

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**La Joya Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**Staff Development Center**  
**Monday, September 17, 2018**  
**6:00 P.M.**

At any time during the course of this meeting, the Board may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter in this agenda in which the duty of the school district's attorney to the school district's Board of Trustees under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**AT THIS MEETING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY DELIBERATE ON AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Roll Call & Declare Quorum**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  1. Budget Work Session #3 – July 30, 2018
  2. Special Called Meeting – July 30, 2018
  3. Regular Called Meeting – August 8, 2018
  4. Special Called Meeting – August 13, 2018
  5. 2018-2019 Budget and 2018 Proposed Tax Rate Public Meeting – August 22, 2018
  6. Regular Called Meeting – August 22, 2018
  7. Special Called Meeting – August 27, 2018
- V. Superintendent's Report**
  1. Enrollment Report – September 11, 2018
  2. Recognition of Parent Volunteers, Mirthala Vasquez and Rosio Olivarez, Who Each Received the 2018 State Board of Education's "Heroes for Children" Award
  3. Recognition of Students from the La Joya HS, Juarez-Lincoln HS, and Palmview HS T-STEM Academies who Participated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Research Symposium held at the McAllen Convention Center
  4. Recognition of Schools that Achieved a District Projected Overall Letter Grade "A" in the 2018 Ratings Using Texas Education Agency Data
  5. Recognition of Custodial Staff at Juarez-Lincoln High School
  6. Recognition of Gladys Enriquez from De Zavala Middle School Awarded the 2018 HESTEC Math Teacher of the Year
- VI. Discussion Items**
  1. La Joya Independent School District Annual Performance Report for 2017-2018
  2. Discussion of School Plans to Improve the Overall Letter Grade and Distinction Designations in the Texas Education Agency 2019 Ratings and Distinctions
  3. Purchasing Cooperatives Fees Report
- VII. Public Comments**
- VIII. Consent Agenda**

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act on more than one item by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be comprised of items for which the Superintendent anticipates no board deliberation prior to action being taken on the item and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. Consent agenda items are items placed on this Agenda and marked with an asterisk (\*). At the request of any member of the Board of Trustees, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed from the consent agenda and given individual deliberation and action. Requests for removal of an item from the consent agenda are to be made to the presiding officer at the time that the consent agenda is up for consideration.

**IX. A. Contracts**

- 1.\* *Agreement between La Joya Independent School District and South Texas College Regarding ESL/GED Program*
- 2.\* *Unemployment Compensation Program Renewal for 2018-2019*
- 3.\* *Region One Education Service Center Personnel Services Cooperative for the 2018-2019 School Year*
- 4.\* *Approval Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between La Joya ISD and Passages Counseling Group, PLLC*
- 5.\* *Contract Agreements between South Texas College and La Joya ISD*
- 6.\* *Advise TX Memorandum of Understanding among Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, The University of Texas at Austin and La Joya Independent School District*
- 7.\* *Collaborative Agreement between La Joya Independent School District and Regional School for the Deaf*
- 8.\* *Contract with Autism Treatment Center*
- 9.\* *Collaborative Agreement between La Joya Independent School District and Hidalgo County Head Start Program*
- 10.\* *Approval Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Alliance for Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAP) and La Joya Independent School District*
11. *Sponsor Graduate Students at Texas Women's University for Speech Language Pathologist Master's Degree Program*
12. *Memorandum of Understanding between La Joya ISD and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for Counselors*
13. *National GEAR-UP Week Proclamation*
14. *Contract between Hidalgo County Elections Administrator, Yvonne Ramon, on behalf of Hidalgo County and La Joya I.S.D. for the General School Board Election to be held on November 6, 2018*
15. *Approval of Telephone System (TEO Phones) Maintenance Contract*
16. *Termination of O'Hanlon, McCollom and Demerath for Legal Services for Special Education*

**B. Bids**

- 1.\* *Service and Maintenance Agreement Between La Joya ISD and Surveillance Pro through the Surveillance Equipment and Installation CSP #2016-27*
- 2.\* *Procurement of Technology Equipment for La Joya Independent School District through DIR Contract DIR-TSO-3789*
- 3.\* *Digital Learning Software Quotation #2018-882 through Educational Supplies and Materials Catalog Bid #2018-54*
- 4.\* *School & Office Supplies for Warehouse Stock Bid #2018-83*
- 5.\* *Golf Bid #2018-84*
- 6.\* *Girls Soccer Bid #2018-89*
- 7.\* *Software Licenses (Student Assessments, Circle, TPRI & Tejas Lee) CSP #2018-94*
- 8.\* *Consultant Services for Generating Required Student Data as per Federal/State/Grant Reporting Guidelines CSP #2018-95*
- 9.\* *Sonicwall Firewall Renewal and Expansion*
- 10.\* *Procurement of Facility Sanitation and Services for Child Nutrition Services through Purchasing Cooperative*
- 11.\* *Math & Reading Software Subscription & Related Services CSP #2019-01*

**C. Business and Finance**

- 1.\* *2018 Texas GEAR UP State Conference Attendance by Superintendent, Dr. Alda T. Benavides, on November 5-6, 2018 in Austin, Texas*
- 2.\* *Application of Payment Request for Consultant Services Fees No. 9 to Oversee La Joya ISD LED Lights Project*
- 3.\* *Application of Contractor's Payment Request No. 15 for the La Joya ISD LED Lights Project*



- 4.\* *Application of Payment Request for Consultant Services Fees No. 11 to Oversee the Operations and Management of the La Joya ISD Wastewater Treatment Facilities*
5. Proposal Submitted by Engineering Firm for Seguin Elementary Chiller Replacement Project
6. Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Renovations to the Chiller Replacement Project at the Performing Arts Center
7. Grant an Easement to AGUA Special Utility District Corporation at Dr. Maria Palmira Mendiola Elementary School
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing Administration to Proceed with "Courts in Schools" Program

#### **D. Instruction & Student Services**

- 1.\* *Extended Student Travel for Juarez Lincoln High school to Attend the 2018 Teas Educational Theatre Association's Theatrefest in Dallas, Texas on September 26-30, 2018*
- 2.\* *Extended Student Travel for the Varsity Boys/Girls Cross Country Teams from La Joya High School to Participate at the Nike South Invitational in Woodlands, Texas on September 28-29, 2018*
- 3.\* *Extended Student Travel for the Juarez-Lincoln High School Band to Attend and Compete at the Bands of America Super Regional Championship in San Antonio, Texas on November 2-3, 2018*
- 4.\* *Extended Student Travel for La Joya ECHS, Juarez-Lincoln HS, AHSP & STEM, Palmview High School and Thelma Salinas ECHS Project HEAL<sup>2</sup> Students to Texas A&M University-College Station on October 18-20, 2018*
- 5.\* *Extended Student Travel for the Palmview High School Mariachi Vocalists to Attend the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in San Antonio, Texas from November 15-17, 2018*
- 6.\* *Extended Student Travel for La Joya High School Group Mariachi Los Coyotes Attending Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Competition in San Antonio, Texas on November 16-18, 2018*
- 7.\* *Extended Student Travel for the Varsity Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams from Juarez-Lincoln High School to McNeil Cross Country Invitational at Round Rock, Texas on September 28-29, 2018*
- 8.\* *Extended Student Travel for the Varsity Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams from Palmview High School to McNeil Cross Country Invitational at Round Rock, Texas on September 28-29, 2018*

#### **E. Human Resources**

- 1.\* *TASB Policy Update 111*
- 2.\* *TASB Regulations Resource Manual Update 56*
- 3.\* *Dollar General Literacy Foundation 2018 Youth Literacy Grant Award Project Title: Reading for Success*
- 4.\* *Dollar General Literacy Foundation 2018 Youth Literacy Grant Award Project Title: Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader*
5. Maximum Class Size Exception
6. Approval of the Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSPD)
7. Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) Tutors
8. Increase in GEAR UP Tutor Pay from \$8 to \$10 an Hour
9. Request for New FTE for a Go-Center Proctor to Service Thelma Salinas ECHS and the Academy of Health Science Professions and STEM
10. Texas Afterschool Centers on Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century 2018-2019 Calendar
11. Public Hearing and Approval of Salary Adjustments Regarding Payment in Excess of Contractual Amount



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**F. Into Executive Session**


- Deliberation on Employment of Professional, Classified & Auxiliary Personnel (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.074)
- Deliberation on Resignation of Professional, Classified & Auxiliary Personnel (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.074)
- Level III Grievance Hearing for Lucila Leal, Licensed Specialist School Psychologist, Special Education Department (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.0821)
- Deliberation on Superintendent's Recommendation to Terminate At-Will Employment of Cynthia Brisenio Velasquez, Library Clerk, Palmview High School (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.074)
- Consultation and Update with Legal Counsel Regarding Special Education Department Audit (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.071)
- Consultation and Update with Legal Counsel Regarding General Litigation (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.071)
- Deliberation on Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property (Texas Government Code § Sec. 551.072)

**G. Out of Executive Session**

**H. Personnel**

1. Employment of Professional Personnel
2. Employment of Classified Staff
  - Para-Professional Personnel
  - Auxiliary Personnel
3. Staff Resignation(s)
  - Professional Personnel
  - Para-Professional Personnel
  - Auxiliary Personnel
4. Possible Action on Level III Grievance Hearing for Lucila Leal, Licensed Specialist School Psychologist, Special Education Department
5. Action on Superintendent's Recommendation to Terminate At-Will Employment of Cynthia Brisenio Velasquez, Library Clerk, Palmview High School

**I. Adjournment**

  
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Dr. Alda T. Benavides  
Superintendent of Schools

Posted: September 14, 2018  
by: Irma Herrera @ 10:00 a.m.