VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS TEAMS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS TEAMS TO ATTEND THE BORDER OLYMPICS TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN LAREDO, TEXAS

11.B.2. **SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Daniel Budimir, Assistant Superintendent

11.B.2.A. **WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL**
Mr. Enrique Ornelas, Principal

11.B.2.A.1. **WHS UIL ACADEMIC TEAMS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL UIL ACADEMIC TEAMS TO COMPETE AT THE STATE CONTEST IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

11.B.2.B. **JOE CALVILLO, JR. CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COMPLEX**
Mrs. Eliza Gomez, Director

11.B.2.B.1. **WHS BPA STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL BPA STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

11.B.2.B.2. **WEHS BPA STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL BPA STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

11.B.2.B.3. **WHS & WEHS TPSA STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL TPSA STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE TEXAS PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION STATE COMPETITION IN GALVESTON, TEXAS

11.B.2.B.4. **WHS JROTC PANTHER BATTALION TEAM**

11.B.2.B.4.1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PANTHER BATTALION TEAM TO PARTICIPATE AT THE JUNIOR CADET LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE (JCLC) ARMY CADET COMMAND TRAINING IN SANDIA, TEXAS

11.B.2.B.4.2. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PANTHER BATTALION TEAM TO VISIT THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY IN KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

11.B.2.C. **SECONDARY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Yvett Morales, Principal

11.B.2.C.1. **SECONDARY SCIENCE STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR SECONDARY SCIENCE STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE TEXAS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR IN COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

11.B.2.C.2. **ADVANCED ACADEMICS MS 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR ADVANCED ACADEMICS MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS TO VISIT SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.2.D. **FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Christopher Fernandez, Director

11.B.2.D.1. **WHS MARIACHI PANTERA**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI PANTERA STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE STATE MARIACHI COMPETITION IN SEGUIN, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2. **WEHS MARIACHI TECUANI**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI

TECUANI STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE STATE MARIACHI COMPETITION IN SEGUIN, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.3. **WHS JAZZ BAND STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL IN KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

11.B.2.E. **CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Mrs. Dorothy Serna, Principal

11.B.2.E.1. **CENTRAL MS UIL STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL UIL STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE UIL FIELD TRIP TO SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.3. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendent

11.B.3.A. **CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Ms. Monica Vanderveer, Principal

11.B.3.A.1. **CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY CHOIR STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE ALL-AMERICAN CLASSIC MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SEGUIN, TEXAS

11.B.3.A.2. **CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADE STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5TH GRADE STUDENTS TO VISIT SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.C. **DONATIONS**

11.C.1. **SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION**
Mr. Daniel Budimir, Assistant Superintendent

11.C.1.A. **JOE CALVILLO, JR. CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COMPLEX**
Mrs. Eliza Gomez, Director

11.C.1.A.1. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION OF CAKE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT VALUED AT $43,629.16 FROM MG'S BAKERY SUPPLIES FOR THE JOE CALVILLO, JR. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COMPLEX CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

11.C.2. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendent

11.C.2.A. **CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Ms. Monica Vanderveer, Principal

11.C.2.A.1. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $150.00 FROM VARIOUS SPONSORS FOR CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11.C.2.B. **NORTH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Ms. Carmen Briones, Principal

11.C.2.B.1. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000.00 FROM LOVE OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR NORTH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11.C.2.C. **SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Mrs. Selma Gutierrez, Principal

11.C.2.C.1. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $200.00 FROM MUÑOZ FOUNDATION DRILLING, INC. FOR SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11.C.3. **PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Erica Garcia, Coordinator

11.C.3.A. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT CHRISTMAS DONATIONS VALUED AT $19,000.00 FROM VARIOUS SPONSORS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED DISTRICT-WIDE

11.D. **SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Daniel Budimir, Assistant Superintendent

11.D.1. **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Yvett Morales, Secondary Academic Officer

11.D.1.A. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM (UTRGV) FOR THE CONTINUATION OF DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS AT WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2025 - 2027 SCHOOL YEARS

11.E. **TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Carlos Martinez, Executive Director

11.E.1. APPROVAL TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER AND WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SET FORTH IN THE ONE REGIONAL INTERCONNECTED OPTICAL NETWORK (ORION) CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNET ACCESS FOR THE DISTRICT

11.F. **MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Americo Garza, Executive Director

11.F.1. APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE DR. R. E. MARGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARQUEE PROJECT (RFP# 25-11-17)

11.F.2. APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RANKING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE BOND PHASE 1 HVAC UPGRADES PROJECT AT BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL (CSP# 26-12-18) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED BY TRUSTEE, MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS
AMERICO GARZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS, WAS CALLED TO THE PODIUM FOR DISCUSSION

11.F.3. APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE BOND PHASE 1 LIGHTING UPGRADES PROJECT AT THE SUSAN M. PETERSON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS (CSP# 25-12-34)

11.F.4. APPROVAL OF FINAL COMPLETION FOR THE DISTRICT-WIDE FENCING PROJECT (CSP# 25-11-24) AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHANGE ORDER (CO) #3 FOR THE UNSPENT ALLOWANCE AND ADDITIONAL DAYS REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT; AND
2. FINAL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

11.F.5. APPROVAL OF FINAL COMPLETION FOR THE STOREFRONT DOORS AND ENTRYWAYS PROJECT FUNDED WITH THE SAFETY AND SECURITY STANDARDS FORMULA GRANT (CSP# 25-09-14 RE-BID) AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHANGE ORDER (CO) #2 FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT AND A CREDIT FOR THE UNSPENT ALLOWANCE; AND
2. FINAL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

11.F.6. APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HVAC SYSTEM FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER POOL AREA PROJECT (CSP# 23-09-16) AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHANGE ORDER (CO) #2 FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

11.F.7. APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS SCOREBOARD PROJECT (CSP# 25-09-13) AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHANGE ORDER (CO) #2 FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT

11.F.8. APPROVAL OF AN ALLOWANCE EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROJECT FOR CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND A.N. (TONY) RICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CSP# 25-01-35) AS FOLLOWS:

1. ALLOWANCE EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION (AEA) #2 FOR THE MATERIAL AND LABOR TO INSTALL A MINI-SPLIT CURB AT CLECKLER-HEALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND
2. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

11.F.9. APPROVAL OF FINAL COMPLETION FOR THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AREAS AND CANOPIES PROJECT FOR PRE-K AND SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS AT ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (CSP# 25-10-15) AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHANGE ORDER (CO) #2 FOR ADDITIONAL DAYS REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT AND THE UNSPENT ALLOWANCE; AND
2. FINAL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

11.F.10. APPROVAL OF AN ALLOWANCE EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION (AEA) #2 FOR THE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS FOR DR. ARMANDO CUELLAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND PHASE 1 PROJECT (CSP# 25-11-25)

11.F.11. APPROVAL OF A PROCUREMENT METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL BAND STORAGE BUILDINGS BOND PHASE 3 PROJECT AS FOLLOWS:

1. APPROVAL OF THE COMPETITIVE SEALED BID PROPOSALS (CSP) METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECT(S); AND
2. APPROVAL OF THE CRITERIA AND POINTS TO BE USED FOR RANKING THE PROPOSALS

11.F.12. APPROVAL TO RATIFY THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROVAL TO AMEND THE SCOPE OF WORK OF AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH GOMEZ MENDEZ SAENZ, INC, WITH THE ADDITIONAL SCOPE AS FOLLOWS:

1. COORDINATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAND DIRECTORS' TOWERS; AND
2. THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL BAND STORAGE BUILDINGS BOND PHASE 3 PROJECT

11.G. **BUSINESS & FINANCE DEPARTMENT**
Ms. Deborah Rodriguez, Executive Director for Payroll, Bond Management, & Finance

11.G.1. **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

11.G.1.A. APPROVAL OF LEGAL FEES FOR THE LAW OFFICE OF ELOY SEPULVEDA FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

11.G.1.B. APPROVAL OF LEGAL FEES FOR THE LAW FIRM WALSH GALLEGOS, KYLE ROBINSON & DE LOS SANTOS P.C. FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

11.G.2. **BUDGET DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Javiel Ruiz, Budget Director

11.G.2.A. APPROVAL OF HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025: CURRENT AND DELINQUENT TAXES

11.G.2.B. APPROVAL OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY TAX ADJUSTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

11.G.2.C. APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

11.G.2.D. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS
TRUSTEE, MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, PULLED THIS ITEM FOR DISCUSSION
CHRISTOPHER FERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT, COMMENTED AT THE PODIUM

11.G.3. **PAYROLL DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Jesse Fonseca, Director of Payroll Business & Operations

11.G.3.A. APPROVAL OF OVERTIME REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026

11.G.4. **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Baldemar Garcia, Director

11.G.4.A. APPROVAL OF AWARD EXTENSION FOR GLASS SERVICE AND REPAIR DISTRICT-WIDE (RFP# 25-02-37)

11.G.4.B. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL AWARD FOR BUILDING MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT (RFP# 26-02-24)

12. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

12.A. UPDATE ON TRAININGS, CONFERENCES, EVENTS, AND CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- LONE STAR GOVERNANCE (FEBRUARY 27, 2026 | 5:30-8:30 PM)
- TWO LEVEL III PARENT GRIEVANCES

13. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

13.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE(S) VIA RESOLUTION FOR A VACANT APPOINTED DIRECTOR SEAT FOR THE HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MADE A NOMINATION: DAVID HERNANDEZ & LUIS ALAMIA
MOTION TO APPROVE: BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE
MOTION SECONDED BY: EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE
ALL IN FAVOR: ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT | ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT | DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY | BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE | MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE | EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE
MOTION CARRIED

13.B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ESTABLISH A BOARD GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR LEVEL III APPEALS
THE BOARD DECIDED THAT IF MORE THAN THREE BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENT, THEN A MEETING WILL BE POSTED. MOTION CARRIES. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Carried.
Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 3-POINT SEAT BELTS ON DISTRICT OWNED SCHOOL BUS(ES) IN COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE §547.701(f)
MOTION CARRIES. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Benjamin Castillo, Carried.
Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ADOPT OR REJECT THE RESOLUTION REGARDING A PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
MOTION TO OPT OUT MADE BY BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Armando Cuellar, Jr., Carried.
Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13.E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION'S RANKING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AGRICULTURAL FACILITY PROJECT (CSP# 26-02-25) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT
DISCUSSION BY MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE. AMERICO GARZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS, WAS CALLED TO THE PODIUM FOR QUESTIONS FROM MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS. MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM AND REQUESTED A BOARD WORKSHOP. BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE AND EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE, SECONDED THE MOTION MADE BY MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS. MOTION PASSES TO TABLE THE ITEM AND CONDUCT A WORKSHOP. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Failed.
Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Isidoro Nieto: Abstain (With Conflict), Benjamin Castillo: Nay, Marcos De Los Santos: Nay, Eduardo Serna: Nay, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea
Yea: 2, Nay: 3, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1
Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea

14. **CLOSED MEETING (PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION: §551.071 AND §551.074)**

AT 8:12 PM, DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT | ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT | DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY | BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE | MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE | EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION

14.A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS (TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074)**

14.A.1. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION OF CONTRACTS FOR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, NON-CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, AND NON-CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

14.A.2. DISCUSSION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, NON-CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, AND NON-CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

14.B. **CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING (TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION: §551.071)**

14.B.1. PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION;

14.B.2. SETTLEMENT OFFER; OR

14.B.3. MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071)

15. **RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING**

(AT RECORDED TIME HOUR 3:01:05 OF YOUTUBE VIDEO) DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT | ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT | DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY | BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE | MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE | EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE, RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

15.A. POSSIBLE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED MEETING

15.A.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION OF CONTRACTS FOR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, NON-CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, AND NON-CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Carried.

Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

15.A.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, NON-CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, AND NON-CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Benjamin Castillo, Carried.

Jaclyn Sustaita: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

16. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, AT 8:27 PM



WESLACO ISD - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Administrative Assistant

March 9, 2026
Date