

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE RUNGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A regular meeting of the Runge Independent School District Board of Trustees was held
Monday, **August 11, 2014**, in the school cafeteria.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and a moment of silence were made.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Member President: President, Oscar Caballero; Vice President, Robert Molina; Secretary, Christine Ramirez; Pedro (Pete) Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver and Zachary Yanta.

Board Member Absent: No one

Administration/Employees Present: Janice Sykora, Superintendent; Sandy Villarreal, Elementary Principal; Chad Fox, High School Principal; Randy Ramirez, Business Manager; Matt Wright, Athletic Director; and Juanita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant.

Others: Jim Singleton, Architect and Duncan Morrow, Frost Financial.

III. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION: This meeting has been posted in accordance with Government Code 551, State of Texas Open Meetings Act. At 6:07 p.m. President Oscar Caballero called the meeting to order in open session. A quorum was declared with seven (7) Board members in attendance.

IV. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Building the Budget for 2014-15

A. Karnes County Appraisal District Certification of the 2014 Appraisal Roll for Runge ISD

Randy Ramirez presented a letter from Karnes County Appraisal District detailing school district taxable values for 2014 as \$1,168,603,458.

B. Anticipated Revenue

Randy Ramirez presented planning figures using the forecasting template for the 2014-15 year.

C. Proposed Expenditures

Randy Ramirez presented a budget worksheet with projected expenses for 2014-15.

D. Salaries and Stipends

Randy Ramirez presented a chart on proposed salaries and stipends for 2014-15 for all employees.

V. INFORMATION

A. Preliminary 2014 Texas Accountability Report for Runge ISD

Janice Sykora presented the recently received report of 2014 Texas Education Agency Accountability for RISD. The report identified the four indices for both campuses and the district.

- Runge Elementary- Improvement Required

- Runge High School- Met Standard
- Runge Independent School District- Met Standard.

- B. August 2014 Staff Development Agenda
Janice Sykora handed out the August staff development agenda noting many sessions, activities, and speakers. She invited board members to come greet teachers at breakfast or lunch gathering time.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. Architect's Report
1. Approve Schematic Design for Field House and Bus Barn/Maintenance building
Jim Singleton, Architect presented schematic plan drawings of the field house and bus barn/maintenance building. He indicated that these would not be the final drawings.
Pete Garza stated a motion to accept the schematic design as presented. Eloy Nunez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta
AGAINST: None
- B. Financing the 2014 Bond
1. Discuss, Consider, and Select Financing Term for the Series 2014 Bond Sale
Duncan Morrow, Frost Bank – Capital Markets presented information on financing the bond. He presented four different options to sell the bond and showed the tax rate impact for current year and future years.
Tim Schryver stated a motion to accept option 4 to finance bond sale for 2014 Bond. Eloy Nunez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, and Tim Schryver
AGAINST: Robert Molina, and Zachary Yanta
- C. Discuss, Consider, and Approve District Vision, Mission, and Goal
Christine Ramirez stated a motion to approve the district Vision, Mission and Goals as presented. Robert Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta
AGAINST: None
- D. Approve Handbooks for 2014-15
1. Student-Parent Handbook
Sandy Villarreal, Elementary Principal, presented the Student-Parent Handbook showing the changes.
A motion was made by Zachary Yanta and seconded by Christine Ramirez to approve the Student-Parent Handbook as presented with the change to close campus at lunch time for all students. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta
AGAINST: None
2. Student Code of Conduct
Chad Fox, High School Principal reviewed the Student Code of Conduct noting there were few changes due to the Texas Legislature not meeting this year.
A motion was made by Eloy Nunez and seconded by Pete Garza to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta

AGAINST: None

- E. Approve the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf-Victoria Shared Service Arrangement Contract
Janice Sykora presented the revised Regional Day School Program for the Deaf due to changes in school district membership.
Christine Ramirez stated a motion to approve the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf-Victoria SSA. Tim Schryver seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, and Tim Schryver
AGAINST: None
Note: Zachary Yanta did not vote since he left the room.
- F. Accept the \$8,000 Cash Gift from the HEB Grocery Store, Kenedy, TX, on the occasion of their opening the new store (Board Policy CDC—Legal)
Robert Molina stated a motion to accept the \$8,000 check given by H-E-B. Eloy Nunez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta
AGAINST: None

At 8:20 p.m. the board announced a break. At 8:44 p.m. the board returned from break and entered closed session.

VII. CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 THROUGH 551.084 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- A. Discussion of hiring certified staff for 2014-15.
1. **Personnel: Texas Government Code Section 551.074**
Hiring teacher(s)
 2. **Discussion regarding employment and duties of Principals**
 - a. Elementary Principal
 - b. High School Principal

No action was taken in closed session. At 10:26 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, CONTINUE WITH ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Consider, discuss, and take possible action on certified staff for 2014-15.
1. **Personnel: Texas Government Code Section 551.074**
Hire teacher(s) as recommended.
Pete Garza stated a motion to hire Vanessa Zetino as English teacher. Tim Schryver seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta
AGAINST: None

2. **Personnel:** Discuss, Consider, and Approve Salaries for Principals
 - a. Elementary Principal
No action was taken.
 - b. High School Principal
Zachary Yanta stated a motion to approve a salary increase (\$70,875) for Chad Fox, High School Principal, for 2014-15. Tim Schryver seconded the motion. The motion carried.
FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta
AGAINST: None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meetings: August 18 and 25

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 10: 30 p.m. Eloy Nunez stated a motion to adjourn the meeting and Christine Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOR: Oscar Caballero, Robert Molina, Christine Ramirez, Pete Garza, Eloy Nunez, Tim Schryver, and Zachary Yanta

AGAINST: None

Minutes Approved:

Oscar Caballero, President

Christine Ramirez, Secretary