

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Big Spring Independent School District

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School District was held March 18, 2025, beginning at 5:15 PM in the High School Board Room, 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Members Present: Fabian Serrano, Tom Olague, Jesse Salazar, Tonya Becker, Trent Trinidad

Members Absent: Julie Harris, Alton McGruder

Administration Present: Jay McWilliams, Jeff Perez

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Childress

News Media Present: KBST Media

Others: Gina McWilliams, Gina Slover, Veronica Modisette, Edith Esparza, Johnathan Bustamante, Joe Bustamante, Lucy Rubio, Margie Valverde, Nick Ornelas, Michelle Arista-Sanchez, Adriele Saldivar, Audra Kirby, and others

1. Opening of Meeting – Fabian Serrano opened the meeting at 5:15 pm and declared it in open session.

A. Prayer

B. Pledge

2. Public Comments

Tex. Gov't Code §551.007(b):

"A governmental body shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item."

Thus, a governmental body might adopt a rule consistent with "subsection 551.007(b)'s requirements by having a single public comment period at the beginning of an open meeting to address all items on the agenda."

There was one public comment from Veronica Modisette.

3. Attorney Consultation

A. Consultation with District's Attorney in **Closed Session**, Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, to Receive Legal Advice Concerning Level III Appeal of Parent Complaint Under District Policy FNG(LOCAL), and the Board's Roles, Responsibilities and Duties Related Thereto

CLOSED SESSION under Texas Government Code 551.071:

(For the purpose of private consultation with the Board's attorney)

Board of Trustees entered into CLOSED SESSION 551.071 with Fred Stormer at 5:24 pm.

OPEN MEETING reconvened at 6:14 pm.

4. Action Item

A. Hearing and Possible Action on Parent Level III Appeal Under District Policy FNG(LOCAL) Against School Bus Driver and Bus Aide Concerning Bus Incident that Occurred on October 17, 2024

Board President Fabian Serrano opened the Hearing at 6:15 pm.

Ben Herron, counsel for the family, presented the Level III Appeal to the Board. (6:25-6:35)

Jarrold Russell, counsel for the Administration, presented the findings of Level I and II. (6:36-6:45)

Ben Herron presented the family's rebuttal. (6:45-6:47)

Jarrold Russell presented the Administration's rebuttal. (6:47-6:48)

After questions/clarifications, Fabian Serrano closed the Hearing at 6:55 pm.

CLOSED SESSION under Texas Government Code 551.071:

(For the purpose of private consultation with the Board's attorney)

Board of Trustees entered into CLOSED SESSION 551.071 with Fred Stormer at 6:56 pm.

OPEN MEETING reconvened at 8:13 pm.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, motion was made by Tonya Becker that the Board uphold the findings and decision of the Superintendent at Level II based on the evidence presented in this Hearing and deny this Appeal and the relief requested, and furthermore that the Superintendent investigate and research more proactive safety procedures and policy changes to increase transportation safety. The Board asks that these findings be presented to the Board for implementation by the beginning of the next school year. Trent Trinidad seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Adjournment

Fabian Serrano adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Date: April 14, 2025

Board President, Fabian Serrano

Board Secretary, Tom Olague

No Action Taken

Motion #6097

Uphold Findings; Deny Appeal

No Action Taken