

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 June 12, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at De Luna Center, located on 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. Rudy Bowles, Trustee
Mr. Jorge Barrera, Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

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

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 meeting to order at 6:03 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Superintendent Gilberto Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/RECOGNITIONS: None

1. **Recognition of Memorial Jr. High School 8th Grade students that were accepted in the GeoForce Program.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the students who were selected in the GeoForce Program at Memorial Jr. High School. Pictures were taken.
2. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Air Force JROTC Unit TX-092 for earning the Distinguished Unit Award for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. RECOGNITION WAS NOT PRESENTED.**
3. **Recognition of Graves Elementary Boys Division I Baseball Team for winning the championship for their Division.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the

presentation and recognized Graves Elementary Division I Baseball Team. A group picture was taken.

4. Recognition of Graves Elementary Girls Division III Softball Team for winning the championship for their Division. Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer made the presentation and recognized the Girls Softball Team. Pictures were taken.
5. Recognition of Rosita Valley Elementary for being selected as the most Clean and Maintained Campus for the month of May 2018. Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation to RVE School. Pictures were taken.
6. Recognition of City of Eagle Pass Public Works for the sidewalk/walkway project at EPHS. Daniel Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the EP Public Works for the project at EPHS. Pictures were taken.

IV. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Financial Report.** Board Member Barrera addressed Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance to explain the funds the district has... there is a lot of misconception and would like for him to go over it. Mr. Mijares goes over line items on the report and reviews the process of the report which is also available on the district website. Mr. Mijares explains the breakdown of the funds and states that TEA recommends the district have at least a two months reserve... But the district does not have that. Mr. Mijares explains the breakdown of the \$25 million grand total of all budgeted funds indicating the \$25 million is not the actual total funds the district has once excess and deficiencies are allocated accordingly. All this information has been provided to the Board, to the auditors, and is public information. The district does have a balance budget... it's just not a two months reserve as recommended by TEA but about a 1 ½ month reserve... we do not have the highest rating on this domain due to the lack of the 2-3 months reserves as recommended by TEA, but we get high ratings on the other domains. The district though has been able to keep afloat and has done a lot with what the district has. Board Member Bowles commends and thanked Mr. Mijares for the outstanding job he does for the district, this district has an outstanding balance because of Mr. Mijares.
2. **Utility Report.** No questions
3. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions

4. **Presentation by the city of Eagle Pass Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu on a resolution in support for the development of a Regional Transportation Corridor Plan by TXDOT.** Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu addressed the Board and Superintendent thanking them for giving him the opportunity to formally address the Resolution in support for the development of a Regional Transportation Corridor Plan by TXDOT. The proposed corridor plan would ask TXDOT to explore expanded resources to address traveler safety, reduce traffic congestion, and support economic development in our region. The MRGDC has also provided support by providing a resolution of this request. **Board Members stated they would be bringing a Resolution to the Board to join their efforts, and are very grateful for all that the city of Eagle Pass does.**
5. **Presentation of E3 Integral Solutions, Inc. on energy efficiency and saving performance project.** E3 Representative Bill Savarino addressed the Board and Superintendent and presented an overview of their company and the program they have established. E3 works with many school districts and provided information of the savings they have provided to these districts. E3 guarantees their savings and even advised that their savings usually surpass what is initially recorded to be their savings. E3 has a full staff, yet the school districts are in full control of their needs, the district makes the decision if they want to go into an agreement as a whole or go into the saving plan in phases. They did advised that a lot of the savings comes from LED lighting. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.**
6. **Presentation of Renaissance Learning Software for Accelerated Reader and Myon Reader.** Mr. Isaac Trevino, Myon Reader Representative made a presentation on the Accelerated Reader program Myon Reader/Accelerated Reader. It is a program K-8 of Core Library Reading. It also has added publishers for high schools. The Myon Accelerated Reading System is a 100% testable reading and measures reading by growth. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.**
7. **Presentation of Emergency Operation Plan-Quick Reference Guide.** Rolando Salinas, Deputy Superintendent for District Operations addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent with an overview of the District-Wide Campus Emergency Operations Plan that is to be implemented for the 2018-2019 school year. The EOP is composed of a committee and a sub-committee of principals, teachers, police chief, and administrators. Mr. Salinas reviewed each of the components that form the plan starting with the quick reference guide. The district is committed to the following priority of emergency responses: Saving Lives, Protect Property, Protect

Environment, Stabilize the incident and Restoration. EPISD Implementation of a Buddy System was reviewed, to consider in the development of a Classroom Teacher Buddy System. One by one Mr. Salinas explained the procedures of this plan which included the Lockdown, Shelter In Place, Evacuation, Reverse Evacuation, Tornado, Hazardous Material, Medical Emergency, Substitute Teachers, General Evacuation, and he explained the Safety Cards (Green Card= Go, Good, ALL CLEAR, OK) (Red Card= Stop, Look, Help, Assistance Needed). Board Members questions and concerns are addressed and the Board commends Mr. Salinas for the great work put into this much-needed emergency plan for the district.

V. ACTION:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an easement to serve the Eagle Pass High School Field House. Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the easement. Motion Granted 7/0.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 182005 on Student Activity Center Cross Country Trail and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Hiller to award Sealed Proposal No. 182005. Motion Granted 7/0.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 182105 on Fire Line Extensions for Field House at Eagle Pass High School and CC Winn High School and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Martinez to award Sealed Proposal No. 182105. Granted 7/0.

VI. CONSENT:

It was the Consensus of the Board to consider item 1 in One Motion. Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Hiller. Motion Granted 7/0.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2018, (Regular) Board Meeting. 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 8:03 PM 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 Barrera. Motion Granted 7/0.

1. *The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551-074.*
2. *The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Chief of Police for the Eagle Pass Independent School District Police Department subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.*
3. *The Board will hear the request to approve contracts as presented.*
4. *The Board will consult with its attorney regarding pending District construction matters. TGC 551-071*
5. *The Board will consult with its attorney concerning legal issues relating to possible change in local policy regarding visitors to campuses. TGC 551-071*

VIII. OPEN SESSION: *The Meeting Reconvened at 9:51 PM.*

1. *Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Barrera to approve to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in Closed Session. Motion Granted 7/0.*
2. *Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Chief of Police for the Eagle Pass Independent School District Police Department subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. NO ACTION TAKEN.*
3. *Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve contracts as presented. Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to approve contracts. Motion Granted 7/0.*
4. *Consideration and possible action on pending district construction matters. Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Hiller to authorize legal counsel to take the actions discussed in Closes Session. Motion Granted 7/0.*

5. Consideration and possible action regarding visitors to campuses. Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Martinez to direct administration and legal counsel to revise Policy DKC Local and bring these revisions to the board for consideration at the next regular board meeting. Motion Granted 7/0.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: Announcements by Superintendent-

- Summer Leadership June 14-16, 2018, San Antonio, TX
- School District Summer Schedule started today June 12, 2018, thru August 6, 2018. Starting at 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM with 1/2 hour lunch.
- Extend congratulations to both high schools for having an excellent graduation ceremony.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Barrera. Granted 7/0.

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

PRESIDENT _____ SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____ DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____
