WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026 5:45 PM Central

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

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

Present: 5, Absent: 2.
A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED



1. CALL TO ORDER

- **THIS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, AT 5:56 PM**

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 5:56 PM**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS UNDER TEX. TAX CODE §26.042 AND ADOPTING THE DISTRICT'S 2026 TAX RATE

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. This motion, made by Benjamin Castillo and seconded by Armando Cuellar, Jr., Carried.
Marcos De Los Santos: Absent, Eduardo Serna: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S AD VALOREM TAX RATE, INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (M&O) TAX RATE AND INTEREST AND SINKING (I&S) TAX RATE, AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OR ORDER LEVYING THE TAX

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. This motion, made by Armando Cuellar, Jr. and seconded by Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Carried.
Marcos De Los Santos: Absent, Eduardo Serna: Absent, Benjamin Castillo: Yea, Armando Cuellar, Jr.: Yea, Isidoro Nieto: Yea, Dr. Jaime Rodriguez: Yea, Jaclyn Sustaita: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- **VICE PRESIDENT, ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND READ THE STATEMENT FOR THE MOTION**
- **TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, CLARIFIED AND STATED THAT THE TAX RATE WILL REMAIN THE SAME**
- **ATTORNEY, IVAN PEREZ, STATED THAT THE TAX RATE WILL STAY THE SAME BUT MORE REVENUE WILL BE GENERATED**
- **TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, STATED THAT HE VOTED IN FAVOR BUT WITH JUST THE CAVEAT THAT NEXT YEAR WE LOOK AT PROVIDING MORE TAX RELIEF TO THE TAXPAYER**

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO TEACHERS FOR SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CLASSROOMS AS REQUESTED BY TRUSTEE JACLYN SUSTAITA

DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. This motion, made by Jaclyn Sustaita and seconded by Armando Cuellar, Jr., Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- **TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO THE AMOUNT**
- **DR. RICHARD RIVERA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ABEL AGUILAR, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, AND DANIEL BUDIMIR, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & INSTRUCTION, CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD BE $100.00 PER TEACHER**

7. ADJOURNMENT

- **THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, AT 6:03 PM**

WESLACO ISD - Board of Trustees
Executive Administrative Assistant

September 21, 2026
Date