

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 August 09, 2016, 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 arrived at 6:06 P.M.
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
Mr. Humberto Torralba Jr., Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee, arrived at 6:06 P.M.

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez.

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

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 6:17 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent Gilberto Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS:** No one signed up for citizen's communications.

1. **Recognition of the Eagle Pass Independent School District female students who participated in the Miss Southwest Texas Pageant.** Miss Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent with a presentation of Eagle Pass ISD female students who participated in the Miss Southwest Texas Pageant. The opportunity incorporated to showcase their beauty, physical fitness, intellect, public speaking, interview techniques, self-confidence, and grace and hope to bring these ideals to the school district and target anti-bullying. A group picture was taken.

IV. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Financial Report.** Clarification on Budget 2015-2016 as presented to the Board. (Page 14). **Board members questions and concerns were addressed.**
2. **Utility Report.** Substantial difference compared to the 2014-2015 & 2015-2016. What are the plans for this coming year to reduce the cost of electricity, an incentive should be considered as an incentive is provided to a campus that is groomed, and perhaps this should be part of the principals' evaluation to improve the overall conservation. The Board requested a report on the actual savings as this has been in effect for over a year and perhaps a presentation of what the expectations are. **Board President stated once the report/presentation is provided, they would see a better picture and then follow through on what should be done. Board members questions and concerns were addressed.**
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
4. **Delinquent Collection Activities for April – June 2016.** – Item will be presented at the next regular board meeting, Ms. Sonia Gonzalez is not feeling well and not able to make it to this meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to elect two (2) School Board Members, One member as a Delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards, and the other member as an Alternate. **Motion by Trustee Saucedo second by Trustee Bowles to nominate Hilda P. Martinez as Delegate and Hector Alvarez as Alternate. Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve consultant contracts for Special Education Services 2016-2017 school year. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Torralba to approve consultant contracts for Special Education Services 2016-2017. **Granted 7/0.** Board members questions and concerns were addressed.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2016-2017 Student Code of Conduct. Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Purcell to approve the 2016-2017 SCOC. **Granted 7/0.** Board members questions and concerns were addressed.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2016-2017-02 opposing the use of the textbook entitled "Mexican American Heritage". Motion by Trustee Saucedo second by Trustee Bowles to approve resolution opposing the use of textbook entitled "Mexican American Heritage." **Granted 7/0.** Board members questions and concerns were addressed.

VI. CONSENT:

It was the Consensus of the Board to consider items 1 – 3 in One Motion. Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Bowles to approve items 1-3. **Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a letter of agreement between Eagle Pass ISD and South Texas Rural Health Services, Inc. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the list of the 2016-2017 Teacher Appraisers. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an agreement between the Eagle pass ISD and Maverick County Juvenile Probation Department. **Item previously considered.**

VII. 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 **6:47 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 Purcell 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.

VIII. OPEN SESSION:

The Meeting Reconvened at 7:08 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 Bowles second by Trustee Martinez to hire personnel as discussed in Closed Session. Granted 7/0.**

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

1. Board Adopted Campuses for 2016-2017 School Year. **Item will remain the same as requested by the Board of Trustees.**

Superintendent Gonzalez announced the Back to School Convocation for Friday, August 19, 2016, @ 8:00 AM at the Fine Arts Building.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL, 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 Board Workshop Meeting on August 30, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. 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. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
Mr. Humberto Torralba Jr., Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary, Secretary

Superintendent: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorneys: Absent

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

II. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Update on High Schools Field Houses, Tennis Courts, and Cross Country Trails.

Mr. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools, opens the meeting and introduced Mr. Davis Powell, Architect, who will be making the presentation on the Update on High School Field Houses, Tennis Courts and Cross Country Trails.

Mr. Davis Powell, Architect welcomes the Board, DSC Administration, and high school campus principals and head coaches of all sports to the workshop. He also thanked all the coaches for giving their input... suggestions to this very important project.

Mr. Powell shares the development and objectives with the Board, since the last presentation back in June 30, 2016. Mr. Powell reviewed the cross-country trails, and soccer fields' improvements at the high schools, and SAC. A brief presentation on the improvements of the tennis courts and the athletic master plan and field houses with the intent on a consensus on what will be put out for bids. When asked to go back and redevelop the master plan for the Athletic Department, Mr. Powell stated that he would like to accomplish and get direction from the Board as it's really an understanding of what this project is before it is put out to bids, with the intent of receiving bids in the beginning of October to present them to the Board at the October regular meeting and on its way in November to have a completed facility by the summer of 2017. With this said, Mr. Powell presented the following:

Cross County Trails and Soccer Facilities: Cross Country Trails... at the high school campuses and at the SAC, and availability to the public. C.C. Coaches would like having these trails at both high schools and SAC. The trails will keep the athletes away from running in the streets and away from traffic. Only the trails at the campuses will be available to the public. Partially budgeted (\$156k) with some leftover SAC Money, the

contractor was approached to see if they were interested or not in recovering the money, and they are. Therefore, a negotiation for a final settlement will be held to determine what is eligible to be paid for vs what the district believes the value for the work they didn't complete is feasible. Also, approached was one of two organizations that could possibly donate materials. As of now, the cost is approximately \$225K, depending the outcome of the negotiation with the contractor and potential donations for materials. Mr. Powell displayed pictures of the proposed composition track at the SAC and high schools and explained details of its construction.

Soccer Fields': Improvements include drainage, additional bleachers, and improved backstops for completion readiness for a cost approx. of \$40K. This project can also be included as the cross-country project as it is similar and grouping them gives a better cost when going out for bids.

Tennis Courts: Estimated improvements would be approximately \$450K for the district, which includes 3 new courts at EPJ, and resurfacing at CCW, EPH, & MJH. Once done there will be a total of 30 courts within the district to practice and play on and considering the 8 courts at the SAC. Research has been looked into on the minimum number of courts for competition, without any success. New tennis courts will need RFP's or RFQ's, which will be an administrative decision. The courts from the Old EPJ are not included in this project. **Board Members, Administrators and coaches questions and concerns were addressed.**

Field Houses: A concern was the approximate cost of \$1.4 million to \$1.9 million per facility and secondly it was made clear by the Board that the Field House is to be part of the Athletic Department Master Plan, therefore all the head coaches were invited this evening to assure a consensus of the benefit of the facility. Once the new facility is in place, what will happen to the rest of the athletic space being vacated by the football programs.

This project will reflect input from the entire athletic department including the Cheerleaders and Drill Teams (principals represent the sponsors.) Mr. Powell made presentation and stated principals' main concern was scheduling, making sure every team benefits from this project. On August 17-18 meetings were held with boys and girls coaches to discuss athletic facilities master plans, which were presented to the Superintendent. Mr. Powell presented Eagle Pass High School Field House Master Plan, and CC Winn High School Field House Master Plan. Presentation was open for questions and/or concerns from the coaches. The facility will be used to accommodate as many sports possible for boys and girls alike with the understanding to follow a schedule. The cost to bring the older facilities up to par (face lift) was also addressed; it could come out of the Field House budget as a whole, or from another account. Board members expressed how they want to make sure that all coaches were involved in planning, making this facility accessible to both boys and girls for all sports with adequate space and restrooms, showers for both; and also discussed the budget for all the projects, which include the renovations for the old facilities. Concerns of coaches other than football coaches were expressed regarding the old facilities... how long before the old facilities are brought to par (renovated), example not having enough lockers, fixing existing leaks, etc., also, Superintendent Gonzalez stated the two high school principals, athletic director and the head coaches worked hard with the scheduling. The principals also expressed how well they worked with all the head coaches, and how the renovations are also considered important.

In closing, Mr. Powell stated that a \$3.4 million bid would be put out for both buildings. **Board President stated that financing would be discussed and considered in the near future, it is important and everything discussed needs to be included and discussed further. The Board is listening and wants to reassure that it will be looked into in a future meeting where action can be taken, and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, Board President thanked everyone for being part of this project.**

III. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 6/0.**

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