



BOARD UPDATE

February 25, 2020

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, *
- Approved Budget Amendments for January 2020, *
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2020, *
- Approved Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repairs, RFP 16-AGENCY-000014, Extension 3 of 3 to the following vendors *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 Region One Purchasing Cooperative Copy Paper, Envelopes, Tabs, Labels, Binding, Printing - Equipment and Supplies RFP 19-AGENCY-000062, Extension 1 of 3 to the following vendors *Coast to Coast Computer Products, Inc. - Simi Valley, CA; Fasclampitt Paper Co. - McAllen, TX; C&L Business Adventures dba LaserLux - Mercedes, TX; DD Office Products, Inc dba Liberty Paper - Los Angeles, 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, **

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Dr. Gonzalez Submits Retirement Resignation

Board of Directors "Reluctantly" Accept

The Board of Directors accepted the retirement resignation of Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, effective January 31, 2021. Although the vote was unanimous to accept the resignation, Board Members were adamant that their action was done so with heavy hearts.

Dr. Gonzalez has served as Executive Director since June 2013. In that time, he has been committed to providing support to students of all social groups and all Region One schools so they may have access to opportunities to better their lives through education.

"It was a very difficult decision for both me and my family, but we decided that it was time for me to take a step back from my professional life and take time to spend with my beautiful family, including my two grandchildren. During my tenure here at the ESC we have accomplished so much bringing well-deserved attention to the educators and students of the region. Whether it be through out-performing the state in the accountability system, initiating innovative programs to support learning for our students, or by supporting educators in the region through pioneering professional development opportunities, I am extremely proud of the work that we have achieved."

Major projects initiated by Dr. Gonzalez also include the purchase of the Laredo Extension Office building from the City of Laredo and the subsequent renovation of the center. The move will provide additional learning opportunities for educators in the western most part of the region. Another major move by Dr. Gonzalez is the 25,672 square foot addition to the existing Edinburg location adding 5 new meeting rooms that can be converted to a 1,200 seat capacity auditorium. ❖

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following items in his Executive Directors Report:

- Dr. Gonzalez invited a program report from the Brownsville Extension Office. Ms. Anabel Rangel, Brownsville Extension Office Director provided an update on the operations of the Brownsville office. Rangel noted that services are provided primarily to school districts and charter schools in the Cameron County area. Services offered to school districts in the 2019-2020 school year include content area specific trainings, TEA Math Academies, Differentiated Instruction, ELPS Trainings/Special Education Support, Sheltered Instruction, and Coaching an Mentoring, to name a few. In addition, the Brownsville Extension Office has contracted with Brownsville ISD for professional development services totaling over \$100,000.

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- Ms. Theresa Cantu, ECI Program Administrator provided an overview of the Early Childhood Intervention Program operations. She reported that the ECI program has offices in both Cameron and Hidalgo County and serves 433 and 667 children in each county, respectively. The total enrollment of the ECI program requires that they serve 1,069 clients and currently the census is at 1,100. There are over 255 pending referrals to the program.
- Board Members were presented with options for wording of the memorial plaque to be placed at the Laredo Administrative and Professional Development Center.
- In his monthly construction report to the Board of Directors Mr. Juan Mujica shared that the Laredo construction project is 75% complete and has a projected substantial completion date of April 15, 2020. The Edinburg construction project is just over a third of the way complete with a projected completion date of November 2020.
- In his Personnel Matters Report, Dr. Gonzalez shared the following: Additions: Niranda Flores, *Specialist-Bilingual/ESL, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*; Tammie L. Garcia, *Administrator-School Improvement, Accountability, and Compliance, Division of Instructional Leadership, School Improvement, & College Readiness Support*; Diana Jackson, *Speech Language Pathologist, Early Childhood Intervention Program (Brownsville Office)*; Minerva Vasquez, *Specialist-Instructional Support, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*). Dr. Gonzalez also reported on the following resignations: Melissa Aguero Ramirez, *Director, Office of Human Resources*; Lisette Hernandez, *Speech Therapy Assistant, Early Childhood Intervention*, and Esau Silva, *Senior Software Engineer, Division of Technology for Learning*. ❖

Action Items continued

- Approved Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative Further Processing of USDA Foods for SY21 RFP 21-AGENCY-000077,*
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Construction Loan RFP 20-AGENCY-000076 to Lone Star National Bank-McAllen, Texas,
- Approved the Retirement Resignation of Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez effective January 31, 2021.

*Consent Agenda Items

Upcoming Events

No Board Meeting is scheduled in March 2020

Spring Break March 16-20, 2020

Board of Directors Meeting April 21, 2020

2020 NSBA Conference April 4-6, 2020

ROSBA Conference May 15-16, 2020

Board of Directors 2019-2020

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

Raul R. Chapa, Vice-Chairperson
Place 7 – Brooks County & Willacy County

Sonia A. Falcon, Secretary
Place 4 – Hidalgo County

Alicia E. Requenez
Place 1 – Hidalgo County

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

Laura A. McCoy
Place 3 – Webb 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

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School & Community Support

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Operations & Finance Support

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