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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 8, 2026

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lori Ann Garza, President (On Zoom) Erik Gallegos, Vice-President Cezar Martinez, Secretary Bobby Marroquin, Assistant Secretary Larry Cantu, Trustee Mario Mesa, Trustee Yvette Villalobos, Trustee
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	All board members are present.
ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:	Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent Diana L. Silvas, Assistant Superintendent Eva Cisneros, Chief Financial Officer

VISITORS:	Rachel Medrano	Joshua Garcia	Richard Gonzalez
	Filiberto Tagle	Belinda Alaniz	Anisa Chavera
	Maribel Trevino	Ron Lawver	Sandra Blanton
	Jacqueline Padilla	Ray Williams	Melissa Chavez
	Jaime Velasco		

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 6:00 p.m., Vice-President Erik Gallegos 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 meeting has been called, and that the 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/PRAYER

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

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

Vice-President Erik Gallegos 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 Cezar Martinez 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 (OPEN FORUM) AS PER POLICY BED (LOCAL)**

There was no public participation.

6.0 **MADAM PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

6A 2026 SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – JUNE 10-13, 2026

Vice-President Erik Gallegos announced that the 2026 Summer Leadership Conference was going to be held on June 10-13, 2026. The Board of Trustees will be presenting at the conference. The title of the presentation is "Your Secret Weapon is Already in Your Policy Manual."

6B ADDITIONAL BOARD TRAINING

Vice-President Erik Gallegos announced that several budget workshops will be held during the month of July, and the dates are forthcoming.

7.0 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

7A SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Marc Puig presented the preliminary STAAR/EOC Academic Report to the Board. He reported that the school district is making progress in some areas, and the scores are uneven in other areas. He asked individual board members to read some of the following key takeaways: 1)The school district improved in ELA by 6% and in mathematics by 4%, which are two high-leverage areas connected directly to the district's instructional strategy, 2) The school district continues to grow – ELA has improved by six points, math by four points, and biology increased by ten points from the 2025 school year, 3) Several grades and campuses showed gains while San Pedro (reading/math) and 7th grade math requires immediate instructional attention, 4) Science is incomplete in the preliminary data file from TEA, expecting the data mid-June, and 5) The system has not yet reached consistent implementation strengths across every campus, grade, and content.

He also reviewed the following with the Board: Grade/Course-Level Date – Reading had some positive gains and losses, campus preliminary summary, campus level story, and implications on the four pillars. Overall, the administration was encouraged by the preliminary evidence of growth in ELA, Math, and RECHS EOC results, but there was still a lot of work to be done. The data is not final, and they will receive some more scores this month and through the month of July. The official ratings will be available on August 15, 2026.

7B BUDGET WORKSHOPS
Dr. Marc Puig announced that they will be having several budget workshops during the month of July, from one and a half to two hours per workshop.

7C ENROLLMENT/ADA
Dr. Marc Puig announced that they had finished the year with 2434 student enrollment, and the attendance percentage was up to 91.1%. He thanked everyone at the campuses for following the system.

7D EIC (LOCAL) BOARD POLICY
Dr. Marc Puig announced that Trustee Erik Gallegos, Maribel Trevino and her team, and himself will be meeting to review EIC (LOCAL) Board Policy. The meeting will be virtual sometime next week.

For the record, President Lori Ann Garza excused herself from the Zoom board meeting at 6:15 p.m.

8.0 PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Dr. Marc Puig asked for a motion to move item No. 8E – M & O Update up and the rest of the items to follow accordingly.

Motion #7122 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to approve moving item No. 8E – M & O Update up and the rest of the items to follow accordingly.

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

Motion carried 6:17 p.m.	Yes – 6	No - 0	Absent – 1

8E M & O UPDATE
David Powell, the school district's architect, informed the board members that the framing was now 95% complete on the inside of the field house project. The main switch for the building has arrived, and the ductwork is being installed. The electrical panels and ductwork are being installed inside the walls. The mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems are also being installed at this time. It has slowed down a little regarding the site work because of all the rain they have received. The rain has not really affected the schedule because they are still ahead of schedule as long as it does not rain anymore. He discussed with the superintendent

the following three issues: 1) The contract has been offered a credit for the different mechanical manufacturing equipment. The credit is for $51,920, and it can be used towards the project, 2) The second issue is that the new 750 transformer will cost $19,000, and the credit can be used towards the new transformer, and 3) The third issue was the sewer line in two different places. He will be bringing a recommendation to the Board at the next board meeting on the two items, and he will recommend the most cost-effective solution. The projected date for the project is September 21, 2026; however, it could be completed by the end of the summer.

8A RISD DONATIONS

Dr. Marc Puig announced that the following three companies had donated to the school district: 1) GFC National Fund donated (Golden Chick) $316.80, 2) CLM Business Services, Inc donated $250 to the second graders at Lotspeich Leadership Academy, and 3) Tesla, Inc. donated $1,000 to Teaching and Learning at Central Office.

8B SHAC REPORT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Melissa Chavez, the District's Head Nurse, reviewed the mission, vision, and goals of the School District's Health Advisory Council. She informed the Board that every school district is required to have a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), with staff members from various departments, and parents who are not employed by the school. By involving students, parents, and community members, the council bridges the gap between schools and the community. She also shared a list of the SHAC members, the eight components of school health, the 2025-02026 meetings, a list of speakers/guests, SHAC year in review, important SHAC information, and references. The information on the SHAC can be found on the school district's website, along with the minutes and agendas of all meetings under the Health Service Tab.

8C DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT 2025

Melissa Chavez, the District's Head Nurse, reported that the school district conducted its first District Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment Report for 2025. The plan has to be submitted every three years, and this is the first year that they are submitting a plan. The policy can be found on the school district's website under the Child Nutrition Tab as required by the Texas Department of Agriculture for every school district that participates in the National School Lunch Program must develop and implement a wellness policy. A local wellness policy is a written document that outlines district-level goals to establish, evaluate, and maintain healthy school environments. The policy addresses local, state, and federal requirements, and it creates strategies for how the policies will be implemented. She also reviewed the wellness policy component, which asks if the policy is fully in place, partially in place, or not in place, describes actions taken for implementation, and provides a data source for monitoring.

8D ACADEMIC UPDATE/TIA DATE

Rachel Medrano presented the mClass Update to the Board. She reported that the testing window was from April 27, 2026, through May 13th and stated that the big focus was on literacy. The school district went above the mClass benchmark from 12% to 20%, in kindergarten, they increased by 13%, in first grade, they went from 7% to 12% above benchmark, in second grade, they went from $13% to 18% above benchmark, in third grade, they went from 20% to 33% above benchmark. The data really showed the hard work that the teachers are doing. Great Minds has completed the assessment process, and an action planning meeting has been held. The implementation team has identified key implementation priorities, an alignment call has been scheduled with providers, and the 2026-2027 action plan is in development. Diana Silvas reported that they have met with the ESC II on TIA, they are looking at the data evaluation, and they will be presenting at the TIA Conference. The application that was submitted for an extension has been approved. Also, they have already met with all of the eligible teachers.

8F SAFETY REPORT

Chief Tito Tagle reported that the school district held the summer safety committee meeting on June 2, 2025. At the meeting, the City of Robstown Fire Chief presented information on Hurricane Preparedness on the city's side. Also, at the meeting, Nurse Melissa Chavez gave a presentation on the bleeding control kits, and the social workers presented on behavioral threat yearly data. On May 19th, they had their intruder detection audit at Robert Driscoll, and they passed it. For the school year, they had 100% passing for all of the campuses. They are working on their summer training scheduled for July 13-16, 2026, in Mission, Texas, for all police officers. Also, they are scheduling additional training with the Nueces County Sheriff's Department at no charge to the school district. Stop the Bleeding has to be made available to all students starting in 7th grade through 12th grade and staff. It was not mandatory, but it had to be offered, and the students will be able to opt out of the training.

8G LIST OF BILLS

8H FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Vice-President Erik Gallegos stated that the list of bills and the financial statement report were included in their board packet for their review, and if they had any questions, please let the superintendent know.

9.0 <u>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</u>:

9A MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

9B APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

9C APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 APPRAISERS

9D APPROVAL OF ROBSTOWN ISD APPRAISAL CALENDAR

9E APPROVAL OF ADVANCED CLASSES IDENTIFICATION NO PASS, NO PLAY EXEMPTION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

9F APPROVAL OF SEMESTER EXEMPTION POLICY FOR THE ONE SEMESTER COURSES AND THE SPRING SEMESTER IN YEAR-LONG COURSES

9G APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UPBBRING HEAD START PROGRAM

Vice-President Erik Gallegos asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion #7123 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

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

Motion carried 7:08 p.m.	Yes – 6	No - 0	Absent – 1

10.0 **<u>DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>**

10A DISCUSSION OF STANDARDS FOR BULLYING PREVENTION

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that Trustee Yvette Villalobos had requested this item to be placed on the agenda. Dr. Puig called on Principal Anisa Chavera to explain the bullying process. She reported that awhile back they had a lot of situations that could be or not be bullying, so she got together with her staff and found a checklist to check off to see if it was actual bullying. The checklists would be the process that they would follow to see what qualified for bullying. After they investigate, they will contact the parent. The timeframe is no longer than ten days. This school year, they have had eight incidents of bullying. Also, a discussion was held at the school safety meetings about threats (physical or verbal). Depending on the situation, the student will be sent to ISS or DAEP, and if needed, the student will receive counseling or will be referred to outside resources. The goal is to change the students' behavior. A discussion was held by the Board.

11.0 **<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>**

11A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING $50,000 FOR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FROM MISSION RESTAURANT

Roy Williams requested the Board's approval to purchase kitchen equipment from Mission Restaurant for a total of $96,358.05. The total included two reach-in refrigerators for Seale Jr. High School, two convection steamers (countertop) at Lotspeich and San Pedro, one ice maker, and two gas conventional ovens. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase order exceeding $50,000 for kitchen equipment from Mission Restaurant as presented.

Motion #7124 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried 7:31 p.m.	Yes – 6	No - 0	Absent – 1

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

Dr. Marc Puig reported that this item would be paid from the instructional materials allotment budget, not the school district's budget. Joshua Garcia reported that with this purchase, they would be able to buy the workbooks and instructional materials for teachers in grades K-8 with additional resources. It was a renewal, and it also had the digital components. After discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase order exceeding $50,000 for Amplify Texas K-8 ELAR Instructional Materials for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Motion #7125 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

Roll Call L. Garza – Absent, E. Gallegos –Yes, C. Martinez –Yes, B. Marroquin – Not present during the motion, L. Cantu - Yes, M. Mesa – Yes, and Y. Villalobos – Yes

Motion carried 7:33 p.m.	Yes – 5	No - 0	Absent – 2

11C DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING $50,000 FOR HMH K-8 SCIENCE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Dr. Marc Puig reported that this item would also be paid from the instructional materials allotment from the state. Joshua Garcia reported that this item was also a renewal for the adoption of science instructional materials from HMH. They will be purchasing workbooks, teacher online resources, student online resources, and the science kits, which include consumables. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the purchase of the HMH K-8 Science Instructional Materials for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Motion #7126 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried 7:36 p.m.	Yes – 6	No - 0	Absent – 1

11D DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT SPENDING PLAN

Diana Silvas presented the Teacher Incentive Allotment Spending Plan for the Board's review and approval. She reported that this will be the first year that they will be awarding monies to a teacher who was hired this school year. The new teacher has a designation and this is the first payout that the school district will have to make. By law, they are required to bring the spending plan to the Board for approval. The spending plan states that designated teachers will receive 90% of the generated allotment, and the school district will keep 10%. The information was shared with all staff members. The teacher needs to receive the allotment payment by July 30th, 2026. After the discussion, Dr. Marc Puig recommended approving the Teacher Incentive Allotment Spending Plan as presented. They are still waiting for the dollar amount that they are to give to the teachers.

Motion #7127 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee L. Cantu to approve the superintendent's recommendation as presented.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:40 p.m.

11E DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NOMINATION TO THE TASB BOARD REGION 2

Dr. Marc Puig informed the Board that they have an opportunity to nominate a board member to the TASB Board, Region 2. If anyone is interested, please let the Board know. Currently, the position is being held by Kristi Littleton from Port Aransas, and she will be seeking reelection. The term is for two years. After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion #7128 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee Y. Villalobos to nominate Trustee Cezar Martinez to the TASB Board Region 2.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:42 p.m.

12.0 **<u>CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 551.074</u>**

12A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS, EMPLOYMENTS, EVALUATIONS, RESIGNATIONS, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES

Vice-President Erik Gallegos asked for a motion to go into executive session on approval of appointments, employments, evaluations, resignations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of employees.

Motion #7129 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee B. Marroquin to go into the executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.074.

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

Motion carried Yes – 6 No - 0 Absent – 1
7:44 p.m.

Motion #7130 A motion was made by Trustee B. Marroquin and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to reconvene from the executive session.

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

Motion carried 8:32 p.m. | Yes – 6 | No - 0 | Absent – 1

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 discussed in the executive session.

Motion #7131 A motion was made by Trustee M. Mesa and seconded by Trustee C. Martinez to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

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

Motion carried 8:34 p.m. | Yes – 6 | No - 0 | Absent –1

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #7132 A motion was made by Trustee C. Martinez and seconded by Trustee M. Mesa to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried 8:34 p.m. | Yes – 6 | No - 0 | Absent – 1

(The details of this meeting are recorded on tape dated 06/08/2026, except for the executive session.)