



BOARD UPDATE

February 27, 2018

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Approved Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting,
- Approved Budget Amendments for January, 2018,
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2018,
- Approved Quarterly Investment Report Ended November 30, 2017,
- Approved Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative Further Processing of USDA Foods for SY 19 RFP 19-AGENCY-000038,
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Independent Auditor Services RFQ 13-03- 10, Extension 4 of 4,
- Approved National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA),
- Approved Donation from the Hidalgo County Bar Foundation for Mock Trial Competition,
- Approved Consider Procurement Method, Selection Criteria, Review and Ranking Committee, Prevailing Wage Rate and Authorization to seek Competitive Sealed Proposals for Construction of the Conference Center Project,
- Approved Evaluation of the Executive Director and Discussion of Contract, to include one year contract extension. ❖

Executive Director's Report

In his Executive Director's Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following items:

- Dr. Gonzalez invited Ms. Anabel Rangel, Brownsville Extension Office Director and Ms. Teresa Cantu, ECI Director, to provide an overview of the offerings provided by the Brownsville Extension Office:
- Ms. Rangel reported the office provides staff development training to meet the needs of the diverse learner. School districts served by this office include Brownsville ISD, Los Fresnos CISD, Point Isabel ISD, San Benito CISD, Harlingen CISD, Harmony Public Schools, IDEA Public Schools, Jubilee Academies, Raul Yzaguirre School for Success, Catholic Diocese of Brownsville, Veterans Memorial Academy/San Benito, and Premier High School. Ms. Rangel shared some of the new initiatives offered by the office are the Aspiring Principals' Academy-Cohort 2, Classroom Management, On site Coaching and Mentoring, New Teacher Academy, and the Creating Highly Effective Successful Schools Academy (CHES).
- Ms. Teresa Cantu, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Director reported that the ECI Program serves 782 babies and their families in the Cameron County area and there are 267 pending referrals to the program. The ECI program serves our youngest population, babies ages 0-35 months, with disabilities or developmental delays. Ms. Cantu explained that the program has undergone a number of statewide implemented changes including the transition from a "free" service to its current status whereas the ECI program bills Medicaid, private insurance, or collects on a cost-share program. While other programs throughout the state struggle to maintain delivery of service of 2.84 hours per child on a monthly basis, the Region One ECI program has consistently surpassed the targets. As a result of the program's outstanding performance, the Region One ECI program was allotted additional state dollars which the program used to assist families with Respite Services. In addition to the therapists and case workers that make up the ECI staff, Ms. Cantu reported that a Child Find Initiative, Transition Initiative, and a Behavioral Specialist was added to the program offerings.
- Representatives from Gignac & Associates, the Region One ESC Architectural Firm, shared proposed plans for two upcoming construction projects including updates and expansion of the Laredo Extension Office and the construction of a multi-purpose conference center at the Region One Edinburg location. Construction plans for the Laredo Extension Office include new office/administrative space and the completion of an empty shell space toward the back of the building which will serve as a larger meeting room space, according to Raymond Gignac, Architect. The exterior will be updated, as will the main entrance and lobby of the building. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Next Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2018

- Plans for the Region One Edinburg location are for a 1,200 capacity multi-purpose conference center which can be used to accommodate larger groups or the area can be configured to up to five smaller rooms, as necessary. In addition to the state-of-the-art conference meeting room, interior walkways will connect the new building to the existing east and west buildings. The location for the new building will be directly in front of the Rio Grande Mathematics Lab, the red circular dome in front of the building and will extend beyond the first grassy median into the parking lot along Schunior Street. Gignac pointed out that the existing Rio Grande Mathematics Lab will be converted to a café-style meeting area allowing both workshop participants and staff to enjoy. Dr. Gonzalez added that the new addition will allow Region One to host larger gatherings instead of having to seek outside meeting space for larger conferences.
- In his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following resignations: Barbara Grayson, Center for eLearning/Office of Technology for Learning and Elda Christian, Project RISE/Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. ❖

Edinburg Location-Preliminary Drawings and Site/Floor Plan



Region One ESC – CONCEPTUAL RENDERING



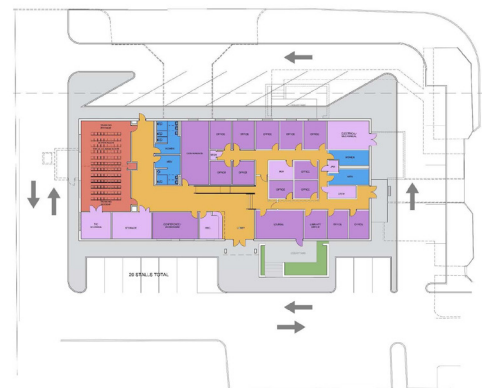
Region One ESC – Floor Plan



Laredo Extension Office-Preliminary Drawings and Site/Floor Plan



Region One ESC – Conceptual Rendering



Region One ESC – Site/Floor Plan



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Upcoming Events

March 12-16	Spring Break/ESC Closed
March 30	Easter Holiday/ESC Closed
April 2	Inclement Weather Day/ESC Closed
April 7-9	78th Annual NSBA Conference
April 17	ESC Board of Directors Meeting
May 18-19	Region One School Board Association Conference

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