

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HARLINGEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 11, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District met in a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The meeting was held in the Harlingen CISD Administration Building located at 407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen, Texas. Greg Powers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. on June 11, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Powers, Dr. Nolan Perez, Eladio Jaimez, Dr. Gina Cano-Monreal, Ricky Leal, and Dr. Belinda Reininger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Bobby Muniz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. J.A. Gonzalez, Dr. M. Veronica Kortan, Ramon Mendoza, Oscar Tapia, Debbie Scogin, Dalia M. Garcia, Monica Kaufmann, Tanya Garza, and Melissa Trevino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge leader for the evening was Greg Powers, Board President.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: The Board recognized Band, Choir, and Orchestra Students who Qualified in the 2024 UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble as such: **From HHS Band:** Adan De La Riva – Bassoon, **From HHS Orchestra:** Nathan Mowers – cello, Aizza Guerrero – bass; **From HHS Choir:** Emmalee Corona – vocal, Jahamilla Escobar, vocal as well as Outstanding Performer Designation, Emily Garza – vocal, Kelly Gonzalez – vocal, Aizza Guerrero – vocal, Gianna Lancara – vocal, Krystian Martinez – vocal, Elizabeth Pedraza – vocal, Kaylee Ramirez – vocal, Mijael Silguero – vocal, Hilda Vela – vocal; **From HHSS Band:** Laura Sanchez – flute, Mikayla Galvan – percussion, Jose Arizmendi – percussion, Michael Cavazos – percussion, Mia Castillo – clarinet, Jasele DeLeon – clarinet, Tyra De Leon – clarinet, Michaelangelo Garcia – clarinet, Benjamin Gonzalez – clarinet, Laila Lamb – clarinet, Alexandra Llorente – clarinet, Alyxandra Luna – clarinet, Miguel Ortiz – clarinet, Edson Cervantes – horn, Jamil Galvan – horn, Nathaniel Perez – horn, Patrick Williams – horn, Jordan Contreras – brass quintet, Samuel Hernandez – brass quintet, Hiram Sanchez – brass quintet, Nathaniel Perez – brass quintet, Vincent Tapia – brass quintet, Mariah Aguado – percussion, Mia Castillo – percussion, Abigail Garza – percussion, Megan Gonzalez – percussion; **From HHSS Choir:** Isabella Chavez – vocal, Eban Degollado – vocal, Heather Olvera – vocal, Bianca Rios – vocal, Aralynn Tobias – vocal, Nailea Yanez – vocal, Marlee Garza – vocal, Melanie Zavala – vocal; and **From HHSS Orchestra:** Diana Velez – violin.

The Board recognized the Military Enlisted Graduates of Harlingen High School and Harlingen High School South as such: **From Harlingen High School:** U.S. Army – Enrique Acuna Jr., Sherlyn Michelle Aguilar, Sergio Miguel Mendoza, Alan Misael Esparza Sifuentes; U.S. Navy – Jacob Andrew Benitez, U.S. Marines-Brandon Isaac Galvan; U.S. Air Force – Matthew James Ayala, Gavin Felix Hernandez, Aaron Antonio Munoz, Trent Maddox White; U.S. Coast Guard – Julio Gabriel Moreno; **From Harlingen High School South:** U.S. Army – Octavius Orion Cano, Jacob Nathaniel Gaytan (Reserve), Brianne Kathleen Guillen, Emily Lopez, Aerin Rai Perkins – Saldivar, Rene Cruzito Montalvo (Reserve), Brandon Rafael Gonzalez Ovalle, Jose Armando Herrera III, Abram Rivera, Baldemar Vasquez (Reserve); U.S. Marines – Samantha

Lynn Arratia, Alejandro Ephraim Osornio; U.S. Coast Guard – Timothy James Garcia.

The Board recognized the UIL Middle School Academic Champions as such: Gutierrez Middle School of Arts and Sciences.

The Board recognized the Texas Junior Speech and Debate Association -Texas State Middle School Tournament State Champion, as such: **From Gutierrez Middle School of Arts and Sciences:** Marion Galvan was named State Champion in Program Oral Interpretation.

The Board recognized the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions as such: **From Harlingen High School South:** Sadie Jensen and CJ Heiskell- Duet Acting Champions, CJ Heiskell and Adrianna Rodriguez – 4th place in Duet Acting, Karla Rivera – 6th Place in Program Oral Interpretation, George Matthew Gutierrez – Humorous Interpretation Champion, Adrianna Rodriguez – 6th Place in Humorous Interpretation and **From Harlingen High School:** Carolina Kortan – 3rd Place in Dramatic Interpretation.

The Board recognized the UIL Academic State Finalists from 5A and 6A, as such: **From Harlingen High School 6A:** Carolina Kortan – 2nd Place in Prose Interpretation; **From Harlingen High School South 5A:** Karla Rivera – 2nd Place in Prose Interpretation and Sadie Jensen – State Champion in Prose Interpretation.

Board Member Dr. Bobby Muniz arrived at approximately 6:23 p.m. during Item 2.F. Recognition of UIL Academic State Finalists 5A/6A.

Board Member Dr. Nolan Perez stepped out at approximately 7:27 p.m. and returned at approximately 7:29 p.m. during Item 2.F. Recognition of UIL Academic State Finalists 5A/6A.

The Board recognized the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament Results as such: George Matthew Gutierrez- Texas Forensic Association State Champion in Humorous Interpretation and 5th place in Duet Acting with partner Nadia Vento, Avery Jensen – 4th place in Humorous Interpretation, Sadie Jensen – 5th place in Humorous Interpretation, CJ Heiskell – 6th place in Humorous Interpretation, 5th place in Dramatic Interpretation and 2nd place in Duo Interpretation with partner Adrianna Rodriguez and 4th place in Duet Acting with partner Sadie Jensen, and Karla Rivera – 2nd place in Dramatic Interpretation and 4th in Program Oral Interpretation, and CJ Heiskell – overall State Champion in Individual Sweepstakes.

The Board recognized the Harlingen High School and Harlingen High School South UIL One-Act Play Results as such; Harlingen High School's UIL One-Act play *Big Love* placed 4th in the State of Texas; **UIL One-Act play State Honorable Mention All-Star Casts:** Carolina Kortan and Sydney Zepeda; **Top Performer and Samuel French Award:** Azeneth Corales; Harlingen High School South's One-Act play *Machinal* was named state runner-up. Individual Awards include: **UIL One-Act Play State Honorable Mention All-Star Cast:** Lorenzo Lara – Top Performer; **Samuel French Award:** Adrianna Rodriguez.

The Board recognized the following Athletic Awards as such: **5A-All State Tournament Team Members:** Lexi Sandoval – Utility, Kara Jensen – Outfield, Haley Vasquez – Catcher; **Texas Girls Coaches Association All Star Softball players:** Lexi Sandoval, Amira Rodriguez and Yezenia Perez; **Harlingen High School South Softball Team;** and **Region 7 Coaches of the Year:** Coach Jose Galvan – HHS Girls Soccer, Coach Anthony Milligan – HHSS Boys Golf,

Hickel Woolery – HHS Girls Track and Ernesto Escamill – HHS Tennis.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS FOR
AGENDA TOPICS:** None.

**PUBLIC
AUDIENCE FOR
NON-AGENDA
TOPICS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
CALENDAR:** A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- a. Approval of Award of Proposals and Contracts as recommended by the Administration. **(Proposals and Contracts information is filed with these minutes.)**
- b. Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Administration. **(Budget Amendments information is filed with these minutes.)**
- c. Approval of Monthly Tax Collection Information as recommended by the Administration. **(Monthly Tax Collection Information is filed with these minutes.)**
- d. Approval of Monthly Financials as recommended by the Administration. **(Monthly Financials information is filed with these minutes.)**
- e. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report as recommended by the Administration. **(Quarterly Investment Report is filed with these minutes.)**
- d. Approval to Submit to the Texas Education Agency Application for the Optional Flexible School Day Program for the 2024 – 2025 School Year as recommended by the Administration.
- e. Approval of Enlisting Contract Services: BV Value Add Consulting LLC as recommended by the Administration.

Eladio Jaimez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**TRANSFORMING
TEACHING AND
LEARNING
COMMITTEE
REPORT:** Dr. J.A. Gonzalez, Superintendent, presented a Transforming Teaching and Learning Committee Report on the following topics: 1) “Mental Health Innovation Pod Update” as presented by Sylvia Gamboa and 2) “The Art of Articulation” as presented by Demond Wilson on behalf of Leah Anne Ince.

Board Member Dr. Belinda Reininger stepped out at approximately 7:44 p.m. and returned at approximately 7:46 p.m. during Item 6.A. Transforming Teaching and Learning Committee Report.

**APPROVAL OF
AWARD
CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES**

**CONTRACT
FOR THE HCISD
CHILLER LINE
REPLACEMENT
AT ADMIN.
ANNEX**

CNST0524 – 1:

A motion was made by Ricky Leal for approval of Award Construction Services Contract for the HCISD Chiller Line Replacement at Administration Annex CNST0524 – 1 as presented by Ramon Mendoza and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Bobby Muniz seconded the motion. The motion carried

**APPROVAL OF
AWARD
CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES
CONTRACT FOR
THE HCISD**

**NEW MARQUEES
AT VARIOUS
CAMPUSES
CNST0524 – 3:**

A motion was made by Dr. Bobby Muniz for approval of Award Construction Services Contract for the HCISD New Marquees at Various Campuses CNST0524 – 3 as presented by Ramon Mendoza and as recommended by the Administration. Eladio Jaimez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
ADMIN. SERVICES
ONLY (ASO)**

**RENEWAL WITH
BCBS OF TEXAS
FOR THE 2025
PLAN YEAR:**

A motion was made by Eladio Jaimez for approval of Administrative Services Only (ASO) renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for the 2025 plan year as presented by Ramon Mendoza and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Gina Cano-Monreal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Members Dr. Nolan Perez and Dr. Bobby Muniz abstained from voting on the motion for Item 7.C. Consideration for Approval of Administrative Services Only (ASO) renewal with Blue Cross Blue Sheild of Texas for the 2025 plan year.

**APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT AWARD
RENEWAL OF
GROUP STUDENT
ATHLETIC INS.**

**& VOLUNTARY
INS. #STIN0621
EXTENSION
THREE (3):**

A motion was made by Dr. Bobby Muniz for approval of Contract Award Renewal of Group Student Athletic Insurance and Voluntary Insurance #STIN0621 Extension Three (3) as presented by Ramon Mendoza and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Nolan Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**FACILITIES
AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

Oscar Tapia, Assistant Superintendent for District Operations presented the Facilities and Safety Committee Report. He stated that this committee met on Tuesday, June 5, 2024. At the committee meeting, Director of Emergency Management, Danny Castillo presented an update on school safety. This included information on the Border Patrol Active Shooter Course, the upcoming Joint Active Shooter Response Exercise to be scheduled, a planned introduction site visit by the TEA Office of School Safety and Security and an update on the Guardian Jiu Jitsu Training Program. Mr. Tapia gave an update on the ESSER Funding Projects for HVAC Improvements at Bowie Elementary

School and Gutierrez Middle School of Arts and Sciences, HVAC Controls at Harlingen High School, HVAC Improvements at Administration Annex Building, HVAC Improvements at Harlingen High School South, Roofing Improvements at Harlingen High School South, Vela Middle School and Early Childhood Academy, re-roofing and windows upgrade at HHS, and roofing upgrade at the Annex and various elementary mini gyms. Next, Mr. Tapia shared reports on the District's TRE Program regarding Coakley and Vernon Gymnasium Renovations, Fencing Project at various campuses, Security Window Film Project, Doors and Window Improvements at six school locations, HVAC Improvements at Harlingen High School South Locker Rooms, New Marquees at Various Campuses, Chiller Line Replacement at Administration Annex, Lee Means Amphitheater Project, and project contingency allowance expenditures, and project closeout final payment. He added that Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations Ramon Mendoza gave a construction financial report for the TRE funded projects.

**APPROVAL OF
FINAL CONSTR.
PAYMENT TO
LA FERIA
EXCAV. INC.
FOR THE
PAVING &
DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS
AT SECONDARY
ALTERNATIVE
CENTER
AND FIRST
RESPONDERS
ACADEMY
PROJECT:**

A motion was made by Dr. Belinda Reininger for approval of Final Construction Payment to La Feria Excavation, Inc. for the Paving & Drainage Improvements at Secondary Alternative Center and First Responders Academy Project as presented by Oscar Tapia and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Bobby Muniz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
FINAL CONSTR.
PAYMENT TO
PEACOCK
GENERAL
CONTR. INC.
FOR THE
CULINARY ARTS
RENOVATIONS
AT HHS AND
HHSS PROJECT:**

A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez for approval of the Final Construction Payment to Peacock General Contractors, Inc. for the Culinary Arts Renovations at Harlingen High and Harlingen South Project as presented by Oscar Tapia and as recommended by the Administration. Eladio Jaimez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
SCHOOL
BOARD
STANDING
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

A motion was made by Dr. Belinda Reininger for approval of School Board Standing Committee Members for the 2024 – 2025 School Year as follows: **Policy/ Audit Committee:** Dr. Bobby Muniz - Chair, Ricky Leal, and Dr. Belinda Reininger; **Benefits & Organizational Development Committee:** Ricky Leal – Chair, Dr. Nolan Perez and Dr. Bobby Muniz; **Facilities & Safety Committee:** Eladio Jaimez – Chair, Greg Powers and Dr. Gina Cano – Monreal; **Transforming Teaching & Learning Committee:**

**FOR THE
2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR:**

Dr. Nolan Perez – Chair, Dr. Gina Cano-Monreal and Eladio Jaimez as presented by Presiding Officer Greg Powers and as recommended by the Administration. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
CAMPUS
ASSIGNMENTS
FOR BOARD
MEMBERS
FOR THE
2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR:**

A motion was made by Dr. Gina Cano-Monreal for the approval of Campus Assignments for the 2024-2025 School Year as follows: **Greg Powers** – Harlingen High School, Vernon, Treasure Hills, Secondary Alternative Center, Transition Academy; **Dr. Nolan Perez** – Harlingen High School South, STEM2, Coakley, Jefferson; **Eladio Jaimez** – Memorial, Lee Means, Bowie, Austin, Crockett; **Dr. Gina Cano-Monreal** – Harlingen School of Health Professions, Zavala, Long, Lamar; **Ricky Leal** – Dr. Cano Freshman Academy, Gutierrez, Stuart Place, Milam, Dishman; **Dr. Bobby Muniz** – Harlingen Collegiate High, Vela, Travis, Sam Houston; **Dr. Belinda Reininger** – Dr. Rodriguez, Early Childhood Academy, Bonham, Wilson as presented by Presiding Officer Greg Powers and as recommended by the Administration. Eladio Jaimez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
A DELEGATE AND
ALTERNATE TO
THE 2024 TEXAS
ASSOC. OF
SCHOOL
BOARDS (TASB)
DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY:**

A motion was made by Dr. Nolan Perez for Approval of Delegate and Alternate to the 2024 Texas Association of School Bards (TASB) Delegate Assembly as follows: Dr. Belinda Reininger – Delegate and Ricky Leal – Alternate as presented by Presiding Officer Greg Powers and as recommended by The Administration. Dr. Bobby Muniz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Presiding Officer Greg Powers called for an Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. on June 11, 2024, in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.082 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Consultation with Board's Legal Counsel regarding Legal and Procedural issues involving employee Nonrenewal Hearing as presented by Dr. J. A. Gonzalez and as recommended by the Administration.
- b. Pursuant to Section 551.074 and 551.0821 of the Texas Government Code, and Section 21.207 of the Texas Education Code, Conduct a Nonrenewal Hearing and Board Deliberations Concerning the Nonrenewal of Term Contract of Teacher (C.C.) at the end of the 2023-2024 school year as presented by Dr. J. A. Gonzalez and as recommended by the Administration.
- c. Discuss Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff as presented by Debbie Scogin and as recommended by the Administration.
- d. Discussion of Real Estate as presented by Ramon Mendoza and as recommended by the Administration.

OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:05 p.m. June 11, 2024, for Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session. All Board Members were present.

**NONRENEWAL
HEARING,
POSSIBLE BOARD
DELIBERATIONS
AND POSSIBLE
ACTION
CONCERNING
THE NONRENEWAL
OF CHAPTER 21
TERM CONTRACT
OF TEACHER
(C.C.) AT THE END**

OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: No action was taken concerning Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 Term Contract of Teacher (C.C) at the end of the 2023-2024 school year as discussed in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT
OF TEACHERS
AND OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF:**

A motion was made by Dr. Belinda Reininger to approve the Employment of Teachers and Other Professional Staff, as follows: Monica Escamilla, Wendy Antonio Diaz, Andrea Mondaca, Angelica Zambrano, Ashley Mendiola, Magdalene Munoz, Grace Gonzalez, Elyse Vela and Adan Duarte, as presented by Debbie Scogin, as discussed in Executive Session, and as recommended by the Administration. Dr. Gina Cano-Monreal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. on June 11, 2024.

READ AND APPROVED:

PRESIDING OFFICER

DATE