

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA**

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(A) **Report Only** **Recognition**

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(B) **Action Item**

Presenter(s): GILBERTO GONZALEZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OT APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2017, (SPECIAL), AUGUST 22, 2017, (SPECIAL), AUGUST 31, 2017, (SPECIAL), AND OCTOBER 10, 2017, (REGULAR) BOARD MEETINGS.

(C) **Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.**

(D) **Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Special Board Meeting on August 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at the District Service Center Board Room, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice-President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee
Mr. Jorge Barrera, Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

Superintendent: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Attorney Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

II. **1st & 2nd BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

1. Review Fund Budgets
2. Review Estimated M & O Fund Balance
3. Review Salary Related Issues
4. Review Projections of State Revenues and Impact of M & O Tax Rate on State Revenues
5. Review Budget Assumptions
6. Proposed Budget workshop Schedule
7. Review Additional Requests
8. Other Budgetary Issues

Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance, addressed the Board and Superintendent and stated he met with the Budget Committee earlier today at 12 Noon. The district and many other districts waited for the Special Session to end last week before holding Budget. (The Special Session did not approve anything.) The budget has already been prepared and ready in its entirety since July. The numbers are great due to the TRE and this budget will continue not only this year but for up coming years as this district has been grandfathered. Should the law change our district will not be affected. Mr. Mijares reviews the budget, explains the four categories of funds/budgets as per TEA requirement, which are the General Fund (GF's are divided among 15 sub-funds), Special Revenues Funds, Debt Services Funds, and Capital Project Funds. The General Funds are State Mandated programs such as Food Services. Most of the money is in the General Fund (M & O) 96%, Special Revenue Fund at 2% and Debt Services Fund at 2%. Special Revenue Fund includes the Food Service Summer Program as required by law, it is a Federal Grant received, it is an entitlement, as the Visually Impaired Program received from the State under Special Education Program, the IMA (Instructional Materials Allotment), and the Elementary Fund these are the Special Revenue Funds, these are funds designated by the State and how it is to be used. Also addressed was the Debt and Capital Projects, interest received for each funds, and TRE. Mr. Mijares and school attorney explained that **Federal Grants** may not have a fund balance but must be at a 0 fund balance by law, but other funds may retain a fund balance. Everything was prepared exactly in the same format as last year. Mr. Mijares reviewed the budget groups as required by TEA (General Fund, Debt Services Fund, Special Revenues Fund, and Capital Projects Fund) All school district in the state of Texas prepare their budgets in this manner.

TEA requires all districts to post their budget on district website, excluding the Food Service Program as it is audited every year. Students will not be charged for their meals, our district is on the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) Program, it was accepted 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Mijares reviewed the three-year budget plan and addressed information on the financial rating EPISD received a 96% rating, which is a Superior rating. Also discussed was the I & S rating to receive state funds.

Other budgetary matters included budget assumptions, proposed budget workshop schedule, additional request and other budgetary issues. EPISD has a complete budget and is a very good budget. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.**

- III. **CLOSED: SESSION:** Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084 Texas Government Code: PERSONNEL MATTERS: Under Section 551.074 Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluations, reassignments, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employee; or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee:

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 7:11 PM Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.076, §551.082, §551.083 and §551.084 of the Texas Government Code. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Barrera. Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074
2. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to the Superintendent's annual compensation plan recommendation for the 2017-2018, to include wage and salary structures, stipends, benefits, incentives, salary schedules, and salary increases. TGC 551.071.

- IV. **OPEN SESSION:** The meeting reconvened at **8:02 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. **The Board will discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.** Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Alvarez to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in Closed Session. **Motion Carries 7/0.**
2. **Consider and take action on the Superintendent's annual compensation plan for the 2017-2018 to include wage and salary structures, stipends, benefits, incentives, salary schedules, and salary increases.** Motion by Trustee Martinez, second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the Superintendent's annual compensation plan for the 2017-2018 to include the wage and salary structures, stipends, benefits, incentives, salary schedules, and salary increases. **Granted 7/0.** Please see superintendent's recommendations below.

Superintendent's Recommendations are as follows:

- *Salary increase for professionals of 4% of the average teacher salary of \$53, 522.00, which includes the \$570.00 step increase, and a new starting salary of \$42, 571.00 based on 187 days.*
- *Salary increases for all other employees to include administrators, paraprofessionals, and manual trades is 4% of the mid-point based on the proposed increases to pay ranges.*
- *Salary increases will only apply to full time employees, part-time Food Service employees, part-time transportation employees, and other part-time employees who are eligible for fridge benefits and who have completed their 2016-2017 working calendar.*
- *In addition, no insurance premium will be increased.*

Mr. Ismael Mijares clarified that the district is not expecting any health insurance increases in the next five years based on the districts history; the benefits will remain the same.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Bowles. **Granted 7/0**

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PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Special Board Meeting on August 22, 2017, at 6:00 PM in the District Service Center Boardroom, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice-President
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee
Mr. Jorge Barrera, Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

Superintendent: Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorney: Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

*As per the consensus of the Board, Closed Session Items was considered first on the agenda. Motion by Trustee Purcell and second by Trustee Barrera. **Granted 7/0.***

II. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084 Texas Government Code: The Board adjourned into **Closed Session at 6:09 PM** Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084 of the Texas Government Code. **Motion by Trustee Martinez, second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will consult and discuss possible resolution with its attorney concerning Cause No. 17-01-33832-MCV Eagle Pass ISD vs MONSA Ltd.
2. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to district roofing projects. TGC 551.071.

III. OPEN SESSION: Meeting reconvened at 7:01 PM.

1. **The Board will take action regarding possible resolution of Cause No. 17-01-33832-MCV Eagle Pass ISD vs MONSA Ltd.** Before motion was taken, district council, stated the following: As the Board is aware, since the board authorized the law suite, which was filed on January 2017, on behalf of the Board, the council feels that a lot of progress has been made. In fact as of mid March, after filing the suite, Monsa Ltd has completed over 700 linear feet of the roadway in question towards completion of it, and believe there are positive developments now, that the remainder of approximately 943 linear feet of the roadway will soon be competed, which is a positive result from both parties in this litigation. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Barrera to approve the settlement of Cause 17-01-33832-MCV Eagle Pass ISD vs MONSA Ltd., as discussed in Closed Session. **Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to district roofing projects. TGC 551.071. **No action taken.**

IV. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Presentation on School District Facilities.** Mr. Davis Powell, architect addressed the Board and Superintendent and reviewed the information on the school district facilities. Mr. Powell provided

information on projects currently under construction, and information on projects being considered and was open to any questions and concerns from the Board. As of today there is about \$5.5 million on construction going on right now and includes the two field houses at both high schools, the tennis courts at SAC, MJH, and EPJH, the district-wide ... and Austin building remodeling. Mr. Powell would be the designer of the Austin parking lot. Designs and proposals of the field houses were presented to the Board, as was the Austin parking lot. The district will be going out for bids an estimated cost is \$349,729, including the platting that will be submitted to the City of EP. There is a surveyor for the parking lot and looking into drainage control and perhaps a fire hydrant.

Other projects considered are EPHS Ban Hall/Music Addition and Cheer/dance, Girls Field Athletic building, softball field conversion to a soccer field, parking lot, bus loop canopy, gym floor replacements, locker-room remodeling, and gym roof improvements. Designs and approximate costs addressed included fire lines and hydrants. EPHS Band construction is being considered to be comparable to CCWHs Band Hall. Other campus projects being considered are CCWH Plat/Fire lines, remodeling the Athletic Area, Field Athletic building, the remodeling of the locker rooms, Cheer/Dance, and Girls Field Athletic building with approximate costs and design. Lastly, improvement project considered for Sam Houston Elementary is the fire lines and 5 classroom additions to house 1st grade.

Mr. Powell concluded the cost and design presentation with the Fine Arts Center, VIP Parking Lot, and Meeting Hall Improvements. Construction of 19 parking spaces and Meeting Hall Improvements/or remodeling of the exterior Fine Arts Building adding a group of windows and canopy to the Westside of building as the original concept when it was designed but did not go thru due to cost restraints in 2009. The cost estimate for the projects is \$6,745,789.08.

Board members addressed their concerns regarding the EPHS Band hall expansion, routine studio addition for both high schools, VIP Parking at the Fine Arts Building, windows and canopy at the Fine Arts Center. Board members Purcell and Martinez questioned the VIP parking at Fine Arts... where or who came up with this project, some Board members had not heard about any information or complaints regarding the parking at the Fine Arts Building. In regards to the windows and canopy for the Westside of the building is also a concern. Trustees Martinez commented that this meeting would have been presented better for whoever suggested to Mr. Powell to do this presentation, if it would have been presented as a needs vs. wants. The Band Hall and Sam Houston Elementary are needs, but for the other projects... we are not at that level yet where we are even looking at uplifting the SAC or giving it additional preference... "As my opinion on this presentation." There are still other older schools that are still without canopies as Trustee Barrera stated and have been in the additional budget requests for years. Board member Bowles agreed with the Band Hall as it is in much need. Trustee Bowles would like to see these older projects getting done, the Board needs to work as a team, and the entire board needs to be involved more, in the overall process so that the entire board knows what's going on.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and the ranking criteria for band hall expansion at Eagle Pass High School in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines. Trustee Barrera- comment. Due to the concerns during the presentation should action to approve be considered? Attorney Richard Strieber stated the Board could table items and bring back at a later date. A motion to table item(s) will be required. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to table item until there is more information. Granted 7/0.**

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and the ranking criteria for Eagle Pass high School parking lot addition project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB and State Guidelines. **Trustee Fuentes addressed the Board... Does the Board feel this item has the need to move due to the fact that the need is there for additional parking, bus loop, and soccer field?** Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Bowles to approve procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and ranking criteria for EPHS parking lot addition project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines. **Motion carries 6/0/1 Abstained- Trustee Hiller.**

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and the ranking criteria for routine studio addition for both high schools in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Purcell to table item. Granted 7/0.**

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and the ranking criteria for the Student Activity Center Fine Arts exterior improvements and parking lot addition project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Alvarez to table item. Granted 7/0.**

President Fuentes inquires with school attorney if these items could be brought at the next board meeting if the Board decides to move forward on any of these projects? School attorney Richard Strieber replies that it can be re-posted for the next board meeting.

Trustee Martinez, requested the next Budget Meeting be items with more detail... with whatever the Board feels more comfortable, whether it's expanding or whatever specification so the Board can have more of a realistic...

Deputy Superintendent Ismael Mijares Business & Finance stated that it will be only to for pricing purposes, and it will be with more information/details.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Hiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. **Motion granted 7/0.**

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PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Special Meeting on August 31, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at District Service Center Board Meeting Room 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee
Mr. Jorge Barrera, Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Attorney, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2016-2017 OFFICIAL BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Public Hearing opened at 6:05 PM- Comment from Board Member Bowles, in regards to having more transparency as some people have stated. It is to listen to the people interested or concerned about the budget in certain areas and on anything the Board is doing. Therefore, at any time the people want to speak... we have a forum... or if there is a need to have a workshop we could have one so they understand what we are trying to do. It is just a matter of the Board deciding to do that. **Public Hearing closed @ 6:07 PM.**

III. 3RD BOARD WORKSHOP:

1. Review Estimated M & O Fund Balance.
2. Other Budgetary Issues.

Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance- Reviewed the 3rd and final Budget Workshop. As presented at the last Budget Workshop we are looking at the same information where the district is looking into a little over \$17 million fund balance at the end of this fiscal year, numbers have not changed from the last workshop, and as indicated it will be this or more this is a very conservative figure. The budget has already been completed in its entirety. The salary increases has been added, moneys for the Special Projects has already been transferred to the appropriate account, (set aside) it will stay there until the Board makes the decision how to spend the money. The Official Budget will be submitted to TEA in the Fall in October with the PEIMS Submission as required by the Texas Education Agency and by the latest Standards the district has to abide by. Comment by Trustee Barrera on transparency. The TRE passed and received a \$6.2 million from the State, and part of it was used for the 4%. There is about a \$3.xx million left which the Board is trying to use for buildings and such. Trustee Fuentes also stated the Board will be visiting the district campuses on Monday September 4, 2017. Trustee Martinez- for clarification, requested Mr. Mijares explain to the public what the total TRE monies the district received was and how much the district actually used for the 4% raise. And see what we have left to work with. Mr. Mijares stated the dollar amount spent for salary increases was \$3.5 million. The money left over (set aside) is \$4,462,793, leaving a balance budget. This amount (\$4.xx million) the Board decided to put in the Special Projects Fund. Before the TRE \$9.2 million was spent on Special Projects in the past 5 years, and the transparency has been done in its entirety. The \$4.4 million will be added to the \$9.2 million. As we are done with the Special Projects, the district is looking at spending close to \$14 million, most money, which is in the high 90% is coming from the State. Taxpayers are paying a very minimal percentage of it. Comment by Trustee Alvarez, in the

last 5 years, the Board is trying to do what we the Board is set out to do...to make this district better each year and feel the district is on the right track.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

1. **Presentation of STAAR Results for Grades 3-8, End of Course for 2016-2017 School Year.** David Camarillo, Curriculum & Instruction/Instructional Services Director made the presentation on the STAAR Results for 3rd – 8th grade End of Course 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Camarillo went over the levels of proficiency, the STAAR results of the STAAR grades 3-8th, STAAR EOC, STAAR grades 3-8th Alternative 2, & STAAR Alternative 2 EOC Results. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.**

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt the Official Budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.** Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Bowles to adopt the Official Budget for the 2017-2018 School Year. **Motion granted 7/0.** It is a progressive Board, the main focus are the students success, continue working hard, and always rise to the challenge.
2. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and the ranking criteria for Sam Houston Elementary classroom addition project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB, and State Guidelines.** Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the competitive sealed proposal and ranking criteria for Sam Houston Elem. Classroom addition project according to Board Policy. **Granted 7/0.** Based on second workshop, add, bring 1st grade back.
3. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve change order number (1) on Sealed Proposal 163604 on Eagle Pass and CC Winn High School Field Houses addition as per Board Policy CV, and State Guidelines, and amend the General Fund and Special Project's Fund Budget.** Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve the change order number (1) on Sealed Proposal 163604. Increasing the scope of work for both schools \$46,657.00. **Motion carries 6/0/1 abstain-Hiller.**
4. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policy CV (Local) as revised.** Motion by Trustee Barrera and second by Trustee Hiller to approve Policy CV (Local) as revised. **Granted 7/0.**
5. **Consideration and possible action to accept the donation from Longhorn P&O Services.** Motion by Trustee Alvarez and second by Trustee Purcell to accept donation from Longhorn P&O Service. **Granted 7/0.**

- VI. **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to §551.071, §551.072, §551.073 §551.074, §551.076, §551.082, §551.083 and §551.084, Texas Government Code, **Personnel Matters:** The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:58 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Hiller. Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will discuss the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer for Pete Gallego Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.
3. Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation. TGC 551.074.

4. Discussion of Superintendent's Contract. TGC 551.074.

VII. OPEN SESSION:

The meeting reconvened at **9:54 PM.** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on item(s) discussed in closed session.

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.** Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in Closed Session. **Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer for Pete Gallego Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Will not be considered as per recommendation of Superintendent.**
3. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Superintendent's Contract.** Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Bowles to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year ending on June 30, 2021, and to approve a salary increase of 4% per annum and to approve an equity increase to bring the Superintendent's salary to 77% of the median market value for Superintendent's in similar size districts. **Granted 7/0.**

Superintendent Gonzalez: Thanked the Board for their vote of confidence, pledges to continue to work with the Board continue moving the district to the right direction.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**

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PRESIDENT _____ SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at the De Luna Center, 649 Webster Street, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee
Mr. Jorge Barrera Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Law Firm of Escamilla & Ponceck.

Staff Members and Visitors Present: The sign-in sheet hereby becomes a part of these minutes.

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Board President, Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent Gilberto Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING ON "SCHOOL FIRST RATING" (FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS):** Opened @ 6:09 PM No one signed up, closed at 6:10 PM
- IV. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION- No one signed up for Citizen's Communication/ RECOGNITIONS:**
 1. **Recognition of student Michael Lozano who represented Eagle Pass High School at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and announced the recognition of EPHS student Michael Lozano. A group picture with board members and superintendent was taken.
 2. **Recognition of Principals during October as proclaimed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized Eagle Pass ISD Principals who were also awarded a certificate for their dedication to students, and staff. A group picture was taken with board members and superintendent.
 3. **Recognition of the Eagle Pass Independent School District Human Resources Department in celebration of Texas Education Human Resources Day: October 10, 2017.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer recognized Eagle Pass ISD Human Resources Department in celebration of the Texas Education Human Resources Day. A group picture with board members and superintendent was taken.
 4. **Recognition of Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary for being selected as the most clean and maintained campus for the month of September 2017.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized H.B. Gonzalez Elementary as the most clean and maintained campus for the month of September 2017. A group picture with board members, and superintendent was taken.
- V. **DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Financial Report.** Trustee Purcell- Are the interest rates received going up, will it continue? Administrator I. Mijares- Yes, not as much, the market is stable.
2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
4. **Review Investment Officer's Annual Report of Investment Transactions for all Funds for the Quarter ended August 31, 2017.** Deputy Superintendent Ismael Mijares briefly reviewed the annual report of all funds as presented for the quarter ended August 31, 2017. **No questions.**
5. **Report on Eagle Pass ISD "School First" Rating (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas)** Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance addressed the Board and Superintendent with a brief review of the "School First" Rating on Eagle Pass ISD. It is an annual report brought to the board. Every school district in the state of Texas makes this presentation. (A rating set by TEA). Ratings are Superior, Above Standard, meets Standard, or Substandard Achievement. Eagle Pass ISD received "Superior" rating at a 96% achievement, which Eagle Pass ISD publicly posted on the website and is available at HR Department. The percentages given are due to the fund balance by the districts, not because districts have better finances. The Standard is what gives the ratings, which is considered by TEA. Eagle Pass ISD received 96%. The ratings tie in with the A, B, C, D... academic grading system, which is challenging this year. Past years ratings were 70% – 100% was considered Superior and so on. Mr. Mijares explained the Fund Balance spending and detailed the information as provided by TASB, (The district's local fund balance spending information.) Board member Barrera stated he rather see lower points (96%) over (100%) and have everything fixed and working than higher points and everything broken-down. Board member Martinez commended Mr. Mijares and his staff for a good job with district financing. The district may not have 2 months reserved but the board is trying their best to fix what needs to be fixed with the money it has... so it's a give and take, it's a sacrifice. Board member Bowles commended Mr. Mijares and his staff and is a firm believer of district operations which puts EPISD in good status with the state, at the same time feels there should be more transparency with the budget process and take care of problems like the ones occurred this year when the budget was approved. There needs to be more transparency when preparing the budget and explained to teachers who are an outstanding staff, our district scores are tremendously high compared to other districts, something to take into consideration. With next years budget Mr. Mijares should involve and explain to our teachers a lot more and in terms they could understand; and this could help teachers understand that the district has an obligation and needs to have a balance budget, and enough money in case of an emergency type of situation. The Board should also spend more time with the budget process information as the board could do better. Everyone will be in tune.
6. **Bilingual Program Audit Report.** Superintendent Gonzalez stated that at the request of the Board an audit for the Bilingual Program was solicited and Ms. Carolina Gonzalez, Region 20 representative came to conduct the audit. Ms. Gonzalez met with Superintendent Gonzalez at the end of the audit and commended the district and was pleased with the results. Ms. Gonzalez briefly reviewed the audit evaluation report and elaborated on the Bilingual Program Models. Ms. Gonzalez also stated surveys were submitted to students, staff, and parents regarding their take of the program. Board members questions and concerns were addressed, and the Board thanked Ms. Gonzalez for the presentation.
7. **Presentation of the PEIMS Department.** Jesse Montalvo, PEIMS Director addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and briefly reviewed PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System). Reviewed was the Collection Schedule, Education Organization Data, Finance Data, Staff Data, Campus Course Section Data and Student Data. **Board members comments and questions were addressed,**

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration and action to approve utility right of way easements requested by the City of Eagle Pass Water Works System. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve request as presented. Motion carries 6/0/1-Abstain Barrera.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2017-2018-04 to approve the annual review of investment policy and investment strategies in accordance with Board Policy CDA (Legal). **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Barrera to Adopt Resolution 2017/2018-04. Granted 7/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the capital projects fund budget. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Martinez to amend capital projects fund budget as presented. Motion carries 6/0/1 Abstain-Hiller.** Mr. Davis Powell, Architect advised it would be more than just parking lot at the Austin Building. In addition to the asphalt, there will be more concrete work, lighting, fencing, and landscaping. The price for the asphalt is \$4.25 sq. ft., \$39,960 will cover as indicted above.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 181610 on Austin Center Parking Lot addition and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. **Motion by Trustee Barrera, second by Trustee Alvarez to award Sealed Proposal No. 181610. Motion carries 6/0.** *For the record Trustee Hiller stepped out from the meeting and did not vote on this item.* School attorney also stated for the recorded and addressed Mr. Powell, Architect, on the bid process as being handled in the same manner as they do all bid processes. Mr. Powell confirmed that they did, they performed the ranking criteria, which is utilized for all bid processes.
5. Consideration and possible action on select vendor based on competence and qualifications for request for qualifications No. 181409 for land surveying professionals' services. *A 10-minute presentation by each vendor was allowed. MGM (Martinez, Guy & Maybik) Inc., and Dirksen Engineering.* **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes to Table Item. Granted 7/0.**

VII. CONSENT:

It was the Consensus of the Board to consider items 1-3 in one motion. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Hiller. Granted 7/0.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017, (Special), September 4, 2017, (Special), September 12, 2017, (Regular), and September 13, 2017, (Special) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a monetary donation for Sam Houston Elementary from the Burlington Adopt a Classroom.Org. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to declare the attached list of items as surplus property and authorize its disposal. **Item previously considered.**

VIII. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, and 551.084, Texas Government Code:

The Board adjourned into **Closed Session at 8:22 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.076, §551.082, §551.083 and §551.084 of the Texas Government Code. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.

2. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to district facilities projects. TGC 551.071.

IX. OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened at 10:08 PM

Consider and take appropriate action on the item discussed in Closed Session.

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.** Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Bowles to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in Closed Session. **Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. Consideration and possible action regarding district facilities projects. **No action taken.**

X. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: Superintendent's Announcements: Community Breakfast on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, @ Huddle House. October 19th CCW Homecoming Parade, October 20th CCW Mavericks vs. Harlendale, October 26th EPH Homecoming Parade, October 27th EPH Eagle vs. Laredo United.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT.

PRESIDENT: _____ **SECRETARY:** _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____ **DATE MINUTES SIGNED:** _____