



BOARD UPDATE

November 17, 2020

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Minutes of the October 20, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting*
- Approved Budget Amendments for October 2020*
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2020*
- Approved Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between Region One ESC and OMNIA Partners Public Sector*
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Security - Equipment, Supplies, Systems and Repairs RFP 18-AGENCY000036, Extension 3 of 3 to the following vendors: American Surveillance Co, Brownsville, TX; Digital Ally, Inc., Lenexa, KS; GT Distributors, Austin, TX; South Texas Communications, McAllen, TX. *
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Fundraising Services RFP 18- AGENCY-000037, Extension 3 of 3 Old Fashion Candy Co., Inc – Evansville, IN; Old Fashion Candy Co., Inc dba Freedom Fundraising – Chandler, IN. *

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Executive Director's Report

Dr. Gonzalez presented the following items in his Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Juan Mujica provided a Construction Update for the Edinburg project reporting that construction is 90% complete and that final punch list items should be ready by late December. Landscaping, parking lot striping, floor finishes, and lighting fixtures are some of the finishing projects underway by the general contractor.
- In his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez shared news of the following New Additions: Dr. Judith M. Solis; *Deputy Director, Division of Administrative Leadership, School, and Community Support* and Elaine Rubio; *Customer Success Specialist, Division of Technology for Learning/Information Technology*.
- Board Members received an update on the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) from Dr. Linda Rodriguez, Director. The program offers State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) paths for teachers and school principals through the Project P.a.C.E. and ILP³ programs. The program recently underwent a routine audit by the Texas Education Agency to maintain its program certification. The audit, required of programs every five years, is a review of the programs compliance with the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) and Texas Education Code (TEC) in nine program component areas including Governance, Admissions, Curriculum, Coursework and Training, Assessment and Evaluation, Professional Conduct, Complaint Procedure, Certification Procedures, and Data Submission. In areas requiring improvement, TEA offers a Compliance Plan, so the program can work to correct. Overall, Dr. Rodriguez advised that the EPP received high marks for their work. Any areas of improvement are minor fixes, according to Dr. Rodriguez. EPP will forward their completed Compliance Plan to SBEC by the February 2021 deadline. At such time, it is expected that SBEC will give final approval for program continuation.
- Dr. Judith Solis the new Deputy Director of Administrative Leadership, School, and Community Support, was formally introduced to the Board of Directors. Dr. Solis thanked the Board for the opportunity to “come back home” having served as Assistant Superintendent at San Antonio ISD for the past four years.



Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings:

December 15, 2020

(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)

January 12, 2021

(tentatively scheduled as a Zoom meeting)

- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative Special Needs/Assistive Technology - Equipment, Supplies & Literacy Materials RFP 19-AGENCY-000035, Extension 3 of 3 Complete Book and Media Supply, LLC - Cedar Park, TX; Independent Living Aids, LLC - Buffalo, NY; Lakeshore Learning Materials - Carson, CA; MaxiAids, Inc. - Farmingdale, NY; Oticon, Inc. - Somerset, NJ; Rifton Equipment - Rifton, NY; School Health Corporation – Hanover Park, IL; School Specialty, Inc. - Greenville, WI. *

*Consent Agenda Items

Region One ESC Board Approves Re-Posting and Extension of Executive Director Search

The Region One Board of Directors approved action to re-post the position of the Executive Director position and to extend the posting timeline.

Re-Posting of Position

As the Region One Executive Director Search Committee was prepared to review applications for the Executive Director position at their November 11, 2020 scheduled meeting, an oversight was discovered in the posting of the position, reported Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez. During an earlier discussion of requirements for the position, the Board indicated a required qualification for all candidates was: *“Minimum of three (3) years experience as a campus administrator.”* The job posting stated this qualification slightly different: *“Minimum of three (3) years administrative experience in an educational institution.”*

The Search Committee agreed to bring this item back to the Board for clarification before any screening of the candidates occurred. Administration’s recommendation was that the board select the wording it considered more appropriate for the search for the new Executive Director. The Board voted to re-post the position using the original phrasing.

Extension of Executive Search Timeline

Dr. Gonzalez shared with the Board a recommendation from the Texas Education Agency to consider assigning an Interim Executive Director and extending the application deadline until the end of the school year. This move would allow more opportunity for candidates to apply and possibly increase the candidate pool. Dr. Gonzalez explained that considering the circumstances of this school year brought on by the pandemic, potential applicants may be reluctant to leave their current school district positions in the middle of a school year.

The Board agreed to the deadline extension and to the placement of an interim until a permanent Executive Director is named. Action on an Interim Executive Director, including the nomination process and eligible candidates, will be addressed at the upcoming Board Meeting in December. ❖

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