



BOARD UPDATE

September 17, 2019

Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following:

- Approved Minutes of the August 22, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting.
- Approved Policy Update 24, affecting Local Policies BAA, BBB, CAA, CH, DI, EC, as presented, excluding DH (Local & Regulation)
- Approved Local ESC Policy BBB as presented to include Region One ESC Board of Director, Place 7 to represent Willacy County and Brooks County,
- Approved Local ESC Policy CBF as presented to remove the Finance Coordinator as a deputy investment officer and replace with Finance Director and increase the collateralization level to 102 percent of market value from 100 percent,
- Approved the Local ESC Policy DEB updates: Update 1: Employee will earn leave as long as the employee is an active employee. Update 2: Employee will receive all eligible leave at the beginning of the year or first date of employment. Update 3: Employee will be allowed to take a full day of paid birthday leave. Update 4: Employee earns up to 12 days per year for payment of leave benefit upon retirement. The number of days earned for each year of ESC service will be based on the employee work calendar,

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Executive Director's Report

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

- Dr. Gonzalez invited Mr. Juan Mujica of Gignac & Associates to report on the two on-going construction projects. According to Mujica, the Laredo project is 33% complete; underground electrical lines are being run for the new transformer and the existing ground is being prepped for the new driveways and parking areas. Mujica added the interior demolition is complete and the area is being prepared to install underground plumbing. Most interior spaces are being defined with new metal stud walls. The projected completion date is January 5, 2020.
- The Edinburg Conference Center construction project is underway with most of the work concentrated on site demolition in preparation for the new building. Mujica explains this process involves the removal of existing soil and re-filling it with select fill which will be compacted and tested. Work on the new parking lot, located at the corner of Jackson Road & Schunior Street will begin soon. It should not interfere with traffic flow in and out of the building or existing parking spaces.
- Dr. Laura Sheneman provided a Library Services & Instructional Resources program update. She shared information about regional activities, including the Little Free Library sites throughout the region, the movement to introduce more culturally relevant books to students to encourage reading, and the Battle of the Books reading competition. Dr. Sheneman also shared with Board Members information about cooperative opportunities for school districts to take advantage of a virtual library stocked with videos, databases, e-books, college and military readiness programs, at an incredible cost savings. She reported that 37 school districts, 5 charter schools, and 14 private schools take advantage of the opportunities through the Virtual Library Cooperative and the Library & Technology Purchasing Cooperative. In recognition of Library Card Sign-Up Month, Dr. Sheneman gave each Board Member a library card so they can access the materials through the ESC One Virtual Library.
- Dr. Gonzalez shared the 2019-2020 Regional Plan for Improvement with the Board and reviewed some of the new programs being introduced for the new school year.
- As part of his Personnel Services Report, Dr. Gonzalez reported on the following **Additions**: Edgar Ibarra Villarreal, *Specialist, Brownsville Extension Office*; Dr. Denisa Lopez, *Physical Therapist, ECI*; Isela Morales Cuellar, *Speech Language Pathologist, ECI*. **Changes**: Patricia Gomez has been named Project RISE Coordinator. **Resignations**: Dr. Belinda Goren, *Administrator, Office of School Improvement, Accountability, Compliance/ Turnaround*. ❖

Next Board of Directors Meeting
October 22, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Region One ESC

- Approved the Region One ESC Improvement Plan, 2019-2020,
- Approved the Quarterly Investment Report Ended August 31, 2019,
- Approved the 2018-2019 Annual Investment Report,
- Approved the Region One Purchasing Cooperative Automotive and Bus Parts, Tires, Tubes, Supplies, Equipment and Repairs RFP 16-08-19, Extension 3 of 3 to the following vendors Aspen Refrigerant Inc. (formerly Airgas Refrigerants, Inc.), Long Island City, NY; American Industrial Supplies and Tool Repair, Inc., Pharr, TX; The King Corporation DBA Arnold Oil Company, Corpus Christi, TX; VOR LLC DBA Border Engine Rebuilders and Diesel Services, Mission, TX; Buck's Wheel and Equipment Co., Fort Worth, TX; Daniel David Polewski DBA Burgess Fabrics, McAllen, TX; Vaughan Interests, Inc. DBA Burton Companies, Weslaco, TX; CD Starter Service, LLC, Victoria, TX; D & R Glass Etc., Inc., McAllen, TX; South Texas Diesel Service, Inc. DBA Fuel Injection Service, Pharr, TX; Laredo Gonzalez Auto Parts DBA Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, TX; Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc. DBA Jasper Engines and Transmissions, Jasper, IN; Lupe Garza DBA LMG Sales, Weslaco, TX; Mobile Relays Partners, Ltd., McAllen, TX; O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC DBA O'Reilly Auto Parts, Springfield, MO; Rush Truck Centers of Texas, LP, San Antonio, TX; Kyriush Truck Center (formerly Santex Truck Center Ltd.). San Antonio, TX; Oscar Esquivel DBA Secure First Aid and Safety Supply, McAllen, TX; Southern Tire Mart, LLC, Columbia, MS; T&W Tire, LLC (formerly Tire Centers, LLC), Duncan, SC; McAdams Group LLC DBA Texas Alternator Starter Service, Austin, TX; Trans Air Service Center, LLC, Edinburg, TX.
- Approved the Region One Purchasing Cooperative Special Needs/Assistive Technology – Equipment, Supplies and Literacy Materials RFP 18-AGENCY-000035, Extension 2 of 3 to the following vendors AbleNet, Inc. - Roseville, MN; 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.
- Approved the Region One Purchasing Cooperative Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Security - Equipment, Supplies, Systems and Repairs RFP 18-AGENCY-000036, Extension 2 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 the Region One Purchasing Cooperative Fundraising Services RFP 18-AGENCY-000037, Extension 2 of 3 to the following vendors: Cherry Bros, LLC dba Cherrydale Farms, dba Nation Imprint, dba Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe – Lansdale, PA; Old Fashion Candy Co., Inc – Evansville, IN; Old Fashion Candy Co., Inc dba Freedom Fundraising – Chandler, IN
- Approved Classroom and Office Space for Region One ESC Adult Learning Program RFP 16-08-18, Extension 3 of 3 to LBJ Family Limited Partnership, at a rate of \$8,000/month for the third lease term, January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.
- Approved Region One Education Service Center Building Maintenance Services RFP 18-AGENCY-000034, Extension 2 of 3 to VCI Builders, Inc. – Mission, TX
- Approved Region One Education Service Center On-Call Architectural, Engineering and Materials Testing RFQ 16-AGENCY-000005, Extension 3 of 3 to Gignac & Associates, LLP. ❖

Addition of Brooks County to Place 7



With the addition of Brooks County to the area serviced by Region One ESC, the Board of Directors took action to have the new geographic area represented by Place 7 held by Mr. Raul R. Chapa. Place 7 currently represents Willacy County area.

Factors considered in the move included the student population of the newly acquired county and the distance to Willacy County, the closest county served by Region One. ❖

Happy Birthday

The Region One Board of Directors approved a new benefit to full-time Region One staff members to honor their birthdays. Effective September 2019, employees will be allowed to take one full day of leave during their birthday month without loss of pay. The day will not be charged against state or local leave or a flex-day; this is one additional day for staff.



To be eligible for the “birthday leave” staff members must receive prior approval from their supervisor. ❖

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting
October 22, 2019

Board of Directors Meeting
November 19, 2019

ESC Offices Closed (Thanksgiving)
November 25-29, 2019

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

Mr. Heriberto Villarreal
Deputy Director, Administrative Leadership,
School & Community Support

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

Ali Kolahdouz
Chief Technology Officer
Division of Technology for Learning



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