

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 12, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. at De Luna Center, 649 Webster 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. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
Mr. Humberto Torralba Jr., Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, 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 6:00 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/RECOGNITIONS:** Mr. Alberto Daniel, Representative for Eagle Pass Taxpayers Protection and Oversight Organization addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and asked a series of questions to be answered by EPISD. Mr. Daniel stated they get the impression when they address the issue of Residency the EPISD seems to assume they are asking about Immigration Status for students, which is not the case. We address the status of the student as a Texas resident. Every time the organization addresses the issue of district employees being stationed at the Port of Entry to ensure students living in México are doing so legally and not attending the public free schools... EPISD states this is considered a Civil Rights Violation. How is this possible if the School Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the community that put you in the office to ensure that only bona fide residents enjoy the benefits of a tuition free education. How can this be a Civil Rights Violation when the employee would be performing their official duties as assigned by their government employer? Under what authority is the EPISD able to establish Policy when the Policy is contrary to law? EPISD has established a Guardianship Policy that in Texas Family Code 51.02(4)(1975) "Guardian" is defined as "the person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of the child or the public or private agency with whom the child has been placed by a court." Where does EPISD get authority to establish a policy contrary to law and accept notarized statements as legal official documents? The organization has previously asked if it were possible to determine where we had to group of students NOT from the same family living, contrary to law in a "single family residence." The organization provided a photo of a property where they were told a large number of students from Mexico live during the school year. These students are registered as residents contrary to law. With these benefits they can continue their education as legal residents of Texas and pay State resident rates instead of paying "out of State" tuition in college which allows them to enjoy a tuition free or reduced cost education, and EPISD also allows these students to qualify for all grants and benefits thereby denying our legal resident children that opportunity. It is unfair for the community to have to fit the bill. We will never deny a student an education, but the student and or the parents needs to be responsible for whatever costs is incurred by the community. It is unfair to the community to have to put the bill. They can

come and pay tuition its reasonable... it is an education. Board President Lupita Fuentes assured Mr. Daniel that a directive has been given to the Superintendent to look into this matter. Board member Bowles also stated that the concern is not denying students the education, it's the clarification whether the students are residence in Eagle Pass and or Maverick County. If they are not permanent residence, then they are here illegally and need to be expelled from school until they comply with the regulations. School attorney, reviewed federal law on this matter.

1. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Mariachi Aguilas Del Norte for receiving 1st Division Superior Rating and Distinguished Performance Award at the UIL State Mariachi Completion.** Mrs. Lana Harper, Parent Involvement Director made the presentation and recognized the EPH School Mariachi Aguilas Del Norte for receiving 1st Division Superior Rating and Distinguished Performance Award. Mariachi Aguilas Del Norte performed a couple of songs for the School Board, Superintendent and audience present.
2. **Recognition of Benavides Elementary Cheerleaders for placing 1st at the St. Mary's University Redline Competition in San Antonio, Texas.** Mrs. Lana Harper, Parent Involvement Director made the presentation of Benavides Hts. cheerleaders for placing 1st at the St. Mary's University Redline Competition in San Antonio, Texas. A group picture was taken.
3. **Recognition of Benavides Elementary Division III Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team for winning 1st place in their division.** Mrs. Lana Harper, Parent Involvement Director made the presentation and recognized the Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team Division III. A group picture was taken.
4. **Recognition of Eagle Pass Jr. High Diamondette Dance Team for winning National Champions in Pomp Category and 2nd Place in Jazz Open Category at Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas.** Mrs. Lana Harper, Parent Involvement Director made the presentation of EPHJH Diamondette Dance Team for winning National Champions in Pomp Category and 2nd in Jazz Open Category at Moody Garden in Galveston, Texas. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of CC Winn High School students for being awarded 1st place at District 25-5A One Act Play and have advanced to Bi-District Competition.** Mrs. Lana Harper, Parent Involvement Director made the presentation of CCWHS students for being awarded 1st place at District 25-5A One Act Play and for having advance to the Bi-District Competition. 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 29, 2016.** Ismael Mijares, Deputy Supt. for Business & Finance briefly reviewed Quarterly Report. **No questions from the Board.**
5. **Presentation of location of Field Houses for Eagle Pass High School and CC Winn High School.** Mr. Davis Powell, Architect reviewed the Field House Report. Mr. Davis discussed the Objective, Criteria, and Building Size for both CCWH and EPH Field Houses. Construction start date is August 2016, and end date of March 2017. **Board members questions and concerns were addressed.**
6. **Update on Early College High School and Magnet School.** Mr. David Camarillo, Instructional Services Director addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and briefly updated them with

information on *Early College High School* and *Magnet School*. Mr. Camarillo covered the guidelines (engineering, health & science, Early College Academy) testing requirement, and application requirements. Also Mr. Camarillo informed the Board that advertisement of different types such as press release through local media, EPISD website, social media, school messenger, creation of Advanced Academics Webpage, counselors and parent meetings, college/university meetings with SWTJC and TX A&M International were made. Finally, a summary of applicants for the Early College High School and Magnet School from both MJH and EPJH was itemized. **Board members questions and concerns were addressed.**

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hold a Trustees Election according to the Laws of the State of Texas on November 8, 2016, for Place 1, 2, 6, & 7. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Torralba. Granted 6/0. Trustee Bowles had briefly stepped out of meeting.** (*Changes are Early Voting: from 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. Precinct 4B from Boys & Girls Club to Eagle Pass High School, and 4D from Iglesia San Bernardo to Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary.*)
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Joint Election Agreement between Eagle Pass Independent School District and Maverick County, Texas for the November 8, 2016, Joint Elections. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Saucedo to approve Election Agreement. Granted 7/0.** (*Ballots will be stored at IBC Bank*)
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass ISD and University of Texas School of Public Health, School Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) Project. **Motion by Trustee Saucedo second by Trustee Torralba to approve MOU. Granted 7/0.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to submit a "Missed Instructional Day(s) Waiver" for the Language Development Center to the Texas Education Agency. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Alvarez to submit waiver. Granted 7/0**

VI. CONSENT:

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 - 4 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the March 08, 2016, (Regular) and March 11, 2016, (Special) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget. **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. 2016-2017. **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a Cooperative Agreement between the Maverick County Hospital District and Eagle Pass ISD. **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 7:42 P.M. 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 Saucedo second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

- 1. The Board will discuss the request to approve contracts as presented.
- 2. The Board will hear the Level III Grievance of Carlos Santos. **(Board President- Item will be pulled)**

VIII. OPEN SESSION:

The Meeting Reconvened at 8:32 P.M.

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 Torralba, second by Trustee Martinez to approve contracts as discussed in Closed Session and direct Administration to review the date of hire and issue the appropriate contract type to employees. Motion Granted 7/0. (Trustee Saucedo abstained from # 22 Campus Certified Administration)
- 2. **Item has been pulled.**

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

Superintendent Gonzalez – A presentation of the Mini iPads Donations will be held at De Luna Center on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, @ 2:00 P.M. Registration for the Summer Leadership Conference, which will be held June 16-18, 2016, in San Antonio, TX, will begin this Friday, as well as a Spring Workshop in Uvalde in May.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Torralba. Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____

**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 28, 2016, 6:00 P.M. at the District Service Center, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

- Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice President
- Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary
- Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
- Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
- Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

- Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
- Mr. Humberto Torralba Jr., Trustee

Superintendent: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

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

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board Vice President Hilda P. Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. 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 6:07 P.M.** 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 Purcell. Granted 5/0.**

- 1. The Board will discuss the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation. (TGC 551.074)

III. OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened at 7:23 P.M.

- 1. Consideration and action to approve the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell to take action regarding the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation as discussed in Closed Session.** Superintendent Gonzalez took the opportunity to thank the Board for the constructive criticism and recommendations that were given to him. He will work on the recommendations and prepare for the up coming Superintendent's Summative Evaluation sometime in August or September.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 5/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

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