

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON August 11, 2025
TIME: 6:00 pm**

SESSION A: The meeting was called to order by Juan J. Ramos Jr. Board President.
A quorum was established as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Juan J. Ramos Jr.
Yadira Flores
Maria Acosta
Agapito Perez Jr.
Paola Candanoza
Janie Sarmiento

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Berenice Martinez

Sergio Coronado, Superintendent
Eden Ramirez, School Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: ESSA CONSOLIDATED GRANT - 6:00 pm

Ms. Coronado presents to the board, The Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) Section 8306 (a)(7) and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Program Specific Provisions and Assurances require the district to seek public comment before the application is submitted to the Texas Education Agency. Grant-Specific Considerations The ESSA application encompasses the following program areas, each with unique objectives:

- Title I, Part A: Supplemental resources to help schools with high concentrations of low-income students acquire knowledge and skills to meet state content and performance standards.
- Title I, Part C: Supplemental instructional and support services for migrant students.
- Title II, Part A: Initiatives to increase student achievement through improving teacher and principal quality. (Redirected into Title I).
- Title III, Part A – ELA: Programs for English learners to attain English proficiency, achieve high academic performance, and meet state standards.
- Title IV, Part A – SSAE: Initiatives to improve academic achievement by ensuring access to a well-rounded education, improving school conditions for learning, and enhancing technology use.

Adjournment of Public Hearing 6:04 pm

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve as presented.

Second by Yadira Flores

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

A- Call meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

A1 Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Flag

A2 Prayer – **Janie Sarmiento**

A3 Public Audience

A4 Board Minutes:

- July 3, 2025 – *Special Board Meeting*
- July 28, 2025 – *Special Board Meeting*

Motion made by Agapito Perez to approve as presented.

Second by Paola Candanoza

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

B- Superintendent's Report:

B1 District Reports:

*Mr. Coronado introduced Mr. Julian Alvarez, representing Lone Star National Bank, who expressed his gratitude to the board and the district for their continued partnership with LSNB. He highlighted LSNB's recent contributions, including donating school supplies at Progreso ISD's Back-to-School event and presenting a check for the golf tournament. Mr. Coronado continued by sharing that Progreso ISD earned an A rating (96) in the **Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)**. He also updated the board on the Welcome Back event for teachers and staff, Dr. ET was the guest speaker, and the community Back-to-School event hosted in partnership with Driscoll Children's Hospital. Upcoming events include Midnight Madness and Meet the Teacher. He reported that nearly 1,000 students registered for the school year and announced a new safety protocol requiring all employees to wear an ID badge. We are starting a door decorating contest district wide and board member Ms. Janie Sarmiento donated \$200. Mr. Coronado noted that new winter band uniforms will arrive in December, along with two additional uniform shirts for pep rallies, games, and Pigskin. He also shared efforts to promote Accelerated Reader (AR), inviting board members to visit campuses and read to students. Finally, he recognized South Texas College (STC) for donating more than 20 pieces of equipment to support the district's manufacturing program.*

B2 City of Progreso Presentation:

Mayor Hugo Gamboa presented to the board regarding the donation of the old Progreso Elementary building, which will be used for a Boys and Girls Club and a public library.

C- Curriculum & Instruction:

C1 T-TESS and T-PESS Appraisers

Mr. Coronado presents to the board, the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) promotes continuous improvement through evidence-based feedback, ongoing dialogue, and targeted professional development. The Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (T-PESS) supports principals' professional growth by assessing performance against the Texas Principal Standards. This process is implemented systematically through a seven-step supervisory cycle conducted throughout the school year, with the ultimate goal of improving principal effectiveness as instructional leaders.

Motion made by Agapito Perez to approve as presented.

Second by Maria Acosta

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

C2 EHBE (Local) Revision

Mrs. Marivel Garcia presents to the board, Enrollment in the Dual Language Program (DLP) begins at the prekindergarten or kindergarten level. To ensure program fidelity and language development, students are expected to participate continuously through the elementary grades without interruption. Administrators will monitor enrollment and ensure appropriate staffing and instructional resources to support program continuity. Participation in the DLP generates increased funding: English Proficient students generate an additional 0.5 weighted funding, while LEP students generate an additional 1.5 weighted funding through the Bilingual Education Allotment, supporting sustainability and program expansion.

Motion made by Agapito Perez to approve as presented.

Second by Yadira Flores

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

C3 Memorandum of Understanding between UMOS, Inc. (UMOS) Head Start program and Progreso ISD

Ms. Correa presents to the board, This MOU aims to enhance service delivery for children 3-5.11 years old by establishing guidelines for collaboration between UMOS, Inc. and Progreso ISD. It ensures high-quality services, reduces duplication, and considers family priorities. The MOU outlines service provision, guarantees free and appropriate public education (FAPE), in the least restrictive environment (LRE), and promotes effective resource utilization and cooperative arrangements. Each party to this MOU will abide by State and Federal laws, including laws relating to confidentiality, privacy and data security. This MOU will become effective once the authorized individual of each party has signed the MOU, and will remain effective through December 31, 2028, unless and until either party notifies the other party in writing that it wishes to terminate the MOU. This MOU will be reviewed annually and may be modified by a written Addendum signed by the authorized representatives of each party to the MOU. This MOU may be

terminated for convenience by either party upon seven days' written notice to the other party.

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve as presented.

Second by Paola Candanoza

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

C4 Homeschool Students Participating in Extracurricular, Policy FD (Local)/FM (Local)

Mr. Coronado presents to the board, Senate Bill 401, enacted in the 89th Texas Legislative Session and applicable beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, changes the process for homeschool (non-enrolled) student participation in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities from an opt-in to an automatic eligibility model. Under the new law, homeschool students are automatically eligible to participate unless a district or charter school formally opts out by adopting a policy before September 1, 2025. If a district opts out, homeschool students may still participate in UIL activities through the nearest district that allows them.

Motion made by Paola Candanoza to approve as presented.

Second by Maria Acosta

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

C5 Personal Communication Devices/Electronic Devices (HB 1481), Policy FNCE (Local)

Mr. Coronado presents to the board, Under HB 1481 and TEC §37.082(d), school policies must ban student use of personal communication devices—such as cell phones, tablets, and smartwatches—on school property during the school day, excluding district-issued devices. Districts may either prohibit devices on campus or require secure storage, and policies must include disciplinary measures, with authority to dispose of unclaimed confiscated items after 90 days' written notice. Exceptions are required for documented medical needs, IEP or Section 504 plans, and health or safety requirements. District policies must address secure storage, disciplinary consequences, and be implemented by September 18, 2025, with Texas Education Agency guidance and grant support available for compliance.

Motion made by Juan J Ramos as discussed prohibit use during first bell and last bell. First offense keeps phone 5 days \$15 fee, second 10 days \$20 fee, third ISS, 2 days and \$50 fee, fourth keep till the end of the year 3 days ISS and \$75 (fees for scholarship found) fee 8:20 p.m.

Second by Yadira Flores

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

C6 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct/Student Handbook

Ms. Correa presents to the board, The Student Handbook is designed to provide basic information for both the parents and students and is aligned with board policy and The Student Code of Conduct. The Student Code of Conduct is the district's response to the requirements of Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code.

- *This Code provides information to parents and students regarding standards of conduct, consequences of misconduct, and procedures for administering discipline. It remains in effect during summer school and at all school-related events and activities outside the school year until an updated version adopted by the board becomes effective for the next school year.*
- *In accordance with state law, the Code shall be posted at each school campus or shall be available for review at the office of the campus principal. Additionally, the Code shall be posted on the district's website.*

The student handbook and student code of conduct are reviewed and revised annually using updates provided by TASB to ensure legal compliance. Both documents must be approved each year by the board of trustees prior to distribution

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve as presented. 8:20 p.m.

Second by Yadira Flores

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

D- Finance:

D1 Tax Resolution - Approving the individual authorized to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate, the voter-approval tax rate and other truth-in-taxation requirements

Mr. Hernandez presents to the board, in accordance with CCG Legal and Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Board of Trustees must designate the individual authorized to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate, the voter-approval tax rate and other truth-in-taxation requirements.

Motion made by Agapito Perez to approve as presented.

Second by Janie Sarmiento

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

D2 Review and Approve the 2025-2026 Budget and Tax Rate Calendar

Decide on Public meeting date on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate. Board Meeting Wednesday August 27, 2025.

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve as presented.

Second by Agapito Perez

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

D3 Review and Approve the 2025-2026 Proposed Tax Rate

Determine the proposed tax rate to be published in the notice and used for budget planning.

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve as presented.

Second by Yadira Flores

**VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta,
Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza**

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

**E- Executive Session: Closed Meeting under Texas Gov't Code 551.071; 551.072;
551,074; 551.-076; 551,082. 7:14 PM**

- (a) Resignations and Superintendent's recommendations for resignations, terminations, proposed terminations, re-assignments and proposed non-renewals of district employees
- (b) Superintendent's recommendations and possible interviews for hiring of administrative & professional personnel - instructional and non-instructional
- (c) Superintendent's recommendations for hiring of non-professional personnel - clerical/technical and auxiliary
- (d) Discussion to Amend Compensation Plan

**F- Reconvene in Open Meeting to take action on the following items:
Discuss and take possible action on the following items: 8:20 PM**

- (a) Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendations concerning resignations, terminations, proposed terminations, re-assignments and proposed non-renewals or suspensions of District employees.
- (b) Discussion and possible action on hiring of administrative & professional, instructional and non-instructional personnel
- (c) Discussion and possible action on hiring of non-professional Clerical/Technical and Auxiliary personnel
- (d) Discussion and Action to Amend Compensation

Motion Made by, Juan J. Ramos Jr., to approve as presented

Second by, Yadira Flores

VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

J- Adjournment

Motion Made by, Juan J. Ramos Jr., to approve as presented

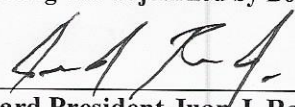
Second by, Yadira Flores

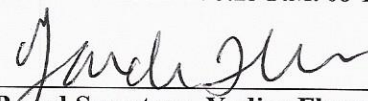
VOTING FOR: Juan J. Ramos Jr., Yadira Flores, Agapito Perez, Maria Acosta, Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

Meeting was adjourned by Board President Juan J. Ramos Jr. at 8:23 P.M. 08-11-2025.


Board President Juan J. Ramos Jr.,


Board Secretary, Yadira Flores