

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 MARCH 21, 2023 (REGULAR) AND THE APRIL 11, 2023 (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 Regular Board Meeting on March 21, 2023 at 5:45 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
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee - **Entered at 6:42 P.M.**
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:47 P.M.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.

III. **Citizen's Communication**

1. **Raquel Hernandez - Retired Certified Substitute Teacher**- Addressed the Board on an increase in pay for all substitutes who hold a degree and a teacher certificate. EPISD pays \$105.00 daily rate for certified substitutes. We would like \$150.00 daily rate like Carrizo Springs Consolidated ISD or \$200.00 daily rate like Crystal City ISD. We face cost of living inflation and the same safety dangers that regular teachers face. Since we hold a college degree and hold a valid Teacher Certificate, we are able to administer the TELPAS and STAAR Test. We would also like for the EPISD to consider hiring retired teacher on a half-day basis.
2. **Roberto Lopez - Retired Teacher and Veteran** - Would like for The District to provide free Athletic Pass to all Veterans like the Senior Athletic Pass. He also was requesting that The District look into giving senior citizens that are living in their parent's home (inherited without a will) the same tax break benefit that all other senior citizens legal home owner get.

Recognitions

1. **Recognition of Graves Elementary Division 1 Softball team for being the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation's Division 1 Winter League Champions.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Graves Elementary Division 1 Softball team for being the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation's Division 1 Winter League Champions. A group picture was taken.

2. **Recognition of the Graves Elementary Division 1 Baseball team for being the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation's Division 1 Winter League Champions.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Graves Elementary Division 1 Baseball team for being the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation's Division 1 Winter League Champions. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of the Graves Elementary Division 3 Baseball team for being the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation's Division 3 Winter League Champions.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Graves Elementary Division 3 Baseball team for being the City of Eagle Pass Parks & Recreation's Division 3 Winter League Champions. A group picture was taken.
4. **Recognition of 1993 Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field 2-Mile Relay National Champions and National Record Holders (13-14-year-olds from Eagle Pass); Jacob Knapp, Miklos Sanchez, Alex Alvarez (+) and Rudy de los Santos.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized 1993 Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field 2-Mile Relay National Champions and National Record Holders (13–14-year-olds from Eagle Pass); Jacob Knapp, Miklos Sanchez, Alex Alvarez (+) and Rudy de los Santos. A group picture was taken.

Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee - Thanked everyone present for attending. He then explained how in 1993 in Knoxville, Tennessee a team consisting of Jacob Knapp, Miklos Sanchez, Alex Alvarez (+) and Rudy de los Santos competed in the 1993 Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field 2-Mile Relay and went on to beat the best teams from the nation by two seconds better than the National Record at that time. The new National Record they set was held for over 20 years. This goes to show you that The Eagle Pass Striders was a monumental program for a lot of kids. If it wasn't for the mentors of this program, Coach Venegas, Coach Ramos, and Coach Olivas kids would never have been able to go to California, New York, Florida and Tennessee to compete.

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President – Thanked everyone for attending especially the Coaches that mentored the Eagle Pass Striders.

5. **Surprise Special Recognition of Dr. Hector Alvarez** – for his Support and Dedication of the Eagle Pass Independent School District Cross Country and Track Program. While attending Eagle Pass High School he was a six-time Regional Qualifier, a four-time District Runner-up, a Team Champion and Back-to-Back State Cross-Country Qualifier in 1988 & 1989. With this impressive record he earned a scholarship to attend UTSA. There he continued to run and is listed in is a Men's All-Time Letter Winner in the UTSA Track and Field History and Record Book. Thank you, Dr. Alvarez, for all you have done and continue to do for the success of Eagle Pass Independent School District. A frame with four EPISD Cross-Country and Track Jersey's was presented to Dr. Alvarez by Superintendent Samuel Mijares.

Superintendent Mijares – he thanked Dr. Alvarez for all he has done and continues to do for our district and community. He also addressed the audience and talked about how all board members have big hearts. They always have the best interest of the students and staff in everything that they do. Superintendent Mijares, thanked all of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee – He thanked the board and Superintendent for the recognition. He addressed everyone present and said, “know that myself and my colleagues up here are definitely looking out for our children, staff, coaches and administration. It takes all of us up here to engineer a plan and go ahead and make it happen. So many things have come to fruition in the last five years. If our students, staff, coaches, and administrator do well, we all end up well. Like the quote, “Success breeds success”, that is what we want here in Eagle Pass. In closing, he thanked everyone for attending especially his parents, wife, son and City of Eagle Pass Mayor Salinas.

IV. 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. **Presentation of the Total Solar Eclipse happening on April 8, 2024** – Mr. Francisco Vielma, Science and Social Studies Director gave a brief presentation on the Total Solar Eclipse happening on April 8, 2024. He explained the three types of Solar Eclipses which are 1) Partial Eclipse – It happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth but the Sun, Moon, and Earth are not perfectly lined up. 2) Annular Solar Eclipse – The Sun is never completely blocked by the Moon; therefore, it is never safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing. 3) Total Solar Eclipse – During the short time when the moon completely obscures the sun – known as the period of totality – it’s safe to look directly at the star, but it’s crucial that you know when to take off and put back on your glasses. The duration of totality is going to be 4 minutes 23 seconds. The Partial eclipse begins at 12:10 pm CDT. Total eclipse begins at 1:37 pm CDT. Partial eclipse ends at 2:51 pm CDT. While a Total Solar Eclipse happens somewhere on earth every year or two. Any given point on earth experiences this event only once every 400 years or so. For perspective purpose Austin’s previous Total Solar Eclipse happened May 26, 1397. The path of Totality the April 8, 2024 Total Eclipse is approximately 70-miles-wide. This is where the Moon completely blocks the Sun and turns day into night. Eagle pass is in the direct path of Totality (Meaning where the moon will completely cover the sun).

V. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval of Glass Elementary to participate in the School Plastic Bag Recycling HEB Challenge and award of \$150 gift card to the winning grade level. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes to approve Glass Elementary to participate in the School Plastic Bag Recycling HEB Challenge and award of \$150 gift card to the winning grade level. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. Motion Granted 6/0.**

- VI. **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 **6:40 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 6/0.**
1. The Board will deliberate on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
 2. The Board will deliberate on the request to approve term contracts as presented. TGC 551.074.
 3. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding District construction project issues. TGC 551.071.
- VII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **7:44 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the 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 seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the request to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 7/0.**
 2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve term contracts as presented. **Motion by Trustee Martínez seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve term contracts as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 7/0.**
- VIII. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:
1. Friday – March 24, 2023 – CCWHS Band Hall Ribbon Cutting – 9:30 a.m.
 2. Tuesday - March 28, 2023 – EPHS Band Hall Ribbon Cutting – 9:30 a.m.
 3. Wednesday – March 29, 2023 – Special Olympics – SAC – 9:00 a.m.
 4. On-line training - Cybersecurity (Annual) and Human Trafficking (Every 2 years) are now open for completion through EduHero.

IX. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 7/0.

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

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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 Regular Board Meeting on April 11, 2023 at 5:45 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
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee - **Absent**
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee - **Absent**
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 5:56 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication:** ~~No one signed up~~

Recognitions

1. **Recognition of Liberty Elementary Eagles Boy's Division II Basketball Team and Coaches Mr. Thomas Carper and Mr. Cody Murphy for their championship victory.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Liberty Elementary Eagles Boy's Division II Basketball Team and Coaches Mr. Thomas Carper and Mr. Cody Murphy for their championship victory. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of the Graves Elementary Tigers Ximena Camarillo, Olivia Madera, Leonor Cantu, Sophia Villarreal and Coach Claudia Villa that traveled to Walt Disney World in Florida representing the ECS All Stars Cheerleaders to compete at the UCA International All-Star Championship and bringing home the 1st Place title.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Graves Elementary Tigers Ximena Camarillo, Olivia Madera, Leonor Cantu, Sophia Villarreal and Coach Claudia Villa that traveled to Walt Disney World in Florida representing the ECS All Stars Cheerleaders to compete at the UCA International All-Star Championship and bringing home the 1st Place title. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of the Graves Elementary Tigers Girls Division II Basketball Team and Coaches for their amazing undefeated season and being crowned the Girls Division II Youth Basketball League Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Graves Elementary Tigers

Girls Division II Basketball Team and Coaches for their amazing undefeated season and being crowned the Girls Division II Youth Basketball League Championship. A group picture was taken.

4. **Recognition of Graves Elementary Tigers Division III Basketball Team and Coaches for their amazing undefeated season and being crowned the All-City League Division III Basketball Championships.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Graves Elementary Tigers Division III Basketball Team and Coaches for their amazing undefeated season and being crowned the All-City League Division III Basketball Championships. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of the CC Winn High School Academics team for obtaining 2nd Place in UIL District 28 5-A.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the CC Winn High School Academics team for obtaining 2nd Place in UIL District 28 5-A. A group picture was taken.
6. **Recognition of the CC Winn High School Girls Golf Team for winning the UIL District 28 5-A Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the CC Winn High School Girls Golf Team for winning the UIL District 28 5-A Championship. A group picture was taken.
7. **Recognition of the CC Winn High School Boys Varsity Tennis Team for obtaining Co-Champions Place in the UIL District 28 5-A.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the CC Winn High School Boys Varsity Tennis Team for obtaining Co-Champions Place in the UIL District 28 5-A. A group picture was taken.

IV. 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. **Review Investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transactions for all Funds for the Quarter ended February 28, 2023.** No questions from the Board.

V. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2022/2023-04 in support of House Bill 1960. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the request to adopt Resolution 22/2023-04 in support of House Bill 1960. Motion Granted 5/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Care Coordination Agreement between Camino Real Community Services and Eagle Pass ISD. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve a Care Coordination Agreement between Camino Real Community Services and Eagle Pass ISD. Motion Granted 5/0.**

VI. Consent Items

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

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 (Regular) and the February 15, 2023 (Regular) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
 2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2023 Energy Savings Summer Work Schedule. **Item previously considered**
 3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No 240103 for charter bus transportation services and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. **Item previously considered.**
 4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund Budgets. **Item previously considered.**
 5. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval of the Donors Choose \$995.27 donation of "Book Assortment #1". To Mr. Jose Salazar's classroom at Perfecto Mancha Elementary. **Item previously considered.**
 6. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval for Perfecto Mancha Elementary to accept a donation and installation of a school sign from the Perfecto Mancha Elementary PTO subject to approval by the Superintendent. **Item previously considered.**
 7. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval of the Donors Choose funding for Ms. Nancy Fuentes' Sam Houston Elementary classroom project "Reading One Book at a Time". **Item previously considered.**
- VII. **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 **6:16 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 5/0.**
1. The Board will hear the request to approve the personnel contracts as presented. TGC 551.074.
 2. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
 3. The Board will discuss the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report findings. TGC 551.074.

VIII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **6:51 PM** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve personnel contracts as presented. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Perry to approve term contracts as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 5/0. Trustee Purcell abstained from #36.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the request to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 5/0.**

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

1. Monday-April 24, 2023 –Naming of the Seco Mines Loop – TBA
2. Wednesday – April 26, 2023 – CCWHS NHS Induction Ceremony – 6:00 p.m.
3. Wednesday – May 3, 2023 - Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Luncheon – Presentation of EPISD Top 5% - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Let us know if you need tickets)
4. Wednesday – May 3, 2023 – CCWHS Top 5% – Band Hall – 6:00 p.m.
5. Friday – May 5, 2023 – DSC Cinco de Mayo Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.
6. Thursday – May 11, 2023 – EPHS Top 5% – Cafeteria – 6:00 p.m.
7. Wednesday – May 17, 2023 – CCWHS Scholarship Night (Virtual) – TBA
8. Thursday – May 18, 2023 – EPHS Scholarship Night (Virtual) – TBA
9. Tuesday – May 23, 2023 – Retirement Banquet – Fine Arts – 6:00–9:00 p.m.
10. Friday – May 26, 2023 – CCWHS Graduation – SAC – 8:00 p.m.
11. Saturday – May 27, 2023 – EPHS Graduation – SAC – 8:00 p.m.

(These events are already on your calendar)

12. Reminder - On-line training – Required Cybersecurity and Human Trafficking are now open for completion through EduHero.

X. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 5/0.

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

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