



BOARD UPDATE

October 16, 2018

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Approved Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.
- Approved Budget Amendments for September, 2018
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2018
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Regional Improvement Plan 2018-2019
- Approved request to join TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative for Access to "Security IQ" Awareness and Training Software. ❖

Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Todd Larson, Region One ESC Director of Special Education Programs provided a program update to Board Members. Larson reported that there are 36,039 students identified with a disability in the Region One area. The mission of the Region One Special Education Department is to "prepare students for life, regardless of the disability." He went on to explain that staff members, in addition to providing support to school districts in general Special Education support are also specialized to provide support in areas of Visual Impairments/Deaf Blind, Transition, Autism, Behavioral Issue, Parent Coordination, Orientation and Mobility, Low Incidence, and Diversity. Mr. Larson announced new initiatives for the year including Explicit Direct Instruction, Connecting to the Future (C2F).
- Dr. Gonzalez shared the 2018-2019 Organizational Chart (<https://goo.gl/NCcb7V>) with the Board noting the new format includes only department names and department leadership.
- The Regional Improvement Plan, 2018-2019, was shared with Board Members. Dr. Gonzalez highlighted some of the new programs and invited them to read the report to find out all of the innovations. (<https://goo.gl/LEPqc2>)
- In his Personnel Services Report, Dr. Gonzalez announced the following New Staff Additions: Angelica Arellano, Co-Op Specialist, Office of Human Resources; Brenda de la Garza, Special Education Coordinator, Office of School Improvement, Accountability, and Compliance; Kimberly Farias, Speech Language Pathologist, Office of Early Childhood Intervention; Cynthia Salazar, Coordinator, HCMS/PBCS (Project RISE); and Carlos Vega, Speech Language Pathologist, Office of Early Childhood Intervention.
- Dr. Gonzalez also reported the following Resignations: Claudia Luna, Occupational Therapist, Office of Early Childhood Intervention; and Mark Wallace, Director of Office of Facilities & Operations. ❖

Next Board of Directors Meeting
December 4, 2018

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Break (ESC Closed)	Nov. 19-23, 2018
Board Meeting	December 4, 2018
Board Meeting	December 18, 2018
Christmas Break	December 21, 2018 - January 4, 2019

Board of Directors 2018-2019

Ricardo Gutierrez, Chairperson
Place 2 – Jim Hogg County, Starr County
& Zapata County

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Vice-Chairperson
Place 5 – Cameron County

Raul R. Chapa, Secretary
Place 7 – Willacy County

Alicia E. Requenez
Place 1 – Hidalgo County

Laura A. McCoy
Place 3 – Webb County

Sonia A. Falcon
Place 4 – Hidalgo County

Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr.,
Place 6 – Cameron County

Roberto Moroles
Charter Schools Representative

Administration

Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez
Executive Director

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

Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr.
Deputy Director, Administrative Leadership, School &
Community Support

Connie Lopez, CPA
Deputy Director, Business,
Operations & Finance Support

Ali Kolahdouz
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Division of Technology for Learning



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