

**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): GILBERTO GONZALEZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**Briefly describe the action required**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 08, 2018, (REGULAR) BOARD MEETING.**

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

(D) **Clarification: Explain any question 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 Meeting on May 08, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Student Activity Center Raul A. Gonzalez Fine Arts Building 5021 East Hwy 277, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

### **Board Members Present:**

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President  
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice President  
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary, arrived @ 6:09 PM  
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee  
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee  
Mr. Jorge Barrera, Trustee  
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

**Superintendent of Schools:** Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

**Attorney:** Mr. Richard Strieber, Attorney - 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 6:06 PM.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent of Schools, Gilberto Gonzalez, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS:**

Uriel Martinez and Maribel Paniagua addressed the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent regarding the football field on Del Rio Blvd. They would like the support of the Board to allow the football league they manage/coach the capability to use the football field at this location, free of charge due to their budget not enough to cover the fees. The league is a non-profit organization, we work on donations and fundraisers and it is hard to keep this organization going on what we have the organization does not get any other financial help other than the donations from private entities. The league has gone to Nationals and the players are well prepared by the time they go to junior high and or high school, you can ask the coaches and they will tell you that this organization has a great quality of players by the time they go to them. The leagues enrollment is at least 95% of Eagle Pass ISD students close to 400 students and would appreciate the Boards support. Board President Fuentes advised Mr. Martinez and Ms. Paniagua, that the Board has addressed this with the Superintendent and the Cabinet and they will look into it further. **Board President Fuentes assures Mr. Martinez & Ms. Paniagua, that the superintendent would look into it as it has been addressed previously.**

**WITH THE CONSENSSES OF THE BOARD, DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS WERE ADDRESSED AFTER CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION AND BEFORE THE RECOGNITIONS.**

1. Recognition of Memorial Jr. High School students Alejandro Ramos and Landin Trevino for their academic achievements with the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer introduced the students and made the recognition.** A group picture was taken.
2. Recognition of Eagle Pass Jr. High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students that were accepted in GeoForce Program. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.

3. Recognition of Eagle Pass Jr. High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students in Ms. Erika Rodriguez' 4<sup>th</sup> period class for winning the Accelerated Reading (AR) Challenge at the junior high level. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
4. Recognition of CC Winn High School students Hugo Tavares-Venegas and Abraham Sanchez for advancing to State competition in UIL Academics. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
5. Recognition of CC Winn High School student Diego Ibarra for winning the 29-5A District Championship in Boys Golf. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
6. Recognition of CC Winn High School Music Department for their accomplishments for the 2017-2018 school year. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
7. Recognition of CC Winn High School Girls Golf Team for winning the 29-5A District Championship. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
8. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School student Emily Chavarria for being selected as a 2017 Questbridge National College Match Scholarship recipient for Princeton University. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
9. Recognition of Eagle Pass high School student Jennifer Pena for being selected as a Terry Foundation Scholarship recipient granted by the University of Texas at Austin. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
10. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School UIL Academics Team for advancing to Regional and State Meets. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
11. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School students David Koenig, Tonya Rodrigues and Jorge Martinez for being induced into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society from Southwest Texas Jr. College. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
12. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School student Adalina Hernandez for qualifying for State UIL Solo in Austin Texas on May 26, 2018. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
13. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Color Guard for winning State Champions at the Texas Educational Color Guard Association (TECA) Competition. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
14. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Concert Band for their achievement at the Regional XI UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation Contest. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
15. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Mighty Eagle Band for qualifying for State Competition after receiving a 1<sup>st</sup> Division Superior Rating at the Regional XI UIL Solo & Ensemble Competition. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
16. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School students Monica Rivera, Shanya Luna, Alexia Diaz, and Andrea Garcia on their accomplishments with the Lady Eagle Track and Field Team. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.

17. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Girls Softball Team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in District 29-6A and advanced to UIL State Playoffs. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
18. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Boys Baseball Team for winning District 29-6 Championship and advanced to UIL State Playoffs. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
19. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Golf Team members Carla Rodriguez and Mathew Shuler for advancing to UIL Regional Meet. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
20. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Boys and Girls Tennis Team for their accomplishments in the District 29-6A UIL Tennis Meet. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
21. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Boys & Girls Track Team for their accomplishments at the District 29-6A UIL Track & Field Team. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
22. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Diamond Dance Team for their accomplishments at the National Dance Championship. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
23. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) for their participation in various competitions at the District, Area and State level. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
24. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School CTE students that participated in the Skills USA Competition and advanced to State in woodwork and welding. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
25. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Teacher Tanya Tijerina for going above and beyond and helping prepare 5<sup>th</sup> Grade elementary students for their STAAR Science Exam. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
26. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School teacher Heriberto Tobias for his participation in the Memory Project for Students Around The World that have faced substantial challenges in their lives. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
27. Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary students in Ms. Arla Roque' 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for winning the Accelerated Reading (AR) Challenge at the elementary level. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
28. Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary Stallions Girls Basketball Team for winning Division II Championship. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
29. Recognition of Armando Cerna Elementary Stallions Boys Basketball Team for winning Division III Championship. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
30. Recognition of Ray Darr Mavericks Cheer Squad for the various accomplishments during the 2017-2018 school year. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.

31. Recognition of Graves Elementary Cheerleaders for their accomplishments at the Redline Cheer and Dance Grand National Finals in San Antonio, Texas. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
32. Recognition of the Top 5 Schools in the 2017-2018 EPISD Most Spirited School Competition. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
33. Recognition of Glass Elementary for being selected as the Most Clean and Maintained Campus for the month of April 2018. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
34. Recognition of CC Winn High School for the highest energy conservation savings for the month of February 2018. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.
35. Recognition of Cafeteria Managers for completing the Food Mangers Certification as required by the Health Inspections. **Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation.** A group picture was taken.

#### IV. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Financial Report.** Trustee Fuentes: **How is the district doing for next year's budget?**

Mr. Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance addressed the Board of Trustees & Superintendent and gave a brief report on the budget for next year. The process begins in February, have been meeting with the principals and the budgets have been turned in for next year and are already in the system. We are waiting for the certified values from the Appraisal District for the month of July. The budget looks good for next year. I know that this Board is very Employee Friendly and the budget process is very important to the Board. Once the district receives the Certified Values we will know exactly where the district is financially. Salary increases is very important for the Board and on a yearly basis it is evaluated. At this time I would like to inform the Board that it looks good or even better than previous years as a reflection of all working together. The district is in position for available funding for salaries to all employees even to the teachers because the numbers look really, really good.

**Trustee Bowles:** Commends Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance and we are very fortunate to have Mr. Mijares for providing very strict guidelines as far as saving monies. Mr. Bowles is glad to hear about salary increases for all staff especially for our district teachers who work very hard on a daily basis for our students.

2. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
4. Delinquent Collection Activities for January – March 2018. **ITEM WAS TABLED.**

#### V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopted Resolution 3493501 for Body Armor Grant. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Hiller to approve Resolution.** Motion Granted 7/0.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve of application for the Pregnancy Related Services (PRS) Waiver. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Purcell to approve Waiver.** Motion Granted 7/0.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an easement as requested by the City of Eagle Pass Water Works System. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez to approve Easement, EP Water Works System.** Motion carries 6/1-Abstained by Trustee Barrera



**VI. CONSENT:** It was the consensus of the Board to consider items 1-2 in one motion. Motion by Trustee Alvarez and second by Trustee Martinez to approve consent items in one motion. Motion Granted 7/0.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018, (Workshop) and April 10, 2018, (Regular) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 181905 on locker-room improvements for Eagle Pass High School and CC Winn high School 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.**

**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 7:41 PM.** 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 Bowles second by Trustee Barrera. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TCG 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to approve Term Contracts as presented.
3. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending District Construction matters. TGC 551.071.
4. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding EPISD vs. MONSA LTD. TGC 551.071.
5. The Board will hear the Level III Grievance of Jose Ramos. TGC 551.074.

**VIII. OPEN SESSION:** The meeting reconvened at **9:36 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.** Motion by Trustee Martinez and second by Trustee Bowles to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in Closed Session. Motion **Granted 7/0.**
2. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve contracts as presented.** Motion by Trustee Barrera and second by Trustee Hiller to approve contracts as discussed in Closed Session. Motion granted 7/0 **NOTE:** Trustee Purcell abstained from Term Contract #421 & #512 and Trustee Fuentes abstained from Term Contract #612.
3. Consideration and possible action regarding legal issues relating to District construction projects. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
4. Consideration and possible action regarding legal issues relating to EPISD vs MONSA LTD. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
5. Consideration and possible action on the Level III Appeal of Jose Ramos. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Bowles to allow Mr. Ramos to finish his current contract and subject to the duties that have been assigned by the superintendent.** Motion granted 7/0.

\*Attorney for Jose Ramos requested clarification on the motion, as he did not understand the wording.

\*School Attorney advised he would speak to Jose Ramos' attorney after the meeting.

\*Board President confirmed that the school attorney would speak to him once they adjourn the meeting.

\* Attorney for Jose Ramos asked a question... "Is Mr. Ramos finishing his contract as Chief of the Police Force?"

\* School attorney advised he would speak to him after the meeting.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Superintendent Gonzalez made the following announcements for the month of May:

- This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, Nurses Appreciation Week and School Nutrition Employee Week.
- Top 5% for CCWH & EPH will be at the Raul A. Gonzalez Fine Arts Building starting @ 6PM.
- Scholarship Nigh for CCWH & EPH will be at the Raul A. Gonzalez Fine Arts Building starting @ 6 PM.
- EP Chamber of Commerce Community Breakfast @ Luby's 8AM.
- EPHS Softball Playoffs in San Antonio & EPHS Baseball Playoffs in Laredo.
- National Police Appreciation Week

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Bowles. Motion 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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