Call to Order- 6:31pm by Robert Scott
4 board members present, 1 absent (Mr. Perez)
Brooks County ISD rep- Romeo Ozuna
Premont rep- Hervey Jaramillo

Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags

Moment of Silence

Public Comment -All members of the public who wish to make a comment should send an email to mgonzalez@thersiz.org by 5 PM on Wednesday, July 22nd so that it can be read out loud at the meeting as long as it is less than 750 words.

Deliberation and Possible Action on Minutes of May 27, 2020 Meeting

Mike recommends to approve the minutes. Appreciates the help from Dr. Guerrero and Empower to keep great notes.
   Motions: Linda
   Second: Dr. Guerro
   Vote: All in favor

New board member appointments/reappointments

Brooks County ISD rep- Romeo Ozuna
Premont rep- Hervey Jaramillo
Motions: Dolores
Second: Doug
Vote: All in favor

RSIZ Executive Director Update
Academy Updates

- New staff member of STEM-Rene Cisneros
- Fal students cohort will be heading to Freer for NGMA
- IGNITE will be reconfiguring through either CBC or Del Mar, offering certification track in Heavy Machinery Operations

*Dr. Casas said she talked to Dr. Rivera this afternoon and they will be able to offer dual credit through Del Mar this fall.
- New academies-GYO and Naval JROTC are underway and enrollment numbers look good.

Core Foundational Academics

- Calendars have been adjusted. Premont/Freer to start Aug 24th remote (for first three weeks and Brooks on Aug 17th remote (for first six weeks)
- Growing relationship with Region 1 to gather mastery content specialists to support academics

Linda: When districts come back, are they each planning to go three weeks remote? Will A&M Kingsville be going totally virtual or will they be face-to-face?
Mike: Freer is two and a half weeks remote, BCISD potentially six weeks based on judges orders, Premont will be first three weeks remote-no kids in person until September. Dual credit at TAMUK will all be virtual.
Steve: Premont students under IDEA will be able to come to campus on Aug 24th.
Robert: Talked to commissioner and hopeful that there will be more metrics and aggregated data to share.
Conrad: talked with County Judge Saenz. Only have 3 active cases but the judge plans to follow the lead of the school district and they plan to work together. Hoping to come back face to face Sept 8
Dr. Casas: BCISD numbers have increased-first death today. 56 confirmed cases. First staff member tested positive. County Judge Ramos seriously considering first 8 weeks remote learning and will be making final decision on Friday.
Robert: It’s a critical time to be working with county officials as cases rise in many counties. Concerned that trend line in Texas could be rising until November.

Community/Campus Updates

- Mike shares on all the work-based learning opportunities students have had over the summer.
- Several IGNITE students have started their own business through Facebook to provide woodworking projects to the community.

Linda: Mike I just want to thank you for your WBL with kids this summer and the connections with the different organizations and partners was right on point.

Talent and Human Capital

- All core areas staffed across the Zone.
- All districts are on track to be approved for Cohort C in mid-August.

Doug: Is there any risk that teachers can’t complete the NBCT requirements due to virtual
instruction?
Mike: There shouldn’t be but the hardest part will be choosing the first cohort of teachers to go through NBCT.
Linda: In discussion with supts, any fees as far as board certification through
Mike: Yes will use the 15% collaborative fee.
Linda: Are the supts okay with that BCISD will have more spots in the NBCT because they are a bigger size? Want to be sure that the decision was collaborative.
Mike: Yes it was a supt idea and decision for the spots to proportional to district size.

Organizational Updates
- Matterlab PD will be offered in the fall and they have produced new RSIZ logos.

Doug: Has this situation of COVID given way to new thinking on how academies could be offered virtually?
Mike: It's a way to rethink scheduling and offerings.

**Discussion and approval of new school calendars and start date**

Motions: Linda motions to approve calendars as presented with the flexibility of any calendar updates in August dependent on state/county orders. Gives that authority to ED and supts to make those changes if needed
Second: Dolores seconds
Vote: All in favor

**Approval of School Plans**

Mike recommends to approve school plans as presented.
Linda: The plan recommends how to start school but does it also include how the instruction/curriculum is going to be delivered (using TEA Virtual Home system or something different)
Mike: Currently all supts are going by TEA guidance.
Linda: My only comment is that as one board member, I really want to see your involvement in that. There should be a common thread of quality and delivery across the Zone.

Motions: Linda
Second: ?
Vote: All in favor

**Zone Leadership Team**

Mike: The 15% collaborative is underutilized and there is sufficient funds to bring on new team members and a Zone team would better support the Zone as I can’t be everywhere at once. I’m taking the authority to ask for these stipend positions. Positions between 5k to 12.5k per stipend.
Linda: I think it’s a great opportunity. Do you have a total figure in mind and does that
still leave a little cushion in the 15%?
Mike: 15% will be fine. No more than 2 individuals per Zone campus and that would be about 84,000-85,000. Would like to lean towards the Zone 15% reimbursing the schools to pay the stipends so that stipend money is still benefits/TRS eligible.
Doug: Is there any way to think about it to set it up so if the grant doesn’t get extended that the stipends are a two year commitment and if that commitment isn’t met than the stipend would have to be paid back?
   a. Approve Stipends for Zone Leadership Team
      Motions: Linda motions to approve the stipends
      Second: Doug seconds motion as is
      Vote: All in favor

**Budget Overview**

Mike: Table for August board meeting to bring deeper dive budget overview to Finance Committee
Robert: That’s fine and makes more sense with the current situation. Are there dates in mind?
Mike: I’d like two meetings of the Finance Committee before the August board meeting.

**Executive Session**

Motion: Linda makes motion that provide ED with a 3% raise from his current salary an provide a succinct and brief document with his strengths and areas to focus as we continue to build an annual evaluation for the upcoming school year.
Second: Dolores
Vote: All in favor

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Linda moves
Seconds: Doug
Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned.