

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
801 NORTH FIRST STREET
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 16, 2025

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Ann Garza, President
Erik Gallegos, Vice-President
Cezar Martinez, Secretary
Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary
Larry Cantu, Trustee
Mario Mesa, Trustee
Yvette Villalobos, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: All present.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent
Diana L. Silvas, Assistant Superintendent
Adriana Tagle, Assistant Superintendent
Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS: Jacqueline Padilla Sandra Blanton Jaime Velasco
Belinda Alaniz Anissa Chavera Rachel Medrano
Maribel Trevino Gilbert Tobias

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., President Lori Ann Garza called this meeting of the Robstown Independent School District Board of Trustees to order.

ROLL CALL: Lori Ann Garza – Present, Erik Gallegos – Present, Cezar Martinez – Present, Bobby Marroquin – Present, Larry Cantu – Present, Mario Mesa – Present and Yvette Villalobos – Present

Present – 7

Absent – 0

Let the record show that a quorum of Board Members is present, that this The meeting has been called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

Dr. Marc Puig led the audience and the Board in prayer.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/TEXAS FLAG PLEDGE**

President Lori Ann Garza led the board members and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

4.0 **VISION – OUR VISION IS TO IGNITE BRILLIANCE AND IMPACT LIVES BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME**

Trustee Mario Mesa read the following vision statement: “Our vision is to ignite brilliance and impact lives by providing transformative learning opportunities that empower students for generations to come.”

MISSION – TO EMPOWER, INSPIRE, AND INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, IGNITING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. TOGETHER, WE POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Trustee Cezar Martinez read the following mission statement: “To empower, inspire, and invest in our students and staff, igniting the best version of themselves. Together, we positively impact our community and the world.”

5.0 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

6.0 **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

6A **BAND TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST**

Miguel Cabrera recognized the following students for representing the RISD Band Department at the UIL Texas State and Solo and Ensemble Contest, and brought home top honors: Isaac Garcia, Silver Medal on his Trombone solo; Deamion Rodriguez, Silver Medal for his Tuba solo; Keoni Colunga, Silver Medal for his Keyboard percussion solo; Sony Tobias, Soraya Tobias, Jalynn Esquivel, and Alberto O’Canas earned a Bronze Medal on their French Horn Quartet; Jalynn Esquivel received a Gold Medal for her French Horn solo, and Sonya Tobias earned a Gold Medal and was also awarded the prestigious Outstanding Performer Award Medal, placing her among the top 2-3% of musicians in the state.

6B **HEART OF GOLD AWARD**

Katrina Alejandro reported that this was the first time that the school district would be recognizing someone for the Heart of Gold award. The award went to Roel Garcia, third-grade student at Robert Driscoll Jr. STEM Academy. Roel helped helped a classmate who was choking, and administered blows to his back that successfully dislodged the food and allowed his classmate to breathe again. His quick thinking prevented a potential emergency.

7.0 **MADAM PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

7A **2025 SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – JUNE 11-14, 2025**

President Lori Ann Garza announced that they had presented at the 2025 Summer

Leadership Institute in San Antonio, Texas, on June 11, 2025. Trustee Cezar Martinez announced that they had been asked to present a session at the next conference.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

8A SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Marc Puig reported that this Thursday, they will be having a facilities meeting at 1:00 p.m. A progress report will be presented at the meeting. A budget workshop will be held on June 19, 2025, on the impact that the legislation will have on the school district's budget. Also, summer school will be ending this Thursday. The school district will have a complete shutdown starting on June 24, 2025, until July 7, 2025. A large library reveal is forthcoming at Lotspeich Leadership Academy.

Motion #7642 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to move item 11A up and the rest of the items to follow accordingly.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
6:20 p.m.

11A DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE TAX NOTE, SERIES 2025, SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM MAINTENANCE TAX; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO

Robert Tijerina reported that the project amount was for \$3,500,000, plus \$65,000 for the cost of issuance plus rounding amount for a total of \$3,565,000. The note will be for fifteen years, and they received the following three bids: 1) Hunginton Bank, 2) Capital One, and 3) Amegy Bank. Last school year, they only received two bids, and they went with Amegy Bank. Mr. Tijerina recommended going with Amegy Bank again with a 4.75%. Also, he reviewed the timeline for the note and stated that they would close on Thursday, July 17, 2025. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Resolution as presented.

Motion #7643 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried
6:29 p.m.

Yes – 7

No - 0

Absent – 0

9.0 **PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9A **RISD SHAC REPORT**

Melissa Chavez presented the RISD SHAC Report to the Board. She reported that the SHAC’s annual report was online, and every school district is required to have a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). The members are made up of staff from various departments and parents who are not employed by the school district. She reviewed the mission, vision, and goals of the SHAC Committee, the SHAC members, SHAC as a resource, the eight components of the whole school, whole community, and whole child model with the Board. A list of speakers/guests, reviewed the meeting requirements, dates of previous meetings, and 2025-2026 goals was also presented.

9B **RISD DONATION**

Dr. Marc Puig reported that the following five companies had donated to the Tech Connect Workshop coming up on July 31, 2025: 1) HMH Houghton Mifflin, Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000, 2) Magic School AI, Gold Sponsor - \$750, 3) School AI, Silver Sponsor - \$500, 4) UTeach PD, Silver Sponsor - \$500, and 5) School Specialty, Bronze Sponsor - \$250.

9C **ACADEMIC UPDATE/TIA UPDATE**

Josh Garcia reported that they would be presenting the Academic Update for the month of June. He reported that summer school started on June 2nd, and they were on the final week of summer school. He reviewed the percentage of attendance per week and stated that the students are learning and being active. At the junior high school, they are doing a novel study, and the high school is finishing up on the courses. He presented the breakdown data on McClass for the school district's K-5th graders. There have been gains with using McClass, and the first graders have shown a lot of gains. The school district will be showcased on how well they are doing in using McClass. Belinda Alaniz presented the preliminary STAAR EOC Results for the 2024-2025 school year for Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and US History. The actual scores will be available in August of this school year. Rachel Medrano invited the school board members to attend the Tech Connect 2025 on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at the Robstown Early College High School. Over one hundred different sessions will be provided for the attendees. At this time, they have around two hundred and six people registered at this time. Joshua Garcia reported that they are on the second grant for Math and are working on applying for other grants for instructional support. Diana Silvas reported that on May 13, 2025, the planning committee continued working on the RISD TIA Handbook. The application was approved on May 27, 2025. On June 3, 2025, the committee met to continue working on the RISD TIA Handbook, and on June 9-11, they attended the TIA Conference in San Antonio, Texas. They will be attending the Rural Cohort on June 17th, and on June 18th, they will meet with the Teaching and Learning team to finalizes the observation calibration calendar, on July 8th

they will meet with campus and district leadership to present T-Tess Data from 2024-2024, on July 24th they will attend a T-Tess refresher hosted by the ESC II, and on July 28th the campus and district appraisers will attend a T-Tess Calibration training at the ESCII for half a day.

9D

M & O Update

Ron Lawver presented a year in review for the 2024-2025 school year. He informed the board members that everything that has been completed has been a team effort with everyone working together to get things done. He reported that they had completed the following items: football field parking lots, HVAC across the school district, roofing districtwide, painting of Seale Jr. High School, painting of the band hall, new electrical panel to support the band on the concession stand, new electrical panels in the Gillespie Gym and signage, clean out Ortiz Intermediate, new parking lot for buses, new football press box, and gates fixed at Seale, renovations at the high school field house. Also, they purchased three new buses, 50% of the buses are being sent out for services, reconstructed transportation trip scheduling, all turf fields on a new maintenance program, pest control every quarter, new equipment for M & O, restriped the elementary campuses, opened a warehouse for shipping and receiving, rekeyed athletic facilities for press boxes and ticket booths, and promoted four people from within.

9E

SAFETY REPORT

Filiberto Tagle reported that they would not be moving forward with the Lotspeich Leadership Academy sidewalk project grant application. The reason being is that the City did not want to commit to maintaining the grounds around the sidewalk (cutting of grass). Ron Lawver stated that they offered to help them with maintaining of the area around the sidewalk (cutting grass). The grant needed cooperation from all of the entities involved to move forward with the application. Also, they had the last safety meeting for the year to review the audits, EOP updates, Lotspeich project, and plan for the next school year. Christian Deleon and himself will be presenting at the Safety Conference in June.

9F

LIST OF BILLS

9G

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

President Lori Ann Garza reported that the List of Bills and Financial Statement Reports were included in their board packets for their review. If they had any questions, please contact Dr. Marc Puig.

10.0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

10A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10B

BUDGET AMENDMENT #7

10C

APPROVAL OF ADVANCED CLASSES IDENTIFICATION NO PASS,
NO PLY EXEMPTION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

10D

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SEMESTER EXEMPTION
POLICY FOR THE ONE-SEMESTER COURSES AND THE SPRING

SEMESTER COURSES IN YEAR-LONG COURSES

10E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROBSTOWN ISD APPRAISAL CALENDAR

10F DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 APPRAISERS

Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #7644 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent 0
7:57 p.m.

11.0 ACTION ITEM(S)

11B DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR IXL LEARNING DIGITAL PLATFORM LICENCES FOR K-8 MATH AND READING

Joshua Garcia recommended approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for IXL Learning Digital Platform Licences for K-8 Math and Reading. He reported that this item would be paid out of the LASO 3: Blending Learning Grant, and will have no impact on the local budget. The licences are for three years starting in 2025 until 2028. The first installment will be \$48,001.25 (2025), the second installment will be \$23,203.13 (2026), and the third installment will be \$23,203.12 (2027) for a total of \$94,407.50. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving IXL Learning Digital Platform Licences for K-8 Math and Reading for a total of \$94,407.50 as presented.

Motion #7645 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent 0
8:02 p.m.

11C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR AMPLIFY TEXAS K-8 ELAR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Joshua Garcia reported that this item would not have any impact on the school the district's budget because it will be paid with the instructional materials allotment budget. The items that are going to be purchased are actual books and materials for the students and teachers. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase order exceeding \$50,000 for Amplify Texas K-8 ELAR Instructional Materials as presented.

Motion #7646 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent 0
8:04 p.m.

11D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR GREAT MINDS BLUEBONNET K-5 MATH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COACHING SUPPORT SERVICE
Joshua Garcia reported that this item will be paid with LASO 3: Strong Foundation Implementation Grant and will have no impact on the school district's local budget. The total amount of professional development will be \$122,500. This is for professional development and coaching support services with Great Minds for Bluebonnet K-5 Math. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase order for \$122,500 for Great Minds Bluebonnet K-5 Math Professional Development and Coaching Support Service as presented.

Motion #7647 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent 0
8:10 p.m.

11E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH WELLS FARGO FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025
Eva Cisneros informed the Board that the contract with Wells Fargo will expire on August 31, 2025, and districts are allowed to give two to three-year extensions. The Wells Fargo Bank will be closing in Robstown, and the closest one is eight miles away. The reason that she is recommending renewing Wells Fargo for two more years is that there would not be enough time to start the bidding process. In the meantime, they will come up with a plan for how they will be doing the deposits from now on. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the renewal of the depository contract with Wells Fargo for two years.

Motion #7648 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent 0
8:12 p.m.

11F DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 RISD STUDENT DRESS CODES FOR GRADES PK-5 AND GRADES 6-12
Adriana Tagle presented the 2025-2026 RISD Student Dress Codes for grades PK-5 and Grades 6-12. She reported that the dress codes had very minimal changes. The following minor changes were made to both dress codes: 1) Backpacks must be clear, 2) Pajamas are not allowed, and 3) Metal tumblers (Stanley, Hydroflash, etc.) are not allowed - all water bottles must be clear. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving both dress codes (PK-5 and 6-12) as presented.

Motion #7649 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent 0
8:23 p.m.

11G DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASB ENDORSEMENT FORM FOR THE TASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President Lori Ann Garza informed the board members that they needed to vote for a representative to serve on the TASB Board of Directors. At this time, the following two individuals are eligible: 1) Moises Alfaro – Incumbent, and 2) Jessica Quintanilla. After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7650 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee E. Gallegos to endorse Jessica Quintanilla for the TASB Board of Directors.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
8:25 p.m.

12.0 **CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074**
12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
President Lori Ann Garza asked for a motion to go into the executive session on the appointments, employment, evaluations, resignations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Motion #7651 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu – Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
8:26 p.m.

Motion #7652 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to reconvene from the executive session.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
9:32 p.m.

13.0 OPEN SESSION

13A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES
Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Personnel List as presented in the executive session.

Motion #7653 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the superintendent’s recommendation.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos - Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
9:33 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7654 A motion was made by Trustee E. Gallegos and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call L. Garza – Yes, E. Gallegos – Yes, C. Martinez – Yes, B. Marroquin – Yes, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried Yes – 7 No - 0 Absent – 0
9:34 p.m.

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 06/16/2025, except for the executive session.)