

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): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 (BOARD WORKSHOP) AND OCTOBER 11, 2022 (REGULAR) BOARD MEETINGS.

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

- (D) Clarification: Explain any questions 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 Board Workshop on September 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President – Entered at 5:50 PM
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary – Entered at 5:40 PM
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee – Entered at 5:40 PM

For the record all present at 5:56 PM.

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

I. Meeting Called to Order: Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.

For the record all present at 5:56 PM.

II. Board Workshop

1. Team of 8 Training on Team Building, Board Self-Evaluation and STAA Redesign by ESC 20 Representative Mr. Edward Vara

Mr. Edward Vara, ESC 20 Representative, will be providing two required trainings. First training will be the Team of 8 yearly training. The second training is the 2022 version of Evaluating and Improving Student Outcome, which is required every two years. He will also be reviewing the new Emergent Bilingual Students formally known as ELL. Your current ELL - 42.9% and Special Education – 12% for your district. For the Self-Evaluation part we will be using a different measuring tool. TEA 2022 Accountability Ratings and you rated B as a district. This year is the first year they have A-F with D & F meaning not rated. (TXschools.gov)

STAAR is currently going through a redesign to make it align more closely with classroom instruction. Some of the changes they are working on are: Transition to online assessments, Addition of new item types, Incorporation of cross-curricular passages in RLA and Inclusion of writing on all RLA assessments. On-line assessments will be starting in Spring 2023. There will be new item types. Each test cannot have more than 75% multiple choice, so 25% to be open ended or matching. Cross Curricular which means a lot of reading in all content areas. First year Writing is going away. Now it is embedded in each test.

Legislature Year – they will be in session from January through May. If they make changes, they can make them effective immediately or later. This year they will be looking at HB4545 (Safety), Parental Rights and possibly Vouchers.

Reviewed the New 5th Grade On-line Science Test. Students will be using either a Chrome Book or Desk top computer. The students will be able to choose all of the following settings:

- TI Calculator
- Auto text to speech (if teacher had to read test to them in previous years)
- Text size
- Color setting (for dyslexia)
- Pointer size and color
- Spelling assistant (504's & IEP's)
- Note pad (like a piece of paper)
- Line reader (to not lose place)
- Zoom in or out

People-First Language puts the person before the disability, and describes what a person has, not who a person is. The following are some examples:

1. Student(s) receiving special education services – NOT special education students or special needs students
2. Students with disabilities – NOT Disabled students
3. Students with Autism or student who has Autism – NOT Autistic student
4. Students who have a visual impairment or student who is visually impaired – NOT Blind student
5. Student experiencing homelessness – NOT homeless student
6. Student with an intellectual disability – NOT mentally retarded

Texas students in special population categories. One in five kids are an emergent student in the following categories:

- Emergent Bilingual Students/English Learners – 20%
- Students in Special Education – 11%
- Gifted and Talented – 8%
- Students in Section 504 – 7%

Free Appropriate Public education (FAPE). FAPE is a cornerstone of IDEA, our nation's special education law. It states that each eligible child with a disability is entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE). FAPE emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet the child's unique needs and prepares the child for further education, employment, and independent life. School districts, charters, and districts of innovation MUST ensure FAPE to students with disabilities and implement the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of IDEA and state laws.

House Bill 2066 in the 87th Texas Legislature calls for the use of the term "emergent bilingual student" in place of

- “Limited English proficient (LEP) student” (Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 29, Subchapter B) and
- “English learner (EL)” (19 TAC Chapter 89, Subchapter BB).

These terms describe the same group of Texas students, those who are in the process of acquiring English and have another language as the student's primary or home language. It is important to note that the term “English learner” is still used in federal regulations and guidance.

Instructing Emergent Bilingual Students

- Use of bilingual dictionary
- Partnership with native speaking peers
- Use of math manipulatives
- Evidence of direct instruction in English Language Development (LED), which speaks to overall program implementation

III. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. School Safety – Friendly Reminder- Online training must be completed by September 30th
2. Tentative – October 4, 2022 – Dyslexia National Day – Glass Elementary – Proclamation from Mayor Salinas
3. Campus Luncheons for A rated campuses. We have schedule for you
4. October 11, 2022 – October Regular Board Meeting – 5:30 pm

IV. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **8:23 PM**. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez. Motion Granted 7/0.**

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

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 Board Meeting on October 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

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Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Public Hearing of the Eagle Pass Independent School District: Proposed Federal Grant Entitlement – Title V, Part B**
- IV. **Public Hearing on “School First” Rating (Financial Accountability rating system of Texas)**
Both Public Hearing opened at 5:39 pm and closed at 5:39 pm. No one signed up.
- V. **Citizen's Communication/ Recognitions –** No one signed up for Citizen's Communication
 1. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Football Coach Tom Gonzalez for his dedication to our students and for accomplishing the milestone of 100 wins as Head Football Coach at Eagle Pass High School.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Football Coach Tom Gonzalez for his dedication to our students and for accomplishing the milestone of 100 wins as Head Football Coach at Eagle Pass High School. A group picture was taken.
 2. **Recognition of Eagle Pass ISD Principals in celebration of National Principals Month as proclaimed by Governor Greg Abbott.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass ISD Principals in celebration of National Principals Mont as proclaimed by Governor Greg Abbott. A group picture was taken.

Superintendent Mijares addressed the audience. It is important that we understand it is Principal's month but being a Principal a Campus Administrator and being a district leader is 365 days a year job. No matter if you have had a bad day, if a parent sees you at the store, they will approach you with their concerns. You all work very hard and it is all about Student Success and putting the district forward.

Thank you for working as a team, for your loyalty to the district and for all you do. We have the best Principals in Texas.

VI. District Reports/Presentations

1. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.
2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
4. **Delinquent Collection Activities for July 2021 – August 2022.** No questions from the Board.

VII. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval of the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Resolution FY 2023. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Fuentes to approve the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Resolution FY 2023. Motion Granted 7/0.** Superintendent Mijares informed the Board that this was for 15 bullet resistant shields, one per police unit.
2. Consider and possible action to select a name for the football field located at the Lynn Purcell Student Activity Center for a three (3) year period. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Perry to approve the naming of the football field only at the Lynn Purcell Student Activity Center to Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas for a period of three (3) years for a cost of \$45,000.00. Motion Granted 7/0.**
3. Consideration and possible waiver of admission fees to District events for persons age 65 and over in the best interest of The District. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Perry to approve the waiver of admission fees to District events for persons age 65 and over in the best interest of The District. Motion Granted 7/0.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt a Resolution of the Eagle Pass Independent School District regarding a request to Legislature to pass Legislature to provide a Cost of Living (COLA) to Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Retirees. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to a Resolution of the Eagle Pass Independent School District a request to Legislature to pass Legislature to provide a Cost of Living (COLA) to Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Retirees. Motion Granted 7/0.**

Trustee Purcell informed everyone that Retirees have not received any kind of raise since 2004. They have received three extra checks for \$2,400.00 in that period of time. It is needed since everything is Sky High expensive.

VIII. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 – 5 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Fuentes. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 (Regular), meeting. **Item previously considered.**

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt a Resolution 2022/2023-03 to approve the annual review of investment policy and investment strategies in accordance with Board Policy CDA (Legal) **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Eagle Pass ISD effective January 17, 2023 to January 16, 2027. **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Kids Are First, Inc. and the Eagle Pass ISD. **Item previously considered.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Cooperative Working Agreement between Eagle Pass ISD and SCAN, Inc. Family and Youth Success (FAYS) Program. **Item previously considered.**

IX. **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 **6:08 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill CC Winn High School Head Softball Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074.
3. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill CC Winn High School Boys Basketball Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074.

X. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **6:25 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Purcell seconded by Trustee Hiller to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill CC Winn High School Head Softball Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Alvarez to hire Marco Martinez to fill CC Winn High School Head Softball Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in closed session subject to assignment and reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**
3. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill CC Winn High School Boys Basketball Coach vacancy pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Fuentes to hire Christopher Biddle to fill CC Winn High School Boys Basketball vacancy**

pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in closed session subject to assignment and reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.

Board President Barrera announced that all Board Trustees have completed all yearly required training.

XI. Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Tuesday, October 18, 2022-Dyslexia Proclamation-Glass Elementary-9:00 am
2. Wednesday, October 19, 2022-Chamber of Commerce-Autumn Luncheon-11:30 am – 1:00 pm-ICT-Let us know if you need tickets
3. Friday, October 21, 2022-Armando Cerna Elementary Luncheon-12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
4. Wednesday, October 26, 2022-Glass Elementary Luncheon-11:00 am – 1:00 pm
5. Wednesday, October 26, 2022-CC Winn High School Homecoming Parade-6:30 pm
6. Thursday, October 27, 2022 Seco Mines Elementary Luncheon – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
7. Thursday, November 3, 3033-Graves Elementary Luncheon – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

All of these dates are on your calendar

XII. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **6:30 PM**. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 7/0.

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____