Highlights of the Region One ESC Board of Directors Meeting

Board Update
November 17, 2014

Action Items
The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

• Approved the Minutes of October 21, 2014, Board of Directors Meeting,
• Approved the Minutes of October 27, 2014, Board of Directors Special Meeting,
• Approved the Minutes of November 6, 2014, Board of Directors Workshop,
• Approved Budget Amendments for October 2014,
• Approved Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2014,
• Approved Quarterly Investment Report,
• Approved Internet Service Provider Proposal 12-11-06, Extension to the following vendors: Cogent Communications, Washington, D.C., SmartCom Telephone, McAllen, TX., Time Warner Cable, Coppell, TX,
• Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Music and Theater-Equipment, Supplies, and Repair Proposal 12-09-04, Extension to the following vendors: American Band Accessories, North Las Vegas, NV; Antonio Strad Violin, San Antonio, TX; Black and Pink Dance Supply, Broken Arrow, OK; Brook Mays Music, Dallas, TX; Costume Holiday House, Fremont, OH; Eldridge Publishing Company, Tallahassee, FL; Interstate Music Supply, New Berlin, WI; Jack York Unit Set Construction, McAllen, TX; Jarvis Industries, Spring, TX; J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc., Richland Hills, TX; Lone Star Percussion, Dallas, TX; Mariachi Connection, Inc., San Antonio, TX; Melhart Music Center, McAllen, TX; Mobile Relays Partners Ltd., McAllen, TX; Music in Motion, Plano, TX; National Educational Music Co., Mountainside,

Region One ESC Board of Directors Honors Nelson

Congratulations and well-wishes were showered upon the newly-named Texas Superintendent of the Year, Dr. A. Marcus Nelson, Laredo ISD Superintendent. The Region One ESC Board of Directors held a luncheon, in Nelson’s honor, while in Laredo for a regularly scheduled meeting. Joining in the celebration were representatives from Laredo ISD including Jesus Martinez, LISD Board President and Webb County superintendents Dr. Severita Sanchez, Webb CISD, and Raul Nuques, Zapata County ISD.

“The Laredo ISD community should be extremely proud of Dr. Nelson for receiving this honor; it is a tribute not only for Dr. Nelson as the district’s educational leader, but for the entirety of the Laredo community,” says Region One ESC Executive Director, Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. “Dr. Nelson is a model educational leader who is worthy of this recognition.”

Dr. Nelson was selected as the Texas Superintendent of the Year after having been chosen to represent Region One in the statewide event. The announcement of the Texas Superintendent of the Year occurred at the TASA/TASB Conference held this past September.

The next regularly called meeting of the Region One ESC Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Region One Education Service Center.
NJ; Norcostco, Inc., Dallas, TX; PALCO Specialties, Inc., Castroville, TX; Pender’s Music Co., Denton, TX; Peripole, Salem, OR; Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. Englewood, CO; RBC Music Co., Inc., San Antonio, TX; Sam Ash Quikship Corp., Tampa, FL; Shar Products Co., Ann Arbor, MI; Sign Depot, Pharr, TX; Stage Accents, Northvale, NJ; StageRignt Corp., Clare, MI; Taylor Music, Inc., Aberdeen, SD; Team Go Figure, Garland, TX; Tempest Musical Instruments, San Antonio, TX; Texas Band and Orchestra, McAllen, TX; Texas Scenic Co., Inc., San Antonio, TX; Tote Unlimited, Fort Worth, TX; Tuba Exchange, Durham, NC; Unit Sets Unlimited, Brownwood, TX; Washington Music Center, Wheaton, MD; Wenger Corporation, Owatonna, MN; The Woodwind and Brasswind, South Bend, IN. The following unresponsive vendor will be removed: Juan A. Cuestas, McAllen, TX. Stage Technology, Inc., Minneapolis, MN merged with Norcostco, Inc, Dallas, TX.

- Approved the Adult Education Satellite Learning Center McAllen Location-Lease Extension, a one year extension option with LBJ Family Limited Partnership for the McAllen Adult Learning Center for the 2015 year,

- Approved the Independent Auditor Services; authorizing the Executive Director to obtain services of an independent auditor;

- Approved the Executive Director to request the opinion of the Attorney General on whether 1) the non-voting member representing charter schools on the Board of Directors member increases the number of directors required for establishing a quorum of the Board; and 2) the non-voting member representing charter schools may be counted to establish a quorum.

Location Change for ESC Board of Directors Meeting

Region One ESC Board Meetings are usually held in the Board Room of the ESC’s home office in Edinburg, Texas. This month, the Board traveled to the Webb County area and held this month’s meeting in the conference room of the Laredo Extension Office. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Region One Board Chairman, explained the change in location was to demonstrate the Board’s commitment to providing “full scale” services to districts in the Laredo and Brownsville areas. The change in venue offered Board members the opportunity to evaluate the facilities and meet with staff members.

The Board Members will again be on the road for a future Board Meeting with plans to hold a future Board meeting in the Brownsville Extension Office.

Executive Director’s Report

In his Executive Director’s Report, Dr. Gonzalez invited Dr. Sylvia Rios, Laredo Extension Office Director to provide an overview of the services provided by the Laredo staff. Dr. Rios introduced Team Laredo and provided a background of each members’ area(s) of expertise. Dr. Rios stressed the basis for all decisions at the Laredo Extension Office is based on the Three C’s: Commitment, Collaboration, and Communication.

Dr. Rios presented upcoming initiatives for the school year including Leading for Success Academies, Professional Learning Community Guided planning & Instructional Support, Curriculum Coaching for Effective Teaching & Learning, Advancing the Progress & Performance of ELLs Academy, and Customized Instructional Support.

The Board of Directors commended Team Laredo for their work and pledged to work together with them to ensure continued success.

Under his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez announced the following staff addition: Helen Wilson, Office of Adult Education, Instructor; under Resignations he reported the retirement of Guillermina (Gerbie) Rodriguez, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Mathematics Coordinator.
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- Gilbert Enriquez  
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- Ricardo Gutierrez  
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  Place 3 – Webb County
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- Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez  
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- Dr. Eduardo Cancino  
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- Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr.  
  Deputy Director, Administrative Leadership, School & Community Support
- Frances Guzman  
  Deputy Director, Business, Operations & Finance Support

**Upcoming Events**

- December 16, 2014……………………………………………ESC Board of Directors Meeting
- December 22, 2014 - January 2, 2015…………………Winter Holiday Break
- January 12-13, 2015………………………………………CCRS Meeting
- January 20, 2015……………………………………………ESC Board of Directors Meeting
- January 25-28, 2015………………………………………TASA Mid Winter Conference