

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA**

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☐**Report Only**☐**Recognition****Presenter(s):****Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.**

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☐**Action Item****Presenter(s): MR. GILBERTO GONZALEZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS****Briefly describe the action required.**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2014 (REGULAR) BOARD MEETING.
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Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.

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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 Regular Meeting on November 13, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. at the De Luna Center located at, 648 Webster Street, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, President
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Vice President
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Secretary
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee
Mrs. Hilda Martinez, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Ramon Ramirez, Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Rodriguez III, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

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

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 6:10 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent Gilberto Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/RECOGNITIONS:**

Mr. Gregorio P. Torres addressed the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent with a presentation referring to his brother Luis Patlan Torres, POW/MIA CPL who served honorably in the Korean Conflict. In 1950 he was listed as MIA while fighting the enemy in South Korea, then he was presumed dead in 1954, and still waiting for his remains. He was awarded and earned the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Korean Service Medal, and other medals by a grateful Nation. The Patlan Torres family requests, but honestly believes it is one that merits the attention and favorable consideration by naming a Public School in honor of POW/MIA CPL. Luis P. Torres. Our parents Gregorio H. Torres and Esther P. Torres settled in Eagle Pass, Texas in late 1930's and resided here until 1954. Family members were raised and educated in Eagle Pass. Another brother Jesus P. Torres served in World War II and survived the attack at Pearl Harbor. Juan P. Torres served in Germany and is a 20-year Reservist and Army Recruiter (Retired). I Gregorio P. Torres am a Viet-Nam Veteran with 1st Air CAV Division. A sister Guadalupe T. Mendoza still resides here in Eagle Pass Texas. Our family makes this request with deep humbleness. The following persons also supported the Patlan Torres family: Mike Uriegas, Ruben Salazar, and Chuy Sifuentes.

Mrs. Maricarmen Rangel, Candles for Life President and Bruno Reyes, Chairperson addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent. On behalf of Candles for Life a plaque was presented to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent as a token of appreciated for being part of the community and supporting the annual event. Candles for Life were able to raise over \$35,000.00 for the Citizens of Maverick County. Also present was Juanita Martinez, Candles for Life Board Member and cancer survivor, and Juliet Martinez, Candles for Life Board Member. A picture was taken with the board members and superintendent.

1. **Recognition and Reading of Proclamation in Observance of Veteran's Day.** Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo had all the Veterans present to come up and join the Board of Trustees and Superintendent as he read the Proclamation in observance of Veterans Day. Pictures were taken with board members and superintendent.
2. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Student Senayda Saucedo for being selected as a commended student by the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program.** Melissa Gratkowski, Public Information Officer provided an overview of the program and presented the award to Senayda Saucedo who was named a commended student by the 2015 National Merit Scholar Program. Group pictures were taken with board members and superintendent.
3. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School students Andrea Salinas, Antonio Chong, Carla Hernandez, Hugo Garcia, Karina Galvan, Noemi Tinajero, Senayda Saucedo, and Carlos Rodriguez for being selected as the 2014-2015 National Hispanic Recognition Program Award Recipients.** Melissa Gratkowski, Public Information Officer provided an overview of the program and presented the awards to the students who were selected as the 2014-2015 National Hispanic Recognition Program Award Recipients. Group pictures were taken with board members and superintendent.
4. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Eagles for qualifying to Regional Competition and the Boy's Cross Country Team for their advancement to State Competition.** Melissa Gratkowski, Public Information Officer addressed the Board and Superintendent of the Cross Country teams' placements. The Boy's and Girls' Teams were awarded certificates for their participation. Group pictures were taken with board members and superintendent.

With the Consensus of the Board Action Items 1-6 were presented.

IV. ACTION ITEMS 1-6:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to canvass the results of the November 4, 2014, School Board Trustees Election. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 5/0.**

Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo canvassed the results of the November 4, 2014, School Board Trustees Election. "Upon completing the canvassing of the Election each elected Trustee shall be issued a Certificate of Election and become eligible to take the Official Oath of Office."

2. The Board will enter an Order declaring the winners of the November 4, 2014, School Board Trustees Election. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 5/0.**

Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo entered an Order declaring the winners of the November 4, 2014, School Board Trustees Election. The Total numbers of votes were as follows:

- ✓ Position 1- Benjamin Rodriguez III with a total number of 2,086 votes
 - ✓ Position 1- Humberto Torralba Jr. with a total number of 2,175 votes
 - ✓ Position 1- Mashyell L. Calderon with a total number of 575 votes
- Declaring the winner to be Humberto Torralba Jr.**

- ✓ Position 3- Ramon Ramirez with a total number of 2,102 votes
 - ✓ Position 3- Rudy Bowles with a total number of 2,915 votes
- Declaring the winner to be Rudy Bowles.**

- ✓ Position 4- Hilda P. Martinez with a total number of 3,751 votes

Unopposed

- ✓ Position 5- Lupita Fuentes with a total number of 3,778 votes

Unopposed

3. Issue Certificate of Elections. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 5/0.**

Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo issued the Certification of Election to Humberto Torralba Jr., Rudy Bowles, Hilda P. Martinez, and Lupita Fuentes.

4. Administer Oath of Office to New Trustees. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 5/0.**

School Board Secretary (Administrative Assistant), Gloria Luz Capetillo, administered the Oath of Office to Trustees Humberto Torralba Jr., Rudy Bowles, Hilda P. Martinez and Lupita Fuentes.

5. The Board will reorganize.

Trustee Bowles nominated Ignacio J. Saucedo as President for the Eagle Pass ISD second by Trustee Purcell. **Motion carries 6/1-Alvarez.**

Trustee Saucedo nominated Glenna Purcell as Vice President for the Eagle Pass ISD second by Trustee Fuentes. **Granted 7/0.**

Trustee Purcell nominates Lupita Fuentes as Secretary for the Eagle Pass ISD second by Trustee Bowles. **Granted 7/0.**

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to destroy the ballots of the November 4, 2014, School Board Trustees Election Twenty-Two (22) Months (September 4, 2016) after the election. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 7/0.**

V. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS: With the consensus of the Board Presentation #8 was presented first, and Presentations 4 & 5 were addressed together.

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.
4. **Presentation of the 2014-2015 District & Campus Improvement Plans.**
5. **Presentation of the 2014-2015 District & Camps Performance Objectives.** Deputy Samuel Mijares, C & I briefly reviewed the 2014-15 District & Campus Improvement Plans and Performance Objectives. The **Improvement Plan** process is developed, evaluated, and revised annually together with the District-Wide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) and administrative staff. Academic Goals include: Improve Student Achievement, Improve Student Preparation for College and Career, and Improve Programs and Services to Students. Mr. Mijares also went over the District's Fundamental Beliefs, and EPISD Mission Statement. **Board Goals & Objectives** were reviewed along with the **District Needs Assessments**. A timeline is formed and set for some type of evaluation Formative and Summative. The **Campus**

Improvement Plan was reviewed and Mr. Mijares detailed the differences between the high schools and elementary schools. These are the advanced program requirements, which elementary campuses do not have. The Compensatory reporting requirements are the same for all schools (State Comp., Title I, FTEs, etc...) Mr. Mijares went over the website where the Campus Improvement Plans are available for review by all board members. In closing, the **2014-2015 Campus Performance Objectives** were reviewed. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Concerns: Trustee Bowles comment- the years of experience as an educator, he has noticed that the At-Risk students, and LEP Population continues to grow, not only in Eagle Pass, but also throughout the nation. Maybe it should be looked at in the elementary level before they go into junior high and high school. The time element comes into play. These two issues should be addressed a lot better; to see what can be done in these two areas. Maybe it needs to be more transparent to the board to where the board has to make decisions on what it is where we are going to have to help the elementary teachers to reach the Goals & Objects that they have for these students. All questions and concerns were addressed.

6. Compliance Reports for School Year 2013-2014 for the Gun-Free Schools District Report; Title I, Part A Report; Title I, Part C-Ed of Migratory Children; Title II, Part A Report; Title III, Part A Report; Title IX, SEC9532 Unsafe School Choice; Homeless Students Enrolled; Private Nonprofit School Participation; Title I Focus School Grant (Sam Houston Elementary). **Rolando Salinas, Federal Programs Director presented an overview of the reports to the Board of Trustees. All questions and concerns were addressed.**
7. **Presentation on the Gatekeeper Systems Inc. Student Protector Demo Agreement.** Manuel Reyes III, Transportation Director addressed the Board and introduced Mr. Warden a representative from the Gatekeeper Systems Inc. who made the presentation. Mr. Warden went over the Demo Agreement and assured there is no cost to the district for the Demo Agreement, should EPISD require additional time to evaluate equipment EPISD agrees to request an extension in writing indicating the length of the extension. The equipment consists of cameras installed on the stop-arm of school buses to read license plates of those vehicles that do not stop when school buses are loading/unloading students. All questions and concerns were addressed.
8. **Future Farmers of America (FFA) Presentation on the Water Quantity/Quality of Rio Grande River in Maverick County.** Mr. Juan Garcia, FFA Teacher, CC Winn High School opened the floor for FFA Students who made a presentation of the water quality/quantity of the Rio Grande River in Maverick County, which included the many different ways the water is being used and abused in Maverick County and Mexico. The Rio Grande water is being shared by the USA and Mexico as per the Treaty back in 1944. Studies have shown proof of water contamination by humans and industrial pollution. The one way we could start saving our fresh water is by creating a group or association consisting of both citizen from the USA and Mexico, who will monitor and suggest regulations on how water should be governed. Without water not a living organism will survive, water is very essential to this world.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: The remainder of Action Items will be considered.

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Eagle Pass Independent School District Continuous Improvement Plan. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Torralba. Granted 7/0.**
8. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2014-2015 District and Campus Performance Objectives. **Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

9. Consider and take appropriate action on the Gatekeeper Systems Inc. Student Protector Demo Agreement. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Bowles subject to changes as proposed by school attorney. Motion carries 5/2 Purcell & Martinez.**
10. Consider and take appropriate action to issue a letter of support for the Kids Are First, In. a newly formed nonprofit organization. **Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**
11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the articulation agreement between Eagle Pass ISD and Southwest Texas Junior College - Local/Advanced Skills Program for 2014-2015 School Year. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 7/0.**
12. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend Board Policy GKD Local: Community Relations Non School Use of School Facilities. **Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Purcell to TABLE and consider a workshop session for detailed discussion regarding the SAC Facilities. Granted 7/0.**

VII. CONSENT ITEMS:

It was the Consensus of the Board to consider items 1 – 5 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014, (Special), September 16, 2014, (Special), September 16, 2014, (Workshop), and October 14, 2014, (Regular) Board Meetings. **Previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Preventive Services between the Department of State Health Services and Eagle Pass ISD. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the updated 2014-2015 List of Teacher Appraisers. **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policies DBA (Local) and DFBB (Local) as prepared by TASB Policy Services. **Item previously considered.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget. **Item previously considered.**

VIII. 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 **8:18 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 Martinez second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

1. The Board will discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the Level III Grievance of David Cigarroa.

3. Personnel Report.

IX. OPEN SESSION:

The Meeting Reconvened at 9:46 P.M.

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on item (s) Discussed in Closed Session.

1. Consider and take action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Torralba to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in Closed Session. Granted 7/0.**
2. The Board will take action on the Level III Grievance of David Cigarroa. **Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Fuentes to deny the Level III Grievance of David Cigarroa. Granted 7/0.** (Comment: Trustee Torralba states that it is important to make it known that the Superintendent is making decisions that are critical to the district and believe as a Board we need to support his decisions in this type of manner.)

X. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: Superintendent Gonzalez read a letter submitted by Mr. Benjamin Rodriguez III, who addressed the staff, teachers, and administration. Mr. Rodriguez III thanked everyone including his fellow board members for incorporating him into you district. He is forever grateful for all the support.

Lupita Fuentes, Trustee, announced that it was brought to her knowledge that a student by the name of Christopher Jimenez who has been selected and is going to Hollywood and maybe he could be recognized before he leaves in January.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____ **SECRETARY** _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____