

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): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2023 (REGULAR), BOARD MEETING.

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

- (D) Clarification: Explain any questions 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 Board Meeting on December 12, 2023 at 5:45 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice - Absent
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee - Absent
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:49 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication – No one signed up**

Recognitions –

1. **Recognition of the Liberty Elementary Eagle Flag Football team for winning the Division 3 Flag Football City Championship coached by Mr. Jimenez, Mr. M. Salinas and Mr. J. Calderon.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Liberty Elementary Eagle Flag Football team for winning the Division 3 Flag Football City Championship coached by Mr. Jimenez, Mr. M. Salinas and Mr. J. Calderon. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of Eagle Pass Junior High students Alex Alvarez and Liam De Los Santos for their outstanding performance at the 3K Texas Middle School Cross County Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass Junior High students Alex Alvarez and Liam De Los Santos for their outstanding performance at the 3K Texas Middle School Cross County Championship. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Junior Demetrio Rodriguez for his nomination into the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Junior Demetrio Rodriguez for his nomination into the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars. A group picture was taken.

4. **Recognition of the Eagle Pass High School Cross Country Team for being District 30-6A Champions and 2nd Team All-District.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Eagle Pass High School Cross Country Team for being District 30-6A Champions and 2nd Team All-District. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School's Mighty Eagle Band for advancing for the 42nd consecutive year to the UIL Area Contest with Superior rating from all judges from the Region 11 UIL Marching Contest in San Antonio. Also, for winning 1st place at the Carrizo Springs Marching Invitation receiving Best Guard and Best Winds and placing 2nd at the Rocket Review Pre UIL contest.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School's Mighty Eagle Band for advancing for the 42nd consecutive year to the UIL Area Contest with Superior rating from all judges from the Region 11 UIL Marching Contest in San Antonio. Also, for winning 1st place at the Carrizo Springs Marching Invitation receiving Best Guard and Best Winds and placing 2nd at the Rocket Review Pre UIL contest. 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.

V. Action Items

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the annual financial audit report for the year ended August 31, 2023.** Mr. Roberto Carter, CPA from Leal & Carter, P.C. reviewed the results of audit. Significant Accounting Policies – There were no significant transactions. District Administration Judgments and Accounting Estimates – They were the same as prior year. In Significant Adopted and Un-Adopted Adjustments – We do not propose audit adjustments for 2023. Disagreements with District Staff – No disagreements arose during the audit. Difficulties encountered in Performing the Audit – There were none. Mr. Ismael Mijares and staff always very professional. Compliance Findings, Other Findings and Issues – No findings on Financial Audit or Compliance Audit. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the annual financial audit report for the year ended August 31, 2023. Motion Granted 5/0.**
2. **Consideration and action to maintain current District practices and at this time to not allow a campus to utilize volunteer chaplains to provide support services and programs to students as authorized by SB 763. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Barrera to maintain current District practices and at this time to not allow a campus to utilize volunteer chaplains to provide support services and programs to students as authorized by SB 763. Motion Granted 5/0.**

VI. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 - 5 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 5/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 (Regular) and the November 16, 2023 (Regular) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policy Update 122 as received from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval to accept an approximate donation of \$5,000.00 in individual Christmas gifts from Aggregate Hauler (Operation Santa) from New Braunfels, Tx for Maude Mae Kirchner Elementary students and staff. **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass ISD and Chicanos Por La Causa Inc's Migrant Seasonal Head Start. **Item previously considered.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the Capital Projects fund budget. **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 **6:17 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 5/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to. TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the Districtwide Intruder Audit Report findings.

VIII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **6:44 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 pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the settlement of EPISD vs. AAA Roofing, et al: Cause Number 19-09-37838-MCB. Motion Granted 5/0.**

IX. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – ICT – 11:30 a.m. (Let us know if you need tickets)
2. Thursday, December 21, 2023 – DSC Christmas Breakfast – Board Room – 8:30 a.m.
3. Friday, December 22, 2023 – DSC Christmas Brunch – Board Room – 11:00 a.m.

- 4. EPISD will be closed for Christmas & New Year Holiday – Monday, December 25, 203 – Friday, January 5, 2024. Teacher will come back Monday, January 8, 2024 (Teacher work day) and students will come back on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.
- 5. EPISD Tax Office will be closed for Christmas & New Year Holidays – Monday, December 25 – Monday, January 1, 2024. It will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

X. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Fuentes. Motion Granted 5/0.

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____

