

NOTICE OF FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, February 26, 2024
5:30 PM

A February Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Refugio Independent School District will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Administration Building - Distance Learning Center, 212 West Vance St., Refugio, TX 78377.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: *(Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this notice.)*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
4. **SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE**
RHS- Kynslee Loechel-Turner
RJHS - Chandler Brown
RES - Ryan Garcia
5. **PRESENTATION BY KENT HAWTHORNE AND STUDENTS.**
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - 6.A. Campus Reports
 - 6.A.a. Refugio Elementary School
 - 6.A.b. Refugio Jr. High School
 - 6.A.c. Refugio High School
 - 6.A.c.1. Cheer Tryouts - March 3, 2024
 - 6.B. District Reports
 - 6.B.a. Academics
 - 6.B.b. Financials
 - 6.B.b.1. 2023-2024 Budget Status
 - 6.B.b.2. Payment of bills
 - 6.B.b.3. Statement of Account
 - 6.B.b.4. Property Value Study
 - 6.B.c. Operations
 - 6.B.d. Student Enrollment
 - 6.B.e. School Safety and Security
 - 6.B.f. Mental Health Specialist Report
 - 6.B.g. General comments on the state of the district
7. **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**
 - 7.A. March Board Meeting - Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:30PM
 - 7.B. Region 3 ESC School Board Conference
Thursday, May 16, 2024, 8:30AM-4:00PM
Victoria College, Emerging Technology Complex
Meeting Hall 101A
 - 7.C. Cybersecurity Training requirement - Eduhero
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 8.A. Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting - January 22, 2024 and Special Board Meeting -February 6, 2024.
 - 8.B. Consider and approve the budget amendments for the 2023-2024 budget.
 - 8.C. Update to the Investment Policy and Strategies.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 9.A. Senate Bill #763 - Chaplains

9.B. Consider and approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

9.C. Consider and approve Property & Casualty Insurance - March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025.

**9.D. ADDENDUM TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

9-D. Consider and approve adult meal pricing

- **Staff Lunch - \$4.75**
- **Visitor Lunch - \$5.00**

9.E.

10. CLOSED SESSION - In accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.074, 551.075

10.A. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public office or employee or to hear complaints against an officer or employee.

10.B. To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.

10.C. Administrators: Assistant Superintendent, Academic Director, Athletic Director, GSEC Special Education Cooperative Director, Campus Principals, and Assistant Principal contract extensions or non-extensions.

10.D. Employment of probationary contract employee (s) for the 2023-2024 school year.

10.E. Employment of probationary contract employee (s) of the GSEC Special Education Cooperative for the 2023-2024 school year.

11. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

11.A. Take any action necessary resulting from discussions held during closed session.

11.B. Superintendent's recommendation on contract extension or non-extension of Assistant Superintendent, Academic Director, Athletic Director, GSEC Special Education Cooperative Director, Campus Principals and Assistant Principal contract extensions or non-extensions.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

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If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC (LEGAL)]

Texas Government Code Section:

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| 418.183(f) | Deliberate information confidential under Government Code Sections 418.175-418.182, related to Homeland Security. |
| 551.071 | Private consultation with the board's attorney only when it seeks the attorney's advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the requirement for open meetings. |
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| 551.073 | Deliberate negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations. |
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| 551.0785 | Deliberate the medical records or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from a public insurance, health, or retirement plan or a matter that includes a consideration of the information in the medical or psychiatric records of an individual applicant for a benefit from the plan. |
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| 551.0821 | Deliberate a matter regarding a student if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed by the deliberation. |
| 551.083 | Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups. |
| 551.084 | Excluding witnesses from a hearing. |
| 551.087 | Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board has received from a business prospect that the Board seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the District and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations, or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect. |
| 551.089 | Deliberate 1. Security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; 2. Network security information as described by Government Code 2059.055(b); or 3. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. |

Education Code Section:

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| 39.030(a) | Discuss or adopt individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items. |
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The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on February 23, 2024, at 9:45 AM

Melissa Gonzales, Superintendent
(for the Board of Trustees)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT
REFUGIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

(To call meeting to order)

Board President: I call this meeting of the Refugio Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of board members is present, that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

(To conduct a closed session)

Board President: This board will now conduct a closed session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

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