

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

Board of Trustees
Fabens ISD



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday July 16, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Luis "Charlie" Estrada
Orlando Flores
Angel Ornelas Jr.
Crystal Ramirez
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez
Greg Spence

Members Absent: Benjamin Morales

Administrators Present: Dr. Rogelio Segovia
Mr. Jesus Barba
Dr. April Galaviz
Ms. Marcela Licerio
Ms. Silvia Nunez
Ms. Rachel Pena
Ms. Aide Polanco

Ms. Roxana Amador
Mr. Jason Blair
Mr. Justin Kleist
Ms. Sofia Maciel
Lt. Richard Orozco
Mr. Michael Perez
Ms. Corina Ruiz

Maria T. Rodriguez

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision Statements

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Mr. Luis "Charlie" Estrada. All members were in attendance except Mr. Benjamin Morales. The Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision statements were recited by all present.

2. Superintendent Recognitions and Monthly Updates – 6:31 PM

2.A. Superintendent's Monthly Updates

2.B. 2025 -2026 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year - Region 19 - Ms. Rachel Pena

Ms. Sofia Maciel, District Media Specialist, presented the item and highlighted the month's activities in the Superintendent's Monthly Update.

Ms. Rachel Pena, FMS Assistant Principal was recognized for her selection as 2025 - 2026 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year - Region 19.

3. Communication and Visitors – 6:40 PM

Under this item, no one signed up to address the Board.

4. District Employees and Officers – 6:40 PM

4.A. 2025 - 2026 New Hires

Ms. Aide Polanco, Director of Human Resources, introduced our newest hire: Ms. Laura Lara, FMS Nurse.

5. Consent Agenda – 6:41 PM

5.A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 25, 2025

5.B. Fabens ISD Monthly and Quarterly Financial Reports / Budget Amendments / Federal Expenditures

5.C. Fabens ISD 2025 -2026 T-TESS Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers' Roster

5.D. Resolution Adopting a List of Qualified Brokers that are Qualified to Engage in Investment Transactions with Fabens ISD

5.E. Resolution of the Fabens ISD Board of Trustees Regarding Review of the Investment Program

5.F. Fabens ISD Top Cats Resolution

5.G. Resolution Authorizing the Use, Gifting, Sale or Disposal of Sports Team Jerseys and Helmets

Dr. Segovia opened the item and Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6. Board of Trustees Business - 6:42 PM – 8:19 PM

6.A. Discussion on Fabens ISD Legal Counsel Contract / Services – 6:42 PM

Dr. Rogelio Segoiva, Fabens ISD Superintendent, opened the item and introduced Mr. Anthony Safi, Fabens ISD legal counsel. Mr. Safi provided a short history of his firm and partnership with Fabens ISD. Mr. Safi has worked with the Board and Superintendent since 1990. He highlighted the services the firm provides. Board members thanked him and praised him for his service and knowledge.

6.B. Approval of Fabens ISD 2025 - 2026 Athletic Stipends – 6:51 PM

Athletic Director, Jason Blair, presented the item and reviewed the information provided to the Board in their packet. Questions were asked about some of the amounts and he stated that the current rates make the district competitive with other districts in the area. After answering a few questions, Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the 2025 – 2026 stipends as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.C. Discussion and Action on Homeschooled Students / Athletes as Required in Senate Bill 401 – 6:55 PM

Athletic Director, Jason Blair, presented the item and reviewed the information provided to the Board in their packet. He clarified that last year the district was required to opt in to not allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL events.

The new Senate Bill now requires districts to opt out of allowing homeschooled students from participating. After answering a few questions from the Board, Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded for Fabens ISD to opt out of allowing homeschooled students from participating in UIL activities.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.D. Approval of Fabens ISD 2025 - 2027 Bank Depository Bid

Ms. Silvia "Lily" Nunez presented the item and stated that as required Fabens ISD announced a Bank Depository Bid and provided the dates: opened, time frame for questions and closing date. At the close of the bid time frame, WestStar (current Financial Institution) was the only proposal received. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the 2025 – 2027 Bank Depository Bid #RFP070325-041 from 9/1/2025 to 6/30/2027 to WestStar as presented.

Motion Carried: 6- 0

6.E. Discussion and Possible Action on Fabens ISD Student and Staff Travel Per Diem Rates – 7:02 PM

Ms. Silvia "Lily" Nunez presented the item and reviewed the information provided to the Board. She reviewed current student rates and the new proposed rates. Staff travel per diems would follow the General Services Administration (GSA). She explained that if the reimbursement rate for meals exceeds the maximum allowed based on the federal travel regulations, the difference must be paid from local funds. The district would be using only 1 set of guidelines for both local and TEA approved federal grant travel guidelines.

6.F. Approval of Fabens ISD Purchases in Excess of \$15,000

6.F.1. **Eduphoria**

6.F.2. **Summit K-12**

6.F.3. **Imagine Learning - Edgenuity**

6.F.4. **Rethink Ed**

Dr. April Galaviz, Director of Federal Programs, presented the item and reviewed the renewal purchases in excess of \$15,000 for the above vendors. Questions regarding the district data transfer to Eduphoria were addressed. Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve the purchases as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.G. Discussion and Possible Action on Second Reading of Texas Association of School Boards - Board Policy Update 125 Affecting Local Policies:

6.G.1. **BDAA - Officers and Officials - Duties and Requirements of Board Officers**

6.G.2. **BDB - Board Internal Organization - Board Committees**

6.G.3. BDF - Board Internal Organization - Advisory Committees

6.G.4. EI - Academic Achievement

6.G.5. FDE - Admissions - School Safety Transfers

6.G.6. FEC - Attendance - Attendance for Credit

Ms. Aide Polanco presented the item and read the local policies affected by Update 125. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 125.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.H. Closed Session per Texas Government Code 551.074 – 7:10 PM

6.H.1. Discussion and Possible Action on Change to Human Resource Director Pay Scale / Duties

6.H.2. Discussion and Possible Action on Change to Child Nutrition Director Pay Scale / Duties

6.H.3. Discussion and Possible Action on Fabens High School Assistant Principal Recommendation

The item was closed for Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.074 at 7:10 PM.

6.I. Reconvene to Open Session for Possible Action / Announcement on: - 8:17 PM

6.I.1. Human Resource Director Pay Scale / Duties

6.I.2. Child Nutrition Director Pay Scale / Duties

6.I.3. Fabens High School Assistant Principal Recommendation

The item was reconvened at 8:17 PM.

Item 6I.1 - Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez seconded to direct the Superintendent as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Item 6I.2 - Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Ms. Crystal Ramirez seconded to direct the Superintendent as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Item 6I.3 – Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez seconded to approve the recommendation of Maria Mayela Serrano as Fabens High School Assistant Principal.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM

Motion Carried: 6 - 0