WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 20, 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:	Present

Present: 7.

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, IN ATTENDANCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., WISD BOARD VICE PRESIDENT, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:36 PM

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 5:36 PM

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. Carlos Robledo, Executive Director for District Communications

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. STUDENT ENROLLMENT
2. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT COUNTS
3. REZONING UPDATE
4. BOND, HVAC, ROOFING PROJECTS
5. UPCOMING BOND PROJECTS
6. NEW PETE ABRIGO AGRICULTURAL FARM

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DELIVERED THIS PRESENTATION

8.

PRESENTATION

- AVAILABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE *(Mr. Abel Aguilar, Deputy Superintendent)*

PRESENTATION DELIVERED BY ABEL AGUILAR, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

9. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

9.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED BELOW AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO POST NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO SELL THE PROPERTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 272.001(A) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, TO RECEIVE AND OPEN SEALED PROPOSALS, AND TO PRESENT SAID PROPOSALS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION AS FOLLOWS:
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
A. THE SURFACE ONLY OF APPROXIMATELY A 1.25-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF FARM TRACT 683 AND FARM TRACT 691, WEST TRACT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
B. THE SURFACE ONLY OF APPROXIMATELY A 1.25-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF FARM TRACT 683 AND FARM TRACT 691, WEST TRACT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
C. THE SURFACE ONLY OF APPROXIMATELY A 12.0-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF FARM TRACT 79, W.I.S.D. ELEMENTARY-NORTHEAST, LOT 1 BLOCK 1, LOCATED IN WESLACO, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
SUPERINTENDENT, DR. RICHARD RIVERA, RECOMMENDS THAT A & B BE SOLD. SUPERINTENDENT, DR. RICHARD RIVERA, RECOMMENDS THAT C BE PLACED ON HOLD UNTIL LATER. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Armando Cuellar, Jr., Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. **LONE STAR GOVERNANCE**
Dr. Richard Rivera, Superintendent of Schools

10.A. *Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary School Leadership & Instruction*
PRESENTATION DELIVERED BY BEATRIZ SOLANO, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION

10.A.1. DISCUSSION ON THE LONE STAR GOVERNANCE BOARD MONITORING CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2026

10.A.2. **APRIL 2026**

- GOAL 3: GPMs 3.1-3.3 MATH BENCHMARKS GRADES 4-6
- GOAL 4: GPMs 4.1-4.3 READING BENCHMARKS GRADES 4-6
- CONSTRAINT 3: CPMs 3.1-3.2 PANORAMA SURVEY

10.A.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LONE STAR GOVERNANCE BOARD MONITORING REPORT FOR APRIL 2026
APPROVAL OF LONE STAR GOVERNANCE MONITORING REPORT FOR APRIL 2026. This motion, made by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez and seconded by Jaclyn Sustaita, Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro

Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11. **CONSENT ITEMS**

11. I. 2. E. WAS PULLED OUT BY MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE, FOR DISCUSSION. ALL OTHER ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. This motion, made by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez and seconded by Jaclyn Sustaita, Carried. Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11.A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11.A.1. **BOARD WORKSHOP**

- MARCH 2, 2026
  - **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YaUGqTaieM**

11.A.2. **BOARD WORKSHOP**

- MARCH 9, 2026
  - **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0mWVwEUtRc**

11.A.3. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- MARCH 9, 2026
  - **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0mWVwEUtRc**

11.A.4. **BOARD WORKSHOP**

- MARCH 30, 2026
  - **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgwyofrejcM**

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 GOLF TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS GOLF TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE 2026 GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT IN HILLSBORO, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.2. **WHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE AREA ROUND PLAYOFF GAME VERSUS LAREDO UNITED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.3. **WHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE REGIONAL ROUND PLAYOFF GAME VERSUS JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.4. **WHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE AREA ROUND PLAYOFF GAME VERSUS BRYON P. STEELE HIGH SCHOOL IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.5. **WHS VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE AREA ROUND PLAYOFF GAME VERSUS BYRON P. STEELE HIGH SCHOOL IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.1.A.6. **WHS GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR THE WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY, AND FRESHMEN GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS TO VISIT SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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

11.B.1.B.1. **WEHS VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM TO ATTEND THE STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN AUSTIN, 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 UIL REGIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN CORPUS CHRISTI, 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 EARTH CLUB STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL EARTH CLUB STUDENTS TO VISIT VARIOUS NATIONAL PARKS AND HISTORICAL SITES IN WEST TEXAS

11.B.2.B. **WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL**
Dr. David Gamboa, Principal

11.B.2.B.1. **WEHS PALS PROGRAM STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL PALS PROGRAM STUDENTS TO VISIT THE TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.2.B.2. **WEHS UIL ACADEMIC STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL UIL ACADEMIC STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL) REGIONAL COMPETITION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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

11.B.2.C.1. **WHS JROTC PANTHER BATTALION TEAM**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PANTHER BATTALION TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN AN END OF THE YEAR FIELD TRIP TO SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS THEME PARK IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.2.C.2. **WHS HOSA STUDENT**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL HOSA STUDENT TO COMPETE AT THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA) STATE COMPETITION IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.2.C.3. **WHS & WEHS AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR & REFINISH STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR AND REFINISH STUDENTS TO TOUR THE TOYOTA MANUFACTURING PLANT AND VISIT SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.2.C.4. **WHS & WEHS BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE BPA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

11.B.2.C.5. **WEHS CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN END OF THE YEAR FIELD TRIP TO SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS THEME PARK IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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

11.B.2.D.1. **WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL**
Mr. Enrique Ornelas, Principal

11.B.2.D.1.1. **WHS MARIACHI PANTERA**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI PANTERA STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE END OF THE YEAR REWARD INCENTIVE TRIP TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

11.B.2.D.1.2. **WHS PANTHER CORPS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER CORPS STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST IN BUDA, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.1.3. **WHS ORCHESTRA STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.1.4. **WHS CHOIR STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.1.5. **WHS VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE VISUAL ARTS SCHOLASTIC EVENT STATE COMPETITION IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2. **WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL**
Dr. David Gamboa, Principal

11.B.2.D.2.1. **WEHS MARIACHI TECUANI STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI TECUANI STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE END OF THE YEAR TRIP TO ARLINGTON, TEXAS, AND DALLAS, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2.2. **WEHS REGIMENT STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL REGIMENT STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST IN BUDA, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2.3. **WEHS REGIMENT WINDS STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL REGIMENT WINDS STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE TEXAS EDUCATIONAL COLORGUARD ASSOCIATION WIND AND PERCUSSION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2.4. **WEHS CHOIR STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST IN BUDA, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2.5. **WEHS ORCHESTRA STUDENT**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA STUDENT TO COMPETE AT THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.2.6. **WEHS VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE VISUAL ARTS SCHOLASTIC EVENT STATE COMPETITION IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

11.B.2.D.3. **CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL & BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Mrs. Dorothy Serna & Melissa Mora-Rodriguez, Principals

11.B.2.D.3.1. **CMS & B. GARZA MS CHOIR STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE END OF THE YEAR REWARD INCENTIVE TRIP TO SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.2.E. **BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Mrs. Melissa Mora-Rodriguez, Principal

11.B.2.E.1. **TMSCA STATE MEET**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO COMPETE AT THE TEXAS MATH AND SCIENCE COACHES ASSOCIATION (TMSCA) STATE MEET IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.B.3. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

11.B.3.A. **8TH GRADE GEAR UP STUDENTS**

11.B.3.A.1. **DR. ARMANDO CUELLAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Ms. Graciela Palacios, Principal

11.B.3.A.1.1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR DR. ARMANDO CUELLAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GEAR UP STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLEGE TRIP TO KINGSVILLE AND CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.3.A.2. **BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Mrs. Melissa Mora-Rodriguez, Principal

11.B.3.A.2.1. APPROVAL FOR OUT–OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GEAR UP STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLEGE TRIP TO KINGSVILLE AND CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.3.A.3. **CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Mrs. Dorothy Serna, Principal

11.B.3.A.3.1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GEAR UP STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLEGE TRIP TO KINGSVILLE AND CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.3.A.4. **MARY HOGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Mrs. Lisa McCandless, Principal

11.B.3.A.4.1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR MARY HOGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GEAR UP STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLEGE TRIP TO KINGSVILLE AND CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

11.B.4. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendent

11.B.4.A. **PFC MARIO YBARRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Mrs. Sonia Closner, Principal

11.B.4.A.1. **5TH GRADE STUDENTS**
APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-VALLEY TRIP FOR PFC MARIO YBARRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5TH GRADE STUDENTS TO VISIT SIX FLAGS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

11.C. **DONATIONS**

11.C.1. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendent

11.C.1.A. **RODOLFO "RUDY" SILVA, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Mrs. Claudia Martinez, Principal

11.C.1.A.1. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $400.00 FROM VARIOUS SPONSOR FOR RODOLFO "RUDY" SILVA, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11.C.1.A.2. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $150.00 FROM RICHARD TORRES CALVARY EMS FOR RODOLFO "RUDY" SILVA, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11.C.1.A.3. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION VALUED IN THE AMOUNT OF $50.00 FROM CITY OF WESLACO COMMISSIONER ADRIAN FARIAS FOR RODOLFO "RUDY" SILVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11.D. **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Daniel Budimir & Mrs. Beatriz Solano, Assistant Superintendents

11.D.1. **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**

11.D.1.A. *Mr. John Garlic, Elementary Academic Officer*

11.D.1.A.1. APPROVAL OF THE TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT (TIA) EXPANSION MODIFICATION PLAN FOR WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2026—2027 SCHOOL YEAR

11.D.1.A.2. APPROVAL OF REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER CONTRACT AS WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPROVED PROVIDER FOR LEADERSHIP AND INSTRUCTIONAL FOUNDATIONS FOR TEXAS [LIFT] (LASO CYCLE 4)

11.D.1.B. *Mrs. Yvett Morales, Secondary Academic Officer*

11.D.1.B.1. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY TO ALLOW WESLACO ISD STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 RAILWAY SAFETY SUMMER ENGINEERING/ROBOTICS CAMPS

11.D.2. **LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Renee Dyer, Lead Librarian

11.D.2.A. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SLAC) FOR WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES

11.D.3. **JOE CALVILLO, JR. CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COMPLEX**
Mrs. Eliza Gomez, Director

11.D.3.A. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIKING ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (RGV LEAD) FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

11.E. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

11.E.1. APPROVAL OF AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THE UNIVERSITY'S MASTERS IN COUNSELING STUDENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE USING DISTRICT PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES FOR THE 2025-2026 THROUGH 2030-2031 SCHOOL YEARS

11.F. **SAFETY & SECURITY DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Daniel Reyna, Executive Director

11.F.1. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD (HCJB) AND THE WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SERVE THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

11.G. **OPERATIONS & WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT**
Mr. Orlando Peña, Director

11.G.1. APPROVAL OF OBSOLETE/DAMAGED PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND BE SOLD OR DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY

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

11.H.1. APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL OLD GYMNASIUM DEMOLITION PROJECT (CSP# 25-06-62)

11.H.2. APPROVAL OF AN ALLOWANCE EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION (AEA) #2 FOR THE BOND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADES PROJECTS AT PFC MARIO YBARRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL (CSP# 25-10-19)

11.H.3. APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RANKING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE BOND HVAC UPGRADES PROJECTS AT WESLACO EAST HIGH SCHOOL, CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND MARY HOGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (CSP# 26-03-29) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT

11.H.4. APPROVAL OF FINAL COMPLETION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HVAC SYSTEM FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER POOL AREA PROJECT (CSP# 23-09-16) AS FOLLOWS:

1. FINAL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

11.H.5. APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RANKING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE BOND ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT(S) AT CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL (CSP# 26-04-37) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT

11.H.6. APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RANKING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE BOND ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT BEATRIZ G. GARZA MIDDLE SCHOOL (CSP# 26-04-38) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT

11.H.7. APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RANKING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE BOND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND JOE CALVILLO, JR., CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COMPLEX (CSP# 26-04-39) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT

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

11.I.1. **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

11.I.1.A. APPROVAL OF LEGAL FEES FOR THE LAW OFFICE OF ELOY SEPULVEDA FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

11.I.1.B. APPROVAL OF LEGAL FEES FOR THE LAW FIRM WALSH GALLEGOS, KYLE ROBINSON & DE LOS SANTOS P.C. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

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

11.I.2.A. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF MARCH 31, 2026

11.I.2.B. APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026, AND MARCH 31, 2026

11.I.2.C. APPROVAL OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY TAX ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

11.I.2.D. APPROVAL OF HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026: CURRENT AND DELINQUENT TAXES

11.I.2.E. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS
THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED. This motion, made by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez and seconded by Benjamin Castillo, Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

11.I.3.A. APPROVAL OF OVERTIME REPORTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

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

11.I.4.A. APPROVAL OF AWARD EXTENSION FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX ATTORNEY SERVICES (RFQ# 24-02-23)

11.I.4.B. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AND AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, INC. (TASB) BENEFITS COOPERATIVE

11.I.5. **FEDERAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT**
Mrs. Katie Reyes, Director

11.I.5.A. APPROVAL TO RATIFY THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ACTIVE ATTACK RESPONSE PROJECT TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

13. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

13.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE AN INSURANCE AND BENEFITS CONSULTANT FOR THE DISTRICT'S SELF-FUNDED HEALTHCARE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN
OR
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA) AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER (PBM) FOR THE DISTRICT'S SELF-FUNDED HEALTHCARE PLAN AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN
MOTION CARRIED FOR (OR)...D&PA FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR A THIRD-PARTY

ADMINISTRATOR (TPA) AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER (PBM) FOR THE DISTRICT'S SELF-FUNDED HEALTHCARE PLAN AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN
DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY (MADE MOTION)
ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT (SECONDED THE MOTION)
ALL IN FAVOR: ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT | ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT | DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY | MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE
ALL AGAINST: BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE | EDUARDO SERNA, TRUSTEE | JACLYN SUSTAITA, TRUSTEE

13.B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENGAGE JONES, GALLIGAN, KEY & LOZANO, LLP AS SECONDARY COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY TRUSTEES MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS AND BENJAMIN CASTILLO

BENJAMIN CASTILLO, TRUSTEE, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SECONDARY COUNSEL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION. SPECIAL EDUCATION WILL BE REPRESENTED BY WALSH GALLEGOS KYLE ROBINSON & DE LOS SANTOS P.C. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Marcos De Los Santos, Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

AT 7:55 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.A.3. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, PRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

14.A.4. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RENEWAL OF PROBATIONARY, TERM, AND CONTINUING CONTRACTS FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

14.A.5. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED TEACHER PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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 8:32 PM 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, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. This motion, made by Marcos De Los Santos and seconded by Armando Cuellar, Jr., Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Marcos De Los Santos, Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15.A.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, PRINCIPALS, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS, TRUSTEE, MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING IN MAY AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
MOTION SECONDED BY JACLYN SUSTAITA, 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 | JACLYN SUSTAITA, TRUSTEE

15.A.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR RENEWAL OF PROBATIONARY, TERM, AND CONTINUING CONTRACTS FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Marcos De Los Santos, Carried.
Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Marcos De Los Santos: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Eduardo Serna: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15.A.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED TEACHER PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
NO MOTION

16. ADJOURNMENT
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, AT 8:34 PM

Weslaco ISD - Board of Trustees
Executive Administrative Assistant

May 18, 2026
Date