

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> Special |
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- (A) ☐ Report Only ☐ Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

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- (B) ☐ Action Item

Presenter(s): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

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| CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019 (REGULAR), BOARD MEETING. |
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- (C) Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.

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

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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 Meeting on November 12, 2019 at 6:00 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
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication- Eagle Pass FFA Students-**addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and gave a presentation on Drones in Agriculture. Drones that are designed specifically for Agriculture purposes play a key role in Precision Agriculture also known as Site Specific Farming, a technique involving crop surveillance and the use of cameras, sensors, and GPS. They help farmers with photos and mapping that can tip farmers to irrigation, soil and infestation problems they can also use 3D mapping to locate the problem areas. There are several kinds of attachments that can be attached to drones. Some are cameras, sprayers and 3D mapping. These help farmers and ranchers improve the view of their fields to maintain and enhance production. A few of the down sides of drones is their initial cost (expensive), battery life is very short average is 20 minutes, not accurate due to glitches, cannot exterminate pests (hogs) on site, and attachments are expensive. Some drones are designed to plant bio-degradable seed pods and are capable of planting up to 3000 per day without heavy machinery. By doing this they save on fuel, tractors, planes and heavy machinery costs. New regulations from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) require that drone users take a course to earn a certificate to be able to fly them. This law helps in preventing accidents and keeping the airway safe for everyone. But this process is a complicated one and keeps farmers and ranchers from using drones that would otherwise help them. Getting this certificate means they have to pay to take the course or pay someone to fly the drone for them. They also have to adhere to new FAA rules as stated on the Texas Farm Bureau website for example: No flights are allowed at night, under covered structures or over people (unless you have a waiver), preflight inspection is required before every flight to endure a UAV is airworthy. The FAA has two different kinds of license to fly a drone. There is the commercial license which you pay somebody that has a license to acquire information of your property. Then there is the personal use license which you take a course and pay to get certified. Licenses start at \$150.00 and is good for two years. The FAA does not require the average person to have a

certification to fly a drone that falls under the toy use age category. Currently FAA rules state you cannot fly drones within five miles of airports or other aircrafts. Never fly them over groups of people, public events or stadium full of people.

IV. Recognitions:

1. **Recognition of Eagle Pass ISD employees that have served in the military in honor of Veterans Day.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass ISD employees that have served in the military in honor of Veterans Day. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of Isabella A. Limoncellos and Kimberly Alvarado from Robert E. Lee Elementary for winning the Texas Association of Pupil Transportation (TAPT) Poster Contest.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Isabella A. Limoncellos and Kimberly Alvarado from Robert E. Lee Elementary for winning the Texas Association of Pupil Transportation (TAPT) Poster Contest. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band for being awarded 1st Division Superior Rating in 6A Marching Competition for 39th consecutive years.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band for being awarded 1st Division Superior Rating in 6A Marching Competition for 39th consecutive years. A group picture was taken.
4. **Recognition of Lowe's Home Improvement Store and the Lowe's Heroes Project for their efforts in the transformation of the Eagle Pass High School Main Gym.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Lowe's Home Improvement Store and the Lowe's Heroes Project for their efforts in the transformation of the Eagle Pass High School Main Gym. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of Chick-Fil-A owners, Juan and Jacqueline Garza, for their services with the Leadership Academy Program and their participation with future community leaders.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and Chick-Fil-A owners, Juan and Jaque Garza, for their services with the Leadership Academy Program and their participation with future community leaders. A group picture was taken.
6. **Recognition of Liberty Elementary for being selected as the Most Clean and Maintained Campus for the month of October 2019.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and announced Liberty Elementary recognition for being selected as the most clean and maintained campus for the month of October 2019. A group picture was taken.

V. 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-September 2019.** No questions from the Board.

VI. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt a Resolution 2019/2020-07 to vote for members to serve on the Board of Directors for the Maverick County Appraisal District (MCAD). **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell to approve the adoption of resolution 2019/2020-07. Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2019-2020 Campus Targeted Improvement Plans. **Mr. Rene Martinez, School Improvement, Curriculum & Accountability Director briefly reviewed the report & addressed questions, concerns and comments from the Board. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell to approve the 2019-2020 Campus Targeted Improvement Plans. Motion Granted 7/0.**
3. Consideration and take appropriate action on the request to approve the updated District Improvement Plan Goals for the 2019-2020 school year. **Mrs. Norma Serna, Federal Programs Director gave a brief explanation of the updates being made to the District Improvement Plan Goals. The district will be using a new management system called Plan for Learning which will house not only the District Improvement Plan but also the Campus Improvement Plan. It will go from 8 goals to 4 goals which are as follows: 1. Promote Parent, Family and Community Engagement. 2. Educate and Meet the Needs of All Learners. 3. Hire, Develop and Retain Quality Staff. 4. Promote a Safe Environment for all Stake Holders. All questions, concerns and comments from the Board were addressed. Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve the updated District Improvement Plan Goals for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion Granted 7/0.**
4. Consideration and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2019-2020 House Bill 5 Partnership Memorandum of Understanding between Southwest Texas Jr. College and Eagle Pass ISD. **Mr. David Camarillo, Executive Director for Instruction, stated that the only change in the Remedial Courses taught at the high school level is that now the students need to pass the TSIA end of course test in order to be deemed college ready. All questions, concerns and comments from the Board were addressed. Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Martinez to approve the 2019-2020 House Bill 5 Partnership Memorandum of Understanding between Southwest Texas Jr. College and Eagle Pass ISD. Motion Granted 7/0.**
5. Consideration and take appropriate action on the request to approve Resolution 2019/2020-08 regarding Special Education Shared Service agreement with Uvalde Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD). **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Hiller to approve Resolution 2019/2020-08 regarding Special Education Shared Service agreement with Uvalde Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD). Motion Granted 7/0.**

VII. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 & 6 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 (Regular) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General and Capital Projects Fund Budgets. **Item previously considered. Questions and concerns from the Board were addressed.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve donation of staff development from Eagle Pass Heroes Organization. **Superintendent Mijares stated that Eagle Pass Heroes Organization donated \$10,000 for Sp. Ed. Staff Development and the District will be matching the donation.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a \$750 donation from KINL Radio Station and Brown Chevrolet to be awarded to economically disadvantaged students at the elementary campuses. **Item previously considered.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a \$250 donation from HEB Read 3 Grant from Sam Houston Elementary. **Item previously considered.**
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a monetary donation (\$10,000) from Dollar General to be awarded to Glass Elementary. **Item previously considered.**

Board President Barrera thanked all of the local business for their generous donations.

- VIII. **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 **6:57 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Purcell second Trustee Martinez. Motion 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 be assigned by the Superintendent as Instructional Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.
3. The Board will consult with its attorney pending District construction litigation TGC 551.071

- IX. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **9:07 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 551.0741. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in Closed Session. Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take action on the request to hire a professional employee to be assigned by the Superintendent as Instructional Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Fuentes to approve the hiring of Ivy Purcell as a professional employee to be assigned by the Superintendent as Instructional Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 6/0. Trustee Purcell abstained.**

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

1. Friday, November 15, 2019-Peter Piper Pizza Dictionary Giveaway Luncheon-11:30 a.m. at Peter Piper Pizza
2. Wednesday, November 20, 2019-Parent Center Thanksgiving Feast-10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon-DAEP Cafeteria
3. Thursday, November 21, 2019-DSC Thanksgiving Luncheon-12:00 Noon-Here in the Board Room
4. The school district will be closed Monday, November 25-29, 2019-Thanksgiving Holiday

XI. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 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: _____