WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, August 24, 2026 5:30 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

- **THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ISIDORO NIETO, BOARD PRESIDENT, AT 5:38 PM**

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AT 5:38 PM**

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 TAX RATE

- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PAYROLL, BOND MANAGEMENT & FINANCE, DELIVERED THE PRESENTATION**
- **TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, ASKED WHAT THE MAX THEY COULD DO ON THE DISASTER PENNIES**
- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, RESPONDED TO TRUSTEE BENJAMIN CASTILLO'S QUESTION ON THE DISASTER PENNIES**
- **TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO, ASKED IF THE TOTAL IMPACT ON THE TAXPAYER IS STILL A DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR**
- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, CONFIRMED THAT IT IS STILL A DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR**
- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, STATED THAT THE MAXIMUM THAT WE COULD HAVE GONE IS AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PENNIES AND THAT WOULD HAVE INCREASED THE TAX RATE THREE**
- **BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, COMMENTED THAT AS TRUSTEE, BENJAMIN CASTILLO MENTIONED, WE'RE GOING TO GO WITH THE TWO BECAUSE THAT WAY THERE IS NO TAX INCREASE**
- **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. RICHARD RIVERA, COMMENTED THAT WE COULD HAVE GONE HIGHER, 5 MILLION, AND IF THE BOARD APPROVED THIS, WE WOULD GET 2.2 MILLION. DR. RIVERA STATED THAT WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN MORE MONEY, ABOUT 3 MILLION MORE BUT YOU HAVE TO INCREASE TAXES AND THEY DON'T WANT TO DO THAT**
- **BOARD SECRETARY, DR. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, ASKED IF THE 2.2 MILLION RELIEF WAS DEPENDENT ON ADA FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR**
- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, CONFIRMED THAT IT'S DEPENDENT ON OUR WADA (WEIGHTED AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE) CALCULATION**
- **BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, ASKED IF THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ADA HAD BEEN DETERMINED YET**

- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, RESPONDED THAT IT'S A COMPLEX CALCULATION IN THE SUMMARY OF FINANCE BECAUSE IT'S BASED ON WADA**
- **BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, ASKED IF THEY WOULD KNOW AHEAD OF TIME WHAT THE PERCENTAGE WOULD BE SO THAT PRINCIPALS AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WOULD KNOW AND KEEP THE ADA ABOVE 95% OR 96%**
- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, STATED THAT YES THEY HAVE DISCUSSED A GOAL. THEY WILL HAVE MORE ACCURATE NUMBERS WITH TEA UPDATING EVERY SIX WEEKS AND PAYING EVERY SIX WEEKS**
- **TRUSTEE, JACLYN SUSTAITA, ASKED ABOUT TAXES BASED ON PROPERTY VALUE**
- **DEBORAH RODRIGUEZ, EXPLAINED**
- **BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, STATED THAT WITH THE ECONOMY THIS HIGH IT'S BETTER NOT TO INCREASE TAXES AT THIS TIME**
- **VICE PRESIDENT, ARMANDO CUELLAR, JR. COMMENTED ON BOARD PRESIDENT ISIDORO NIETO'S STATEMENT**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 TAX RATE

- **THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5. ADJOURNMENT

- **THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED BY BOARD PRESIDENT, ISIDORO NIETO, AT 5:55 PM**



WESLACO ISD - Board of Trustees
Executive Administrative Assistant

September 21, 2026
Date