

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:30 PM

Margery Malin Library  
203 Seahawk Drive  
Riviera, TX 78379

Billy Colston III: Present  
Pete Guevara: Present  
Becky Gutierrez: Absent  
Rodney Malin: Present  
Teresa May: Present  
Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Present  
Michael Valenzuela: Present  
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum.  
The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.  
A quorum of the Board was established.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence  
The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence were observed.

3. Public Comment  
Rhonda Yaklin **(ATTACHMENT 3)**

Mrs. Yaklin came to the board meeting on behalf of the staff, students, and families. She presented to the board a gift which included a photo drawn by Melia Rios (student). She thanked the board for all they do for the District.

4. Recognition of School Board Appreciation

8.B.1. Presentation of the Riviera ISD Annual Financial Audit for 2022 - 2023 school year.  
Cameron Gulley presented via zoom the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Audit to the board.  
**(ATTACHMENT 8.B.1)**

5. Public Hearing conducted on the 2022-2023 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for the district.  
Mrs. Thornton provided the school board with the 2022-2023 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) with a side-by-side comparison of the report from 2021-2022.

6. District Updates  
Elias Arredondo presented to the board the Early College High School Data. Mrs. Thornton let the board know about funds available in the centennial fund; a total of \$19,905. Mrs. Thornton also updated the board with information about the district facilities. There was a leak that needed to be repaired that required the water for the entire district to be shut off for 1 hour during the school day. Mrs. Thornton let the board know that our Maintenance Supervisor, Toby Yaklin, was turning in his letter of resignation for February 29, 2024. Mr. Toby Yaklin will be retiring from Riviera ISD but stated he is just a call away and is willing to do contractual work if needed. Mrs. Thornton intended to recognize Mrs. Sylvia Cantu for her 45 years of service to Riviera ISD, Mrs. Cantu was unable to make it to the meeting. Mrs. Thornton handed out board training minutes to the board members as an update on their hours. TEA may potentially not count January 16th, 2024, the day the district closed due to severe weather against our district instructional minutes. Lastly, she shared with the board that Mr. Steven Unterbrink came in and dropped off the land rent check for our site 55 land.

## 7. Consent Agenda

I move to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023, the financial statements: Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, including current cumulative revenues and expenses; Cash and Investment Report; and Check Register including all non-payroll checks; and excluding the Riviera Telephone Company Bill, and the RISD donations. This motion, made by Pete Guevara and seconded by Rodney Malin, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Yea, Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Colston asked if there were any motions to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the financial statements: Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, including current cumulative revenues and expenses; Cash and Investment Report; and Check Register including all non-payroll checks; and excluding the Riviera Telephone Company Bill, and the RISD donations. **(ATTACHMENT 7)**

7.A. Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

7.B. Consider approval of financial statements: Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, including current cumulative revenues and expenses; Cash and Investment Report; and Check Register including all non-payroll checks; and excluding the Riviera Telephone Company Bill

7.C. Consider and approve RISD donations

## 8. Action Agenda

8.A. Consider Riviera Telephone Company Bill

I move to approve the Riviera Telephone Company Bill. This motion, made by Teresa May and seconded by Crystal Ramirez-Garcia, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Abstain (With Conflict), Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Mr. Colston asked if there were any motions to approve the Riviera Telephone Company Bill. **(ATTACHMENT 8A)**

8.C. Consider the 2024-2025 Transfer Agreement with Ricardo ISD.

I move to approve the 2024-2025 Transfer Agreement with Ricardo ISD. This motion, made by Pete Guevara and seconded by Teresa May, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Yea, Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Colston asked if there were any motions to approve the 2024-2025 Transfer Agreement with Ricardo ISD. **(ATTACHMENT 8C)**

8.D. Consider the 2024-2025 Transfer Agreement with Kenedy County - Wide Common School District.

I move to approve the 2024-2025 Transfer Agreement with Kenedy County - Wide Common School District. This motion, made by Teresa May and seconded by Pete Guevara, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Yea, Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Colston asked if there were any motions to approve the 2024-2025 Transfer Agreement with Kenedy County - Wide Common School District. **(ATTACHMENT 8D)**

9. Executive Session, As Authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section, 551.001:

The Board went into executive session at 7:24PM.

9.A. Pursuant to Section 551.074, deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

9.A.1. Discuss employment of Director of Finance

10. Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:04pm.

10.A. Consider the Superintendent's recommendation of employment of the Director of Finance  
I move to approve issuing a probationary contract for the 2023-2024 school year to Jolynn Moreno at the Director of Finance. This motion, made by Pete Guevara and seconded by Crystal Ramirez-Garcia, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Yea, Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Colston opened the floor for any motions to approve the superintendent's recommendation of employment for the Director of Finance Jolynn Moreno.

8.B.2. Consideration of the Riviera ISD Annual Financial Audit for 2022 - 2023 school year.

I move to approve of the Riviera ISD Annual Financial Audit for 2022-2023 school year. This motion, made by Rodney Malin and seconded by Michael Valenzuela, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Yea, Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Colston asked if there were any motions to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Audit. **(ATTACHMENT 8.B.2)**

11. Adjourn

I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Michael Valenzuela and seconded by Pete Guevara, Passed.

Becky Gutierrez: Absent, Billy Colston III: Yea, Pete Guevara: Yea, Rodney Malin: Yea, Teresa May: Yea, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia: Yea, Michael Valenzuela: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board adjourned at 8:07pm.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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Superintendent of Schools