WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, June 22, 2026 5:30 PM Central

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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 2.



17:27 MINUTES ON VIDEO

- **ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, BEGAN BY STATING THAT TRUSTEE MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS WANTED TO MAKE A MOTION**
- **MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION BEFORE THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PARENTS AND THE FAMILIES THAT WERE THERE AND THEIR TIME TO MODIFY THE AGENDA FOR THIS TO TAKE PLACE FIRST**
- **ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR. STATED THAT A QUORUM WAS NOT NEEDED TO PRESENT THE AWARDS**
- **CARLOS ROBLEDO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS, PRESENTED THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:50 PM
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, BOARD SECRETARY, JOINED AT 6:07 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- **ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:50 PM**

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 5:50 PM**

3. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PAYROLL, BOND MANAGEMENT & FINANCE, DELIVERED THE PRESENTATION**
- **TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA ASKED DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ TO GO BACK TO THE SCREEN, SLIDE #5 (REGARDING COMPENSATION PLAN**
- **DANIEL BUDIMIR, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION, COMMENTED REGARDING THE COMPENSATION PLAN**
- **TRUSTEE MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS ASKED ABOUT POSITIONS ON THE COMPENSATION PLAN**
- **TRUSTEE MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS ASKED IF POSITIONS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE FILLED WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPENSATION PLAN TO GUARANTEE THE TOTAL PRESENTED ON SALARIES IS AN ACTUAL REAL REDUCTION**

- TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA SUGGESTED THEY DISCUSS THE COMPENSATION PLAN AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING SINCE IT WAS AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA
- DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ CONTINUED WITH HER PRESENTATION
- TRUSTEE MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS REQUESTED THAT NEXT TIME THE FUNCTIONS HAVE TITLES ON THE PRESENTATIONS
- DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ CONTINUED WITH HER PRESENTATION
- TRUSTEE MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS COMMENTED THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH DISTRICTS ACCEPTING A BUDGET THAT IS IN A DEFICIT, BUT THE MAIN POINT IS TO DECLARE THAT YOU ARE IN ONE
- VICE PRESIDENT ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR. COMMENTED THAT ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRESENTATION COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME (REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING)
- TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA COMMENTED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO ASK QUESTIONS THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAD ASKED HER AS TAX PAYING CITIZENS OF WESLACO
    - QUESTION #1. IF CONCERNS ABOUT THE BUDGET AND ADA CALCULATIONS WERE RAISED BEFORE WE APPROVED THEM LAST YEAR, WHY DIDN'T THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP INDEPENDENTLY VERIFY THE INFORMATION INSTEAD OF RELYING SOLELY ON THE CFO?
        - TRUSTEES MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS AND JACLYN SUSTAITA INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT AT THAT TIME DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ WAS NOT THE CFO
        - DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT ABEL AGUILAR RESPONDED, "ANYTIME A QUESTION WAS RAISED WITH ANY CONCERNS, WE WERE FULLY TRANSPARENT WITH THE WHOLE TEAM, ESPECIALLY DURING OUR CABINET MEETINGS. AS THE CFO BEING PRESENT THERE, HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE QUESTIONS OR ANY CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT FORTH; IMMEDIATELY, YOU KNOW, WE ACTED ON THEM IMMEDIATELY. THE CFO DID BRING FORTH DOCUMENTATION. HE BROUGHT FORTH A BREAKDOWN OF INFORMATION WHERE WE WERE AT TO JUSTIFY WHERE THOSE QUESTIONS WERE AT. SO THAT IS WHAT WAS PRESENTED TO US AS A TEAM, WHERE EVERYTHING PRETTY MUCH ADDED UP BECAUSE WE WERE THERE.
    - QUESTION #2. THEY ASKED IF THIS IS A CFO ISSUE OR DOES IT REFLECT A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
        - TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA COMMENTED THAT THERE HAS TO BE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND THAT THEY HAD TO VERIFY IF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH TRUST. "DO I TRUST WHAT THE PERSON IS TELLING ME? EVEN IF I DO TRUST THEM, WE SHOULD HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE WHERE WE CAN CHECK AND VERIFY, RIGHT? AND WE DO HAVE AN INTERNAL AUDITOR, BUT AT THE TIME LAST YEAR, YOU KNOW, WE DIDN'T ASK THE INTERNAL AUDITOR, OR IT HAD I FELT LIKE PULLING TEETH FOR ME, AND I'M SURE FOR SOME PEOPLE ON THE BOARD ASKING, CAN YOU PLEASE CHECK ON THIS? CAN YOU PLEASE LOOK INTO IT? AND FOR MONTHS, IT FELT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE A TEAM. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A TEAM WITH YOU GUYS. AND IT FELT LIKE THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN OF HOW SYSTEMS WERE SUPPOSED TO WORK TO CHECK. SO, I GUESS WHENEVER I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION MYSELF. THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN OF THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES THERE THAT WE NEED TO REALLY ADDRESS.
    - QUESTION #3. "HOW WAS FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABLE TO INFLUENCE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SPENDING DECISIONS AND WHAT SAFEGUARDS ARE NOW IN PLACE TO PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN? WHAT ARE THE SAFEGUARDS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE? HAVE WE THOUGHT OF A PLAN? HOW IS THIS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN? HOW IS IT NOT GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT YEAR? WHAT ARE THE SAFEGUARDS?"
        - DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ ANSWERED: "CURRENTLY, WE HAVE A LOT MORE HANDS AND EYES ON ALL THE DOCUMENTATION, ON THE TEMPLATE, ON THE NUMBERS. SO, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A TEAM EFFORT, BUT I WANT TO SAY IT'S A BIGGER TEAM EFFORT NOW. AND THERE'S QUITE A FEW OF US THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS AND IT DOES NOT JUST COME FROM ONE PERSON. IT IS CONSTANTLY BEING REVIEWED BY MULTIPLE PEOPLE. OF

COURSE WE GO OFF THE TEMPLATES. WE GO OFF OUR BEST EDUCATED GUESSES, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY, YOU KNOW, ON DIFFERENT ITEMS, BUT THE MAJORITY OF IT IS BASED ON THE TRENDS. IT'S BASED ON ANALYSIS. WE'RE NOT GOING WITH GUT FEELINGS. WE'RE NOT GOING WITH HOPES. WE'RE GOING WITH ACTUAL NUMBERS AND WHERE THE TEMPLATES TELL US WE'RE GOING."

- QUESTION #4. "HOW CAN FAMILIES TRUST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WHEN QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXISTED BEFORE DECISIONS AFFECTING STUDENTS WERE APPROVED? HOW DO I KNOW THAT MY CHILD COMING TO WESLACO ISD IS GETTING THE BEST DECISIONS? "
  - COMMENT BY TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA, "FOR US AS A BOARD ALSO. YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO REALLY DO OUR DILIGENCE AND OUR HOMEWORK AND READ AND LOOK, BUT WE'RE NOT ACCOUNTANTS. WE'RE NOT EXPERTS IN THIS. WE'RE JUST COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH FULL-TIME JOBS, ALL OF US. AND WHO HAVE TO READ THROUGH HUNDREDS OF PAGES TO UNDERSTAND. AND I'M SURE IT'S A LOT FOR YOU GUYS, TOO, OF COURSE. BUT WHAT CAN WE TELL THE PARENTS WHO ARE LISTENING WHO WANT TO KNOW THAT WE CAN TRUST THE LEADERSHIP AND THAT THE BOARD IS, YOU KNOW, DOING EVERYTHING CORRECTLY AND NOT MAKING THESE MISTAKES AGAIN FOR THIS COMING YEAR."
  - DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ ANSWERED: "I THINK IN A SIMILAR RESPONSE TO MY PREVIOUS RESPONSE, THAT'S MORE EYES AND EARS I GUESS YOU COULD SAY ON ALL THE DATA AND WE ARE ALL WORKING COLLABORATIVELY ON THIS ENTIRE PROCESS. IT'S NOT JUST, YOU KNOW, ONE OR TWO PEOPLE. WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BUDGET TEAM, ADMINISTRATORS, PRINCIPALS, EVERYONE IS INVOLVED IN A LOT OF THESE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE.
  - DANIEL BUDIMIR ANSWERED: "AND I THINK MORE THAN THAT TOO, COMMUNICATION. WE'RE OPEN TO MEET WITH PEOPLE. PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS, COME IN. WE, OUR DOORS ARE OPEN FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND AGAIN, WE UNDERSTAND WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOO. BUT I THINK AS MRS. RODRIGUEZ SAID, I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING, TRUST, BUT VERIFY. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE DISCUSS AN AWFUL LOT AMONGST OURSELVES AND WE'RE WORKING THROUGH EACH OF THESE SITUATIONS AND SCENARIOS."
  - QUESTION #5 (LAST QUESTION). TRUSTEE JACLY SUSTAITA COMMENTED: "MY LAST QUESTION AS A FORMER EDUCATOR, I'M LOOKING AT THE BUDGET REDUCTIONS ON SLIDE NUMBER FIVE WHERE IT HAS THE SALARIES, THE DEPARTMENTS, THE STUDENT ALLOTMENTS. NOW WE KEEP SAYING THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO AFFECT STUDENTS, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO AFFECT STUDENTS, BUT A LOT OF THESE AREAS- HOW IS IT NOT GOING TO AFFECT STUDENTS IF WE'RE TAKING MONEY AWAY FROM CTE AND FINE ARTS AND ADVANCED ACADEMICS AND ALL THESE, YOU KNOW, ATHLETICS? HOW IS THIS NOT GOING TO AFFECT STUDENTS? "
  - DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ ANSWERED: "WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH A LOT OF THOSE ALLOTMENTS IS WE'RE GOING OFF THE TEMPLATE, AND WE'RE TRYING TO STICK TO IT. OF COURSE, WE DON'T HOLD BACK. IF WE NEED TO EXCEED THAT ALLOTMENT, WE DEFINITELY WILL. THE ALLOTMENT IS BASED ON THE 55/45 PERCENTAGE RULE, WHERE 55 GOES TO THAT ALLOTMENT, 45 GOES TO THE DISTRICT REVENUE. IF WE EXCEED THE 55% BY ALL MEANS, IT'S THERE. SO, BUT WE ARE WORKING WITH THESE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND GETTING THOSE ALLOTMENTS MORE IN LINE WITH THEIR EXPENSES."
  - TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA COMMENTED: "OKAY, SO, THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR, IF I HEAR IF WE HEAR AS BOARD MEMBERS FROM PEOPLE THEY TOOK THIS AWAY FROM MY KIDS, THEY TOOK THIS AWAY. KIND OF LIKE WHAT WE WERE HEARING AT THE END OF THE YEAR LAST YEAR WITH THE BUDGET CONCERNS. IF THAT HAPPENS, WHERE THEY'RE SAYING THIS, THEY TOOK IT AWAY, WE DON'T HAVE THIS ANYMORE. WE DON'T HAVE SUPPLIES. WE DON'T HAVE WHATEVER."
  - DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ ANSWERED: "THERE CAN BE, IT WOULD JUST BE A REDUCTION OF THE REVENUE IN REVISIONS TO ALL THAT."

- **TRUSTEE MARCOS DE LOS SANTOS COMMENTED "I GUESS THIS IS THE TIME I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY A FEW THINGS WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT INTERNAL BREAKDOWNS, RIGHT? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU HAD. YOU HAD YOU KNOW, THE WEAVER REPORT, LIKE I SAID, IDENTIFIES THE FACT THAT DATA COMING TO THE BOARD WAS INACCURATE, RIGHT? BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT ALSO IDENTIFIES THAT THE WHISTLEBLOWER AND HIS DEPARTMENT THAT REACHED OUT WAS RIGHT. THAT THEY WERE 100% FACTUAL AS FAR AS THE KIND OF WHAT WAS THE CONCERNS THAT WERE HAPPENING. THAT THEY WERE MAKING OUTCRIES, CONTINUOUS OUTCRIES FOR MULTIPLE YEARS, STATING THAT THE DATA GOING TO THE BOARD WAS INACCURATE. USING THE ALIO SYSTEM WHICH IS OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM USING ACTUAL HARDWARE, USING ACTUAL REPORTS FROM OUR SYSTEM SHOWING YOU HAVE $20 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICITS AND YET AT THE END OF THE DAY I UNDERSTAND THE CFO CAME AND SAID WELL TRUST ME WHATEVER THE STATEMENTS ARE RIGHT THE DISCUSSIONS AND THE STATEMENTS WELL THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD US, SO WE FOLLOWED THAT BUT THAT INTERNAL BREAKDOWN THERE WHERE YOU HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ACTUAL DOCUMENTATION FROM THE ALIO SYSTEM VERSUS SOMEONE THAT HAS THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION OR PROJECTED BUDGET. RIGHT? THOSE ARE KEY WORDS THAT PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC GET CONFUSED BY. PROJECTIONS, UNAUDITED. WHAT THAT MEANS IS NOT 100% FACTUAL, RIGHT? I'VE LEARNED THAT THE HARD WAY. AND SO THAT'S KIND OF WHERE WE WANT TO SAY, WELL, WE UNDERSTAND YOU CAN'T BE PERFECT, BUT YOU NEED TO TRY. AND ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO PAYROLL. SEE, MY THING IS IF YOU LOOK AT THE WEAVER REPORT, IT SAYS THAT $30.9 MILLION LAST YEAR WAS MOVED, RIGHT? HOW DOES AN INTERNAL STRUCTURE OR WE SAY WELL, ONLY ONE PERSON MOVED $30.9 MILLION. HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN, WHERE THERE IS A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN AND MONEY IS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNTS TO ACCOUNTS, RIGHT, AND WE'RE MOVING MONEY, CONSOLIDATING FROM THESE ACCOUNTS AND WE'RE SWITCHING THEM OVER, RIGHT AND IN THE WEAVER REPORT IT DOES SAY THEY WERE BEING DISCLOSED AS CONSTRUCTION FUNDS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, BUT THERE'S DOCUMENTATION, SIGNATURES AND PROCESSES THAT TAKE PLACE. I JUST DON'T WANT EVER TO HAPPEN WHAT HAPPENED TO ME HERE TO EVER HAPPEN TO ANYBODY DOWN THE LINE, YOU KNOW, THAT'S SITTING IN THIS SEAT, RIGHT? BECAUSE THIS ISN'T MINE. IT'S GOING TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE'S ONE DAY. AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO EVER FALL INTO THIS SITUATION BECAUSE IT'S TOUGH, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR TAXES, ALL THOSE KIDS. AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING, RIGHT? WE CAN SIT HERE AND SAY THAT EVERYTHING IS FINE AND WE'RE GOING TO KNOCK IT OUT OF THE BALLPARK, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE $160 MILLION IN PAYROLL AND $169 MILLION IN REVENUE, THAT'S GOING TO BE A REAL TOUGH CHALLENGE AND HURDLE TO JUMP, RIGHT? SO THAT'S ALL I WANTED WAS THE HONESTY AND TRANSPARENCY SINCE JULY 2025. WHAT HAPPENED, AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE TO FIX IT AS AT LEAST INTERNALLY AND MAKING SURE IT NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU, SUSTAITA, AS THOSE QUESTIONS BROUGHT UP A GOOD POINT. YOU DID HAVE A WHISTLEBLOWER COMING TO EXECUTIVE LEVEL ADMINISTRATION, RIGHT? SHE'S BEING HONEST. THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS SHE'S GETTING FROM THE COMMUNITY. HOW DO WE TRUST AGAIN? AND THAT'S ALL ABOUT YOU FIXING INTERNAL STRUCTURES AND WHAT NOT. AND SO THE OTHER THING IS THE CHECKS AND BALANCES. SO, I ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THAT. THE INACCURATE FINANCIAL DATA, BUT I THINK I ALREADY HONED UP ON THAT ONE WITH THAT. AND THE BUDGET REDUCTIONS, THAT'S A REALLY BIG ONE FOR ME, RIGHT? AND FOR THE BUDGET REDUCTIONS, LIKE I SAID, OUR STAFF IS REACHING OUT BECAUSE THEY CAN. THEY MAY BE EMPLOYEES AND HAVE EMPLOYEE ID NUMBERS, BUT REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITION AND THEIR SALARIES OR THEIR HOURLY WAGE, THEY'RE ALL TAXPAYERS, RIGHT? THEY HAVE AN OWNERSHIP IN THIS SCHOOL SYSTEM, WHETHER THAT'S THEIR AND EVEN THEIR KIDS AND THEIR GRANDKIDS WALK THROUGH THESE DOORS. SO WHEN THEY'RE REACHING OUT SAYING, I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT ON THESE CUTS, OR I'M GOING TO REALLY, REALLY I DOUBT IT'S GOING TO REALLY GOING TO FOLLOW THROUGH. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LISTEN TO AS TRUSTEES, RIGHT? BECAUSE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO 2,000 OVER 2,500 EMPLOYEES IN A SENSE WHEN THEY HAVE OUTCRIES, NOT JUST A SELECT FEW. AND SO THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN QUESTIONING THESE CUTS TO DEPARTMENTS, RIGHT? I JUST DON'T, AND EVEN THE SALARIES, LIKE SHE SAID, HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'RE STILL IN THE COMPENSATION PLAN THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET FILLED? IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET FILLED, REMOVE THEM. ALSO, WITH RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS, AND I'M GOING TO GET MY OPINION ON THAT, THAT 20% BUYOUT. I WASN'T, AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY STATE BECAUSE I HAD A LOT OF PHONE CALLS. I DID NOT KNOW THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. I WAS NOT INFORMED THAT THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, THAT THAT INITIATIVE WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE. OKAY? AND I'LL GIVE MY OPINION LATER WHEN IT COMES UP ON THAT. BUT**

HOW DO WE, LIKE WHAT GUARANTEE LIKE, I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT INITIATIVE SO, I APPROVE, AND I'M JUST GOING TO HIT IT RIGHT NOW. I APPROVE A RESIGNATION BY SOMEBODY; THEY GET PAID 20% ON THEIR SALARY. THEY MAKE $100,000.00; THEY GET A 20% BUYOUT. AND HOW DO I KNOW THAT THEY DON'T GET PICKED UP AGAIN IN OCTOBER? LIKE, WELL, THE POSITION WAS STILL UNFILLED, AND I DIDN'T GET ANOTHER JOB, SO I REAPPLIED, AND I GOT HIRED. LIKE, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE PLACE? WHAT KIND OF SAFEGUARDS WERE PUT INTO PLACE? LIKE YOU RESIGN, YOU TAKE A 20%, BUT THEN YOU CAN'T REAPPLY BECAUSE SOME OF THE POSITIONS ARE CRUCIAL, YOU KNOW. SO FOOD FOR THOUGHT, RIGHT? THOSE ARE ALL THINGS THAT I SEE THAT ARE KIND OF CONCERNING AS A TRUSTEE THAT'S RESPONSIBLE TO BE A STEWARD OF THE TAXPAYER DOLLAR, RIGHT? SO, THANK YOU."

- ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, STATED THAT THIS WILL BE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED JUST IN GENERAL ON PROJECTIONS.
- ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, ASKED: "HOW ARE WE DOING WITH THE ENROLLMENT THUS FAR? ARE WE STARTING TO LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING TO HIT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT OR DOES IT NOT REALLY MAX TILL AFTER SCHOOL STARTS?"
- DANIEL BUDIMIR RESPONDED: "THAT'S CORRECT."
- BEATRIZ SOLANO, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION RESPONDED: "RIGHT NOW, I BELIEVE WE ARE AT 87% FOR REGISTRATION, RIGHT? WE ARE STILL I KNOW I SENT THE PRINCIPALS A MESSAGE OR A FORWARD BY EMAIL. WE ARE STILL ABOUT 16 ALMOST 1,700 STUDENTS SHORT FROM REGISTERING. MOSTLY THOSE STUDENTS ARE AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, RIGHT? THEY USUALLY WAIT UNTIL THAT FIRST OR SECOND WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS AND THEN WE ARE STILL MISSING SOME OF OUR NEW STUDENTS AS WELL. WE ARE ABOUT 800 STUDENTS SHORT IN NEW. HOWEVER, MOST OF WHAT WE'VE SEEN REGISTERED THE NEW STUDENTS USUALLY REGISTER LIKE OUR PRE-K BABIES RIGHT BEFORE THE SCHOOL BEGINS, RIGHT? I THINK A LOT OF THE TIMES I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A PRE-K, YOU KNOW, MAMAS SOMETIMES FEEL THEY'RE STILL BABIES OR NOT POTTY TRAINED OR SO ON, RIGHT SO THEY HAVE ALL SUMMER TO THINK AND THEN THEY REGISTER ON THAT WEEK OF EARLY REGISTRATION THE ONE WE HAVE AT TOWARDS THE END OF JULY THAT'S WHEN WE SEE OUR NEW NUMBERS GO UP.
- ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, COMMENTED: "THANK YOU FOR THAT INFORMATION AND I JUST BROUGHT IT UP BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THESE PROJECTIONS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IT'S BASED ON STUFF THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED THROUGH THE YEARS AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO START SCHOOL YEAR ON SOMETHING AND I THINK IT'S A CALCULATED THING AND WE'LL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED THAT WE WILL HIT THAT AND EVEN DO BETTER ONCE SCHOOL GETS GOING. WE'LL KEEP THE FAITH AND KEEP THE TRUST. AND AS ALWAYS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET WHAT WE NEED TO GET AND MEET THOSE GOALS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

5. ADJOURNMENT

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED BY ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR., BOARD VICE PRESIDENT, AT 6:22 PM.

Anette A. Contreras

WESLACO ISD - Board of Trustees
Executive Administrative Assistant

August 17, 2026
Date