

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 March 18, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. at De Luna Center Conference Meeting Room, 649 Webster Street, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, President Ms. Glenna Purcell, Vice-President Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Secretary Mr. Ramon Ramirez, Trustee Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee Mr. Benjamin Rodriguez III, Trustee Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Law Firm 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, Ignacio J. Saucedo called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Communication.

With the permission of the Board Item #4 was presented first.

- 4. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Mariachi Aguilas Del Norte for their First Division rating at the MASBA All-State Mariachi Competition. Ms. Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer made the introduction of the Recognition and Mr. David Solis, Band Director addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent for this recognition. The Mariachi Aguilas Del Norte performed their winning song for the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, and all those who were present. A group picture was taken.
- Recognition of Graves Elementary Varsity Tiger Cheerleaders. Ms. Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer made the introduction of the Graves Varsity Cheerleaders who were recognized for placing 1st in State and 1st in Nationals. A group picture was taken.
- 2. Recognition of the Eagle Pass High School Volleyball Lady Eagle for being named the All-State Academic Team by the Texas Coaches' Association. Ms. Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer made the introduction of the Eagle Pass High School Volleyball Lady Eagles who were recognized for being named the All-State Academic Team by the Texas Coaches' Association. A group picture was taken
- 3. Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Student Lynn Balderas for being awarded a Spirit of Community Certificate of Excellence and President's Volunteer Service Award for his outstanding volunteer service. Ms. Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer introduced Lynn Balderas who was recognized and was awarded Spirit of Community Certificate of Excellence and President's Volunteer Service Award for his outstanding volunteer service. Mr. Balderas is also recognized for the clean –up of the Elm Creek Park. A group picture was taken.

 Recognition of CC Winn High School students Cinthia Alvarado and Salvador Villagomez for winning first place in the District CX Debate Competition. Ms. Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer introduced Cinthia Alvarado and Salvador Villagomez for their recognition in winning 1st place in the District CX Debate Competition. A group picture was taken.

IV. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Financial Report. No questions from the Board of Trustees.
- 2. Utility Report. No questions from the Board of Trustees.
- 3. Tax Collection Report. No questions from the Board of Trustees.
- Delinquent Collection Activities for October December 2013. Ms. Sonia Gonzalez, Partner, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, made the presentation of the Delinquent Collection Activity for October-December 2013. No questions from the Board of Trustees.
- Presentation of the December 2013 STAAR End of Course Results. Samuel Mijares, Assistant Superintendent for C & I made the presentation and briefly reviewed the 2013 STAAR End of Course Results. Board members requested information to be provided to them on the investment per pupil for Eagle Pass ISD and the surrounding district areas.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve consultant contracts for staff development for administrators, teachers, and other classified staff. Motion by Trustee Martinez, second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 7/0.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS:

It was the Consensus of the Board to consider items 1 - 2 in one motion. Motion by Trustee Purcell, second by Trustee Fuentes to approve items 1 - 2 in one motion. Granted 7/0.

- 1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the February 06, 2014, (Special), and February 11, 2014, (Regular) Board Meetings. Item previously considered.
- 2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Eagle Pass ISD and the Wintergarden Women's Shelter, Inc. Item previously considered.
- VII. 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 7:11 P.M. Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083 and §551.084 of the Texas Government Code. Motion by Trustee Ramirez second by Trustee Alvarez, to convene into Closed Session. 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 approve Term Contracts as presented.

- 3. Consultation with attorney and discussion regarding proposal to terminate Continuing Contract Employee for good cause pursuant to TEC 21.156. (TGC 551.071 and 551.074)
- 4. Consultation with attorney and discussion regarding proposal to terminate Non-Chapter 21 Contract Employee for good cause pursuant to the terms of the contract. (TGC 551.071 and 551.074)
- 5. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues related to the construction of a road adjacent to Armando Cerna Elementary (TGC 551.071)

VIII. OPEN SESSION:

The Meeting Reconvened at 8:38 P.M.

- 1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell to approve the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in Closed Session. Granted 7/0.
- Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Term Contracts as presented. Motion by Trustee Ramirez second by Trustee Fuentes to approve Term Contracts as presented. Granted 7/0. # 3 was pulled out and Trustee Saucedo abstained from #10 and #30.
- 3. Consider and take action to propose the termination of Continuing Contract Employee for good cause. Motion by Trustee Purcell, second by Trustee Saucedo to terminate Continuing Contract Employee Juan C. Moreno for good cause as discussed in Closed Session and recommended by the Superintendent. Granted 7/0.
- 4. Consider and take action to propose the termination of Non-Chapter 21 Contract Employee for good cause. Motion by Trustee Rodriguez second by Trustee Martinez to terminate Non-Chapter 21 Contract Employee Pedro Garcia for good cause as discussed in Closed Session and recommended by the Superintendent. Granted 7/0.
- 5. Consider and take action to issue a letter of support being requested by a developer to fund infrastructure around Armando Cerna Elementary including the construction of a road. No action taken.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M. Motion by Trustee Ramirez second by Trustee Purcell to adjourn meeting. Granted 7/0.

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

PRESIDENT______SECRETARY

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:_____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED:_____