

**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 APRIL 7, 2017, (SPECIAL) AND THE APRIL 11, 2017, (REGULAR) BOARD MEETINGS.

- (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 Special Board Meeting on April 07, 2017, 12 Noon at the District Service Center, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

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

Superintendent: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

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

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Board President Lupita Fuentes called meeting to order at 12:12 PM.
- II. **PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE 2017 TAX YEAR.** Jorge Rodriguez, TSTA Representative, addressed the Board and Superintendent with questions and concerns from TSTA members/committee regarding the Tax Rate Proposal. The main concern is not about taxes going up, but transparency of this board. Not that the Board is breaking policies, or doing anything illegal, but when in executive session discussing salaries, and monies that are going to be spent... no one can understand the Board's thinking... The Board just votes and that's it. No one knows why certain percentage is given to a certain group... *Board President reminds Mr. Rodriguez the Public Information is limited to the Tax Rate.* Mr. Rodriguez stated it's concerning the Tax Rate... the lack of transparency in the last 3 or 4 years is why... it's the reason TSTA right now will appose the Tax Rate. When talking about any entity there should be some transparency. We understand TRE is a good thing, but it comes down to the lack of transparency. It could change, but it's up to the majority of Board to start. Board President stated a lot of misinformation is out there, but the Board is limited and that is why it is an item for the Board today.

Albert Daniel, Community Citizen addressed the Board and Superintendent to get information on any indication of what it is the Board will do with this money TRE, therefore will be requesting for this information once it has been decided. Also been keeping up with the Texas Review/Texas Legislature and they've indicated of tighten up on financing. Therefore, public school districts will get 51.5% of their monies from local property taxes in 2017. According to the Legislature Budget word, 38.4% from the State and the rest approx. 10% from Federal Government. Don't know what affect there will be, but do know that the city, county and school district now want to raise money, and that is going to increase property taxes.

III. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

1. **Presentation on a TRE (Tax Ratification Election)** Deputy Superintendent Ismael Mijares, addressed the Board and Superintendent making the 1st presentation on the TRE. The information will be provided to the public, in both English and Spanish and Mr. Mijares went over the Estimated Local Tax Revenue which is 7% (\$411,232) and the Estimated State Revenue of 93% (\$5,725,862) and EPISD is asking voters to consider a Tax Ratification Election to increase revenues. The estimate was calculated with the 2017, certified estimate values using the 2016 current Tax Rate of \$1.15543 versus the 2017 Proposed Tax Rate of \$1.18043. School districts total tax rate is made of two pars, (M & O Tax Rate and I & S Tax Rate. The additional state revenue generated from a TRE may be spent for the purpose of M & O of the school district such as but not limited to: Middle School Concept, 5 yr. Facility Plan, additional

budget campus/department needs, student programs, buildings improvements for instructional, extracurricular, and other district activities, employee salaries and benefits, expenditures for vehicles, furniture, equipment, and day to day operations of the district. Again, the school district will supplement 7% and the State will supplement 93%, an estimated tax rate per \$100 is 2 ½ pennies, an increase of 2.16%. Note... Taxpayers over the age of 65 or disabled will not pay this increase. There are no strings attached to this money. Election Day will be Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 7AM-7PM and Early Voting Wednesday, May 10, 2017, – Tuesday, May 23, 2017, (8AM to 5PM), includes Saturday, May 20, 2017, 8AM to 5PM.

Mr. Mijares reviewed the Eagle Pass ISD Comparison of Tax Rates for Local Taxing Entities; EPISD is one of the lowest tax entities. A detailed TRE tentative calendar was presented, the EPISD must follow it as it is required by the State, and made sure the school district council reviewed it making sure everything is right, (step 1-44). **Board Members questions, concerns and comments were addressed.** School District Council Mr. Richard Strieber reiterated Board Members comment regarding transparency, and stating that by law, the district cannot pass any information before this meeting. An election has to be called before the law allows the district to pass out information about the election and what the TRE will be used for. By law the Board needs to vote first before giving out information.

2. **Report on the 2017 Certified Estimated Appraisal Roll from the Maverick County Appraisal District.** Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance, Ismael Mijares reviewed the report on the 2017 Certified Estimated Appraisal Roll from the Maverick County Appraisal District. **No questions from the Board.**
3. **Report on the Certification of the 2016-2017 Excess Debt Collections for the EPISD Interest and Sinking Funds.** Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance Ismael Mijares reviewed the report on the Certification of the 2016-2017 Excess Debt Collections for the EPISD I&S Funds. **No questions from the Board.**
4. **Review and Discuss the 2017 Rollback Tax Rate Worksheet.** Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance Ismael Mijares reviewed the 2017 Rollback Tax Rate Worksheet. **No questions from the Board.**

IV. ACTION:

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2017/2018-01 to set the 2017 Tax Rate.** Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Bowles, to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.18043, which is effectively a 0.03518 percent increase in the tax rate. **Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. **Consider and take appropriate action to hold a TRE (Tax Ratification Election) on Saturday, May 27, 2017.** Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Martinez, to take action and hold a TRE (Tax Ratification Election) on Saturday, May 27, 2017. **Granted 7/0.**

V. 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 12:54 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 Martinez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Chief Technology Officer subject to possible future reassignment b the Superintendent.

VI. OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened at 1:52 PM.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Chief Technology Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Barrera to hire Jose Munoz as a professional employee to serve as Chief Technology Officer subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent as discussed in Closed Session. Motion **Granted 7/0**.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM. **Motion by Trustee Hiller 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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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 April 11, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at the Austin School Building, 587 Madison Street, Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Board Members Present:

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee, arrived @ 6:14 PM
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Jorge Barrera, Trustee

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 6:05 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/RECOGNITIONS: No Citizen's Communications.

- 1. Recognition of N.M. Glass Falcon Division II Basketball Team for acquiring 1st Place City Champs.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the Falcon Division II Basketball Team. A group picture was taken.
- 2. Recognition of Seco Mines Elementary Division III Girls Volleyball Team for winning the City Division III Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the Division III Girls Volleyball Team. A group picture was taken.
- 3. Recognition of Seco Mines Division III Girls Basketball Team for winning the City Division III Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the Division III Girls Basketball Team. A group picture was taken.
- 4. Recognition of NM Glass Falcon Divas Cheerleading Team for earning 1st place at the Texas Cheerleading Competition and 3rd Place in the City Competition.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized Glass Falcon Divas Cheerleading Team. A group picture was taken.
- 5. Recognition of NM Glass Falcon Division III Girls Softball Team for winning two consecutive Championships for the 2016-2017 school year.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the Falcon Division III Girls Softball Team. A group picture was taken.

6. **Recognition of CCWHS UIL Academic Team for winning the 29-5A District Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized CCWHS UIL Academic Team for winning the 29-5A District Championship. A group picture was taken.
7. **Recognition of CCWHS Boys Soccer Team for winning the Co-District Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the CCWHS Boys Soccer Team. A group picture was taken.
8. **Recognition of EPHS Air Force JROTC who had their 3-Year Inspection and each student received the highest rating of "Exceeds Standards" and will also be receiving the "Distinguished Unit Award with Merit."** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer, made the presentation and recognized the EPHS Air Force JROTC. A group picture was taken.
9. **Recognition of Perfecto Mancha Elementary for the highest energy conservation savings for the month of January 2017.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer, made the presentation and recognized Mancha Elementary for the energy conservation saving for the month of January. A group picture was taken.
10. **Recognition of Rosita Valley Literacy Academy for being selected as the Most Clean and Maintained Campus for the month of March 2017.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized RVL A for having the most clean and maintained building for the month of March 2017. A group picture was taken.
11. **Recognition of CCWHS Girls Golf Team for winning district 29-5A Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized CCWHS Girls Golf Team. 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, 2017.** Ismael Mijares, Deputy Supt. for Business & Finance briefly reviewed Quarterly Report. **No questions from the Board.**

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept Southwest Texas Junior College Diesel Mechanic Co-op Students to complete their on-the-job training hours at EPISD Transportation Mechanic Shop. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 6/0.** Hector Caballero from SWTJC stated that the program would require 120 hrs. of internship work under Mr. Manuel Reyes III, EPISD Transportation Department, and stated at the end of the program should the school district have vacancies they may hire the students that performed their internship with the district if they so pleased.

VI. CONSENT:

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

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the March 07, 2017, (Regular) Board Meeting. **Item previously considered.**
 2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wintergarden Womens Shelter, Inc. and the Eagle Pass ISD. **Item previously considered.**
 3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to certify all items listed on the instructional materials allotment and TEKS Certification, 2017-2018. **Item previously considered.**
 4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Proposal No. 171903 for Bank Depository Services for the initial two (2) year term with the District's option to renew the agreement consecutively for the 2019-21 and 2021-2023 Biennium. **Item previously considered.**
 5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget. **Item previously considered.**
 6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to declare the attached list of items as surplus property and authorize it's disposal. **Item previously considered.**
 7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the summer work schedule for he District Service Center staff and the campus administrative staff for the months of June –August. **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 **6:39 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 Alvarez second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 6/0.**

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 approve contracts as presented.
3. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding EPISD v MONSA LTD. TGC 551.071.

VIII. OPEN SESSION:

The Meeting Reconvened at 7:47 PM.

The Board will consider and take appropriate action on item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve contracts as presented.** Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Hiller to approved as discussed in Closed Session. Granted 6/0.
2. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.** Motion by Trustee Martinez, second by Trustee Alvarez to hire personnel as discussed in Closed Session. Granted 6/0.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

Superintendent Gonzalez – Will be closed April 14 & 17 due to the Easter Holidays. The SLI will be in San Antonio, June 15-17, 2017, attendance for lodging and registration is now open.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Hiller. Granted 6/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____

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