



# BOARD UPDATE

December 18, 2018

## Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Approved the Annual Financial Audit,
- Approved Minutes of December 4, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting,
- Approved Budget Amendments for November 2018,
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of November 30, 2018,
- Approved Quarterly Investment Report Ended November 30, 2018,
- Approved Donation from the Hidalgo County Bar Foundation for Mock Trial Competition,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Cafeteria Dining Décor and Service RFP 16-01-06, Extension 2 of 2 to ISITE Software, LLC – Laguna Beach, CA; Pasco Brokerage, Inc. – Plano, TX; Palmer Hamilton, LLC – Elkhorn, WI; Lozz Quatezz, LLC dba The Sign Depot – McAllen, TX; The Shipping Depot, LLC dba The Print Shop at Shipping Depot – Rio Grande City, TX; The Edu-Source Corporation – San Antonio, TX; Young & Kenady, Inc. dba Descon – Brownsburg, IN.,
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Copy Paper, Envelopes, Tabs, Labels, Binding, Printing-Equipment and Supplies RFP 19-Agency-000062 to the following Coast to Coast Computer Products, Inc. - Simi Valley, CA; Fasclampitt Paper Co. – McAllen, TX; C&L Business Adventures dba LaserLux – Mercedes, TX; D D Office Products, Inc dba Liberty Paper - Los Angeles,

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## Executive Director's Report

- Dr. Gonzalez invited Project *RISE* Director, Dr. Socorro Espinoza to provide a program report to Board Members to share information about the grant. Dr. Espinoza explained that Region One received funding for a 5-year \$48.5 million grant in 2016, Project *RISE*, to create a K-12 grade pipeline of highly-effective teachers to increase all students' academic achievement, graduation rates and college enrollment. Sixteen high-need school districts in thirty-one school districts were selected to participate in Project *RISE* to establish an effective human capital management system and a performance-based compensation system at each school.
- Most recently, Project *RISE* signed a MOU agreement with UTRGV to develop a Master of Education in Teacher Leadership degree designed to prepare teachers as instructional leaders, instructional coaches, and mentors based upon national standards. The program was designed specifically by UTRGV for the Project *RISE* program with extensive participation of the Project *RISE* staff. The first cohort group of 30 identified teachers in mostly small and rural school districts served by Project *RISE* will begin classes in the Spring of 2019.
- In his Personnel Services Report, Dr. Gonzalez announced the following New Staff Additions: Erica D. Alvarez, *Specialist/Fiscal Compliance, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*; Jesus Ramon Aguayo, *Specialist, Office of Health, Safety, & Transportation*; Martha Idalia Hinojosa, *Director, Migrant Education*; Renan A. Ramirez, *Director, Office of Information Technology*, and Vanessa Villagran, *VI Specialist, Office of School Improvement, Accountability, and Compliance*. ❖

## Board Receives Report on ESC Fiscal Standing

Region One ESC received a clean bill of health in its most recent annual audit report. Carlos Cascos of the firm Patillo, Brown, & Hill presented the finding of the "unmodified opinion" to the Board of Directors noting the ESC is fiscally strong. Mr. Cascos explained the audit examines a sampling of business transactions and focuses primarily in the areas of financials, internal controls, and governance.

Mr. Cascos commended the Business & Finance Support staff for their assistance during the audit process.

The Texas Education Code mandates that the Board of Directors have its Center's fiscal accounts audited on an annual basis and that the audit must be completed following the close of the fiscal year. ❖

CA; Marketing and Technical Materials also known as MTM – Tualatin, OR; Quill Corporation - Lincolnshire, IL; Ray’s Business Products - Pharr, TX; School Specialty, Inc. - Greenville, WI; JP Gould DBA Western BRW / Bosworth Papers - Austin, TX.,

- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repairs, RFP 16-AGENCY-000014, Extension 2 of 3 to the following ASPEN Refrigerants, Inc., Long Island City, NY; CAPP USA, Clifton Heights, PA; Lewis Mechanical Sales, Inc., Corpus Christi, TX; Terra Cooling LLC, Harlingen, TX.,
- Approved Office Space for Region One ESC College and Career Readiness Center RFP 19-AGENCY-000064 to the following Domit Executive Business Center – Edinburg, TX at a rate of \$5,270.00/month for the initial lease term, upon fully executed lease agreement – December 31, 2019, with the option to extend up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods if both parties agree at a rate of \$5,270.00/month,
- Approved the purchase of the Cisco Hyperflex solution for the Region One ESC datacenter refresh. ❖



## Board of Directors 2018-2019

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Place 2 – Jim Hogg County, Starr County  
& Zapata County

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Place 6 – Cameron County

Roberto Moroles  
Charter Schools Representative

## Administration

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Executive Director

Dr. Eduardo Cancino  
Deputy Director, Instructional Leadership,  
School Improvement, & College Readiness  
Support

Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr.  
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School & Community Support

Connie Lopez, CPA  
Deputy Director, Business,  
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Ali Kolahdouz  
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