

**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 December 15, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the District Service Center Board Meeting Room, 1420 Eidson Road, 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

Attorneys: Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm, Juan Aguilar, Estrada Hinojosa Law Firm.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM.

II. DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Presentation on the Special Education Department.** Ms. Elizabeth Torres, Special Education Director addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and presented an overview of the Special Education Services as follows: **IDEA-** (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which requires schools to provide FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) to students with disabilities which is tailored to their individual needs. **CHILD FIND MANDATE-** Children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services who must be identified, located and evaluated, includes children with disabilities attending private schools. The Special Education Program provides services to students ages 3-21, or until high school graduation. **SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL PROCESS-** Parents, teachers, physicians, head starts, community agencies or other organizations may refer a child to be evaluated. RTI (Response to Intervention), Referrals of students ages 3-5 who are not enrolled in school a Notice of procedural safeguards given to and consent is obtained from the parent of the evaluation. **SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION-** Must be completed within 45 school days after receiving consent in writing and signed by parent. Children referred before age 3 must be evaluated by their 3rd birthday. The initial evaluation is completed by a speech pathologist/therapist, educational diagnostician, LSSP, OT, PT and if needed other related services personnel. 13 Disability Categories included: **ORTHOPIDIC IMPAIRMENT-** A physical abnormality or problem in gross or fine motor functioning, which interferes with educational functioning, **AUDITORY IMPAIRMENT, VISUAL**

IMPAIRMENT, DEAF-BLIND, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, SPEECH IMPAIRMENT, EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE, SPECIAL LEARNING DISABILITY, NON-CATEGORICAL EARLY CHILDHOOD, AUTISM/PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. Ms. Torres also went over the ARD Committee, Individual Education Program, Special Education dismissal, Educational settings, Data Resource/Inclusion Elementary – Secondary, Life-Skills, Homebound Services, Adaptive PE, All Personnel, Vocational Adjustment Coordinators, and District Totals. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed and recommendations and or observations were also addressed. Board members stated the Special Education Program has their full support, as early intervention is always best.**

- 2. Presentation on the Migrant Department.** Mr. Rodolfo Musquiz, Migrant Services Director addressed the Board and the Superintendent and presented an overview of the Eagle Pass Independent School District Migrant Education Program 2016-2017, which include the elementary and secondary Education Act Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children and NCLB Programs. Mr. Musquiz went over the enrollment and residency of eligible migrant students ages 3-21 with comparison years from 2011-2016, and factors impacting the Migrant Community throughout the years. The program intent and purpose of Title 1, Part C is to support high quality-comprehensive educational programs for migratory children to help reduce educational disruptions intervention/tutorial programs, ensure students aren't penalized by disparities among the states in curriculum, graduation requirement and state academic content standards, ensure they're provided with appropriate educational services (Title I, RTI, 504, Sp. Ed, Bilingual Ed., Title III, Dyslexia), ensure they receive full and appropriate opportunities to learn the same state academic content and academic achievement standards expected of all children (TEKS), design programs to overcome educational disruptions cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems and other factors that inhibit their ability to do well in school, and to ensure they benefit from state and local systemic reforms (local district policies). Mr. Musquiz went over the 2015-16 STAAR State Assessment Results Phase-in I. Level II Satisfactory for 3rd – 8th grade migrant students, STAAR/EOC State Assessment Level II Satisfactory for 9th – 11th grade migrant students, Performance-Based Monitoring & Analysis System (NCLB Programs-Migrants). The Migrant Education Services, Title I, Part C Migrant Funded Staff, Designing Programs for Migrant Students were also addressed. In closing Mr. Musquiz focused on the Personal Graduation Plans Secondary Level 9th – 12th Grand for 2016-2017 and the Migrant Student Population. The district went through a Federal Review (audit) recently and was commended for some of the services in place, and an in-house audit and that also was a positive outcome. Finally the Late Entry Count for the 2015-2016, for CCW and EPH. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed in regards to funding, Performance Levels 0-3 which 0 is the perfect score, (district has 0-2) which EPISD is doing very well only two 2's, Graduation is at 77% for Migrant Students. The Board also commended Mr. Musquiz and his staff for the hard work on the Migrant Program, and wishes that at some point the services Mr. Musquiz has in place for migrants could be used as a district and shares with all student population.**

III. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget.** Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez to amend the General Fund Budget. **Motion carries 6/0.** (Trustee Bowles had briefly stepped out before consideration.) **Deputy Supt. Ismael Mijares** briefly reviewed the budget amendment, which is to allocate funds necessary to run the TRE (Tax Ratification Election). The estimated cost is approximately \$70K, and hoping to have the election on May 27, 2017. **Board Member Barrera:** There hasn't been a vote to have the election, should we wait? **Administrator Mijares:** No, funds need to be approved first, if this agenda doesn't pass, then we wouldn't approve the next one, which is the approval for the election services. Funds must be allocated first before doing the contract/agreement for the Tax Ratification Election.
2. Consideration and approval of an Election Services Agreement with Maverick County Elections Administrator to provide Election Services to the District for the planned Saturday, May 27, 2017, Tax Ratification Election. **Motion by Trustee Barrera second by Trustee Bowles to approve the Election Services Agreement with Maverick County Elections Administrator. Granted 7/0.** Mr. Juan Aguilera, Attorney Estrada & Hinojosa, briefly addressed the Board: Mr. Aguilar spoke about the TRE and how every year the district adopts two rates (the ... tax rate and the rollback rate) should district adopt a tax that is higher than rollback rate, it will be forbidden unless there is an election, and that is what is being considered today. If rollback rate is set at a higher rate...maximum up to \$1.17, the only way it could be done is through an election. Like a bond election; the district does not make decision to raise taxes. Taxpayers are given the opportunity where the district raises the question to consider if they would approve or not. The TRE works in this manner, if it is adopted, then more dollars would come into the community from the state of Texas, as for every penny that is taxed, there is money that comes in from the state. The finance system is setup this way, therefore the state wants to know how and what are districts doing to contribute. If taxes are raised, then the state will look into providing state funds to assist. Many districts realize that substantial amount of monies could be coming in by raising the taxes, which will benefit the students. There are several local area districts that are having TRE's. TRE's are important to school districts once the decision is made and move forward as they receive state assistance. However, it is complicated and very important as to what the message has to be to the community, its very important the message is clear and that the people understand exactly what it is that they are doing. Yes the taxes are going to increase but at the same time the state assistance that will be coming in will be a tremendous amount of money that will be accounted for the children of the school district. Mr. Aguilar emphasizes it is the Board/Administrations job to ask the question if they want to ask... The district alone does not make the decision to raise taxes. Thus, at this time the district will only be asking the taxpayers if this would be ok. **Board Member Jorge Barrera:** As our council is this something to recommend, a concern is what the county is going through right now with their Rollback... the district really

needs to explain to the community, if not when these two are put together they will assume this is something negative. It should be explored to get the most state assistance possible, but really don't want to financially hurt the community, as they are the ones to pay. The community needs to know it's an incremental amount increased in the taxes. It has its pros and cons... cons being a complicated issue, it has to be explained well, and that ultimately taxes would be raised. **Richard Strieber, Attorney:** tonight only requesting an early approval of an Election Services Agreement, and not requesting an approval of the Taxes Ratification Election. **Juan Estrada, Attorney:** Correct it is only an approval of an Election Service Agreement. In order to call an election, district needs to adopt a Tax above the Rollback Rate, a certified appraisal or certified estimate of property values and then call an election generally 62-day period as required by law. **Strieber:** Looking at an estimated Appraisal Roll in March, that is when it will be considered if the district will move forward or not. **Ismael Mijares, Administrator:** There are many steps and compliances to follow before having an election.

3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund Budgets. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Purcell to approve the amendment of the General Fund and Capital Projects Fun Budgets. Motion Carries 6/0/1(Abstain: Hiller)** The district funds the Mama Patrol out of the M & O Fund until the monies from Maverick County are received, then the district refunds the M & O fund with the monies received from the county. There is \$182,187K in the M & O Fund and the recommendation is to appropriate the funds for the construction of 2 additional tennis courts at the Student Activity Center on the next agenda.
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 171610 on construction of Tennis courts 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 Alvarez to award Sealed Proposal No. 171610 to Aguilar Construction. Motion carries 6/0/1(Abstain: Hiller)**

IV. 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 8:25 PM** pursuant to §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 Granted 7/0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

1. Consultation with the District's attorney on the litigation between MONSA and Eagle Pass ISD.
2. Personnel Report.

FOR THE RECORD: TRUSTEE MARTINEZ DEPARTED AT 9:23 PM.

V. OPEN: The meeting reconvened at 9:28 PM.

- 1. The Board will take action on the litigation between MONSA and Eagle Pass ISD.** Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Hiller to authorize the district attorneys and superintendent to take action as discussed in Closed Session regarding litigation between MONSA and EPISD. **Motion Granted 6/0.**

Announcements: DSC Christmas Brkfst. @ 8:45 AM, and Memo on early dismissal has been sent to the campuses and departments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Barrera. Motion Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT: _____ SECRETARY: _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____ DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Eagle Pass Independent School District held a Board Workshop Meeting on January 19, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the District Service Center Boardroom, 1420 Eidson Road, 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: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez, Eagle Pass ISD

Attorney: Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck- **Absent**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:09P.M.

With the consensus of the Board, Board President Lupita Fuentes introduced Mrs. Norma Serna, Grant Writer/School Improvement Director who presented the overview presentation on the A-F Ratings.

Mrs. Serna addressed the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent and briefly reviewed the information on the A-F Ratings. Mrs. Serna indicated that the 84th Legislature passed HB 2804, changing the Texas school accountability system so that every campus and district receives one of five rating from A-F. The law requires schools and districts to be issued grades based on five different areas of performance or domains, and those five grades must be combined into a single overall rating. The ratings will be issued for the first time in August 2018. The August 2016 and the updated November 2016 Met Standard/Improvement Required ratings were the official academic accountability for the 2015-2016 school year. A similar process will be used for the 2016-17 school year. The ratings in this report are for informational purposes to meet a legislature requirement and represent work-in-progress models that are likely to change before A-F ratings become effective in August 2018. Mrs. Serna expanded on the Current Work in Progress Model, the Overall Grade Calculation, which is put in four Domains: Student Achievement, Student Progress, Closing the Gaps, and Postsecondary Readiness. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.**

II. BOARD WORKSHOP:

1. Team of Eight Workshop presented by Education Service Center Region 20 Consultants.

Education Service Center Region 20 Consultants Dee Ann Drummond and Ed Vara addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent. The annual training included the review of District Goals 1-8, Roles and Responsibilities, went over how to enhance strategies and skills applicable that support effective team

communication and reviewed Board Operating Procedures in development. Other discussions- what advice would experience board members give to the new members, and what makes this board successful. Assessed was the district Vision Statement and Mission Statement. *Board members questions, comments, recommendations and concerns were addressed as the meeting coursed.*

Consultants divided the TEAM OF 8 into two (2) groups where each group participated in the assignment to sort the Roles & Responsibilities of the Board and the Roles & Responsibilities of the Superintendent accordingly and elaborated on the activity. Handouts provided to the board also included the Code of Ethics for Trustees and information on the Continuing Education for Trustees. Ms. Drummond and Mr. Vara concluded the workshop and opened for additional questions, concerns, comments and recommendations from Board Members. Ms. Drummond announced they completed their required Teambuilding Training for this year for a Level II-3hours of continuing education credit.

Before adjournment, Superintendent Gonzalez addressed the Board with the following announcements:

- Luncheon Friday, with Guest Speaker, Jesse Borrego who will address the Annual Parent Conference
- Annual Parent Conference will be on Saturday
- Tuesday January 24th is the Cowboy Breakfast
- Will have information on the Commissioners Meeting tomorrow
- Scheduling a Joint Meeting with the City of Eagle Pass
 - Perhaps after the SBM Feb. 6th.
- Need topics to address at the Joint Meeting w/ City of Eagle Pass
 - Any Citizen's communication concerns they might have regarding complaints of schools or city the Board is not aware of and provide the districts concerns to the city as well.
 - Walking Trails
 - City of Eagle Pass Vision & Goals
 - Highlights on projects, maintenance issues, etc.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Barrera. Granted 7/0.**

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SECRETARY _____

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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 Meeting on February 06, 2017, at 6:00 PM at District Service Center Board Meeting Room, 1420 Eidson Road, 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, Eagle Pass ISD

Attorney: Absent

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 6:07 P.M.
- II. **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Sections §551.071, §551.702, §551.074, §552.082, §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, and 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 6:08 PM**, Pursuant to Sections §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.076, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084 of the Texas Government Code. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 7/0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

1. The Board will discuss the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation (TGC551.074)

III. **OPEN SESSION:** The meeting reconvened at 8:18 PM.

1. **Consideration and action to approve the Superintendent's Formative Evaluation.** Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Barrera. Granted 7/0.

Superintendent Gonzalez Comments: As always appreciates the guidance the Board provides and helps in growing as superintendent, and appreciate everything that was discussed in Closed Session. Also, Mr. Gonzalez, went over some upcoming events throughout the district.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM. Motion by Trustee Martinez, second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.

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