

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 January 14, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. at the District Service Center Board Meeting Room, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, President
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Vice-President
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Secretary
Mr. Ramon Ramirez, Trustee
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Rodriguez III, Trustee
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

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

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

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo, called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent Gilberto Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. **Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Texas Academic performance Report for the Eagle Pass Independent School District as per TEC 39.053:** Opened @ 6:07 P.M. Closed at 6:07 P.M.
- IV. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITION:** No one signed up for the Citizen's Communication, will continue with the Recognitions.
 1. **Students, Administration, Staff and Superintendent of the Eagle Pass Independent School District recognize the School Board Members in accordance with School Board Recognition Month.** Superintendent Gonzalez had a video presented to the Board of Trustees, which was put together by Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer - iVision. The students expressed their appreciation to each and every board member for their dedication and generous support to the Eagle Pass ISD, students, parents, and staff. Every year during the January Regular Board Meeting, Board Members receive gift baskets, certificates, and speeches, by their Adopted Campuses'. Mrs. Lana Harper, Staff Development Officer & Parent Involvement, made the presentation as follows: Ignacio J. Saucedo, Board President, Glenna Purcell, Board Vice-President, Lupita Fuentes, Board Secretary, Ramon Ramirez, Board Member, Hector Alvarez, Board Member, Benjamin Rodriguez III, Board Member and Hilda P. Martinez, Board Member. Superintendent Gonzalez thanked the Board, and on behalf of the students and entire personnel he stated that this is just a small token of appreciation in the most sincere form. In addition, Mr. Gonzalez thanked the Board for the long hours they spend working with him dealing with the issues of the school district. Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo thanked everyone for his/her support, and for the tokens of appreciation. It is always gratifying hearing those words. Mr. Saucedo also thanked Mrs. Lana Harper, Staff Development Officer & Parent Involvement and Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer for putting this together. Board Members also shared their thoughts of appreciation to all the students, parents, and staff.
 2. **Recognition of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee for being awarded the MRGDC/Regional Solid Waste Grants Program's Go Green Concept Grant.** The Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee Members were recognized for their hard work and success in obtaining an award

from the MRCDC/Regional Solid Waste Grants Program's Go Green Concept Grant. A group picture with the Board and Superintendent was taken.

3. **Recognition of the Eagle Pass Jr. High 7th Grade Football Team for their undefeated season.** The Eagle Pass Jr. High 7th Grade Football Team and Coaches were once again undefeated this year and they were recognized for this accomplishment. A group picture with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent was taken.

V. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board of Trustees.
2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board of Trustees.
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board of Trustees.
4. **Presentation of the 2012-2013 Texas Academic Performance Report for the Eagle Pass Independent School District as per TEC 39.053.** Samuel Mijares, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction presented the report to the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent. Mr. Mijares discussed the changes to this year's report. This report is formally known as the AEIS Report, it is now the TAPR Report (Texas Academic Performance Report). This is the new accountability system that is replacing the AEIS Report. In this new report it combines the English and Spanish Performance of the STAAR test. Other changes include the STAAR Progress Measure, STAAR, other measures, 6-year Extended Graduation Rate, Class of 2010, and New Indicators of Graduates Enrolled in High Education. In addition, in this report Mr. Mijares addressed the comparison of last year's with this year's scores/percentages. Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.
5. **Presentation of October 2013, TAKS Exit Level Retest Results.** Samuel Mijares, Assistant Superintendent for C & I reviewed the report that included students that did not pass TAKS; An action plan is in place which includes tutoring, and remediation to help the students for graduation. Retakes will be given again in March, April and in the summer. Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.
6. **Review investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transactions for all Funds for the Quarter ended November 30, 2013.** Ismael Mijares, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance reviewed the quarterly investment report. It is in accordance with Board Policy CDA (local). The grand total of the District's investments on November 30, 2013, was \$26,442,102.01.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policy change recommendations resulting from the Policy Review Session held on October 22-23, 2013. **With the consensus of the Board, Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo had the item *Tabled* until a workshop is held for the Board of Trustees. There are no explanations on the recommendations/revisions for Board approval. Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the final contract with Davis Powell, Architect for Facilities Assessment. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Collaborative Agreement between Teaching and Mentoring Communities (TMC) and the Eagle Pass Independent School District. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 7/0.**

VII. CONSENT:

It was the Consensus of the Board to consider items 1 and 2 in one motion. **Motion by Trustee Rodriguez second by Trustee Martinez to consider items. Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013, (Regular) Board Meeting. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General fund Budget. **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 8:20 P.M. 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 Fuentes second by Trustee Ramirez. Granted 7/0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

1. Discuss the request to hire personnel to Fill Vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.

IX. OPEN SESSION: The Meeting Reconvened at 8:41 P.M.

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 Fuentes second by Trustee Ramirez to hire personnel as discussed in Closed Session. Granted 7/0.**

X. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____ SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____