

## 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 May 10, 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, arrived at 6:11 P.M.  
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, Attorney - 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 6:07 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent of Schools, Gilberto Gonzalez, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS:**

Mr. Albert Daniel, President, Eagle Pass Taxpayers Protection and Oversight Organization, addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent in reference to student eligibility for enrollment in Texas public schools. Mr. Daniel thanked the district for their prompt response to the questions and stated they were also enlightened on a certain level, as they concur with the statement that was made by the school attorney and the organization also addressed a case *Arredondo vs Brockett* and its outcome. The Eagle Pass Taxpayers Protection and Oversight Organization feels that the school board has been remiss in its responsibilities for sometime (from 1979 to at least 2014 if not more.) Mr. Daniel quoted a section from the 2014-2015 Student attendance Account Handbook specifically page 47, 3.3.1 Residency: **"A student who does not reside in Texas is not entitled to enroll in a Texas public school under the TEC, §25.001 on the basis of another person's residency, including the residency of the student's parent or grandparent."** The organization states to the Board and Superintendent that they intend to continue their efforts to get clarification concerning this issue, which they don't believe it has changed. The organization reiterates that they do not wish to deny an education to any student nor do they wish to violate their Civil Rights, yet, they wish to ensure the right, obligations and privileges of everyone entitled and want the free ride to end if at all possible, as our community doesn't deserve this. On behalf of The Eagle Pass Taxpayers Protection and Oversight Organization, Mr. Daniel requested that on a later date they wish to discuss specific points Mr. Camarillo made that the organization found that they can be improved for the organization disagrees with several of the statements. They also would like an open door from the district for discussion, as they feel very confident that both want the very best for the community we represent. **Board members addressed the Eagle Pass Taxpayers Protection and Oversight Organization questions and concerns, as did the school attorney Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm.**

1. **Recognition of the N.M. Glass Falcon Book Club for writing and publishing their very own books.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer announced and welcomed the N.M. Glass Falcon Book Club Members to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent.

2. **Recognition of N.M. Glass Elementary Cheerleaders who participated in a two day competition in San Antonio, Texas and won National Fun Cheer Champs.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the Falcon Glass Cheerleaders for placing as National Fun Cheer Champions. A group picture with the Board and Superintendent was taken.
3. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School and CC Winn High School Robotic Teams.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the recipients and a group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
4. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Student Council for winning First Place in State Wide Competition "Teens in the Drivers Seat Summit."** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the recipients and a group picture were taken with the Board and Superintendent.
5. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Academic Team for winning District Championship 29-5A for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the recipients for winning the District Championship 29-5A for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. A group picture with the Board and Superintendent was taken.
6. **Recognition of CC Winn High School 11<sup>th</sup> grader Ivan Isela Muza for being selected to attend the Young Yale Global Scholars Program at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut in July 2016.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation and recognition of Ivan Isela Muza for being selected to attend the Young Yale Global Scholars Program. A group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
7. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Students Grecia G. De La Cerda, Isaac Turrubiate Salinas, and Victor A. Villasana who were selected for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program for 2016.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer recognized the CC Winn High School students who were selected for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. A group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
8. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School students Loreily Limon and Pedro Castro Jr. who were selected for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program for 2016.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the Eagle Pass High School students who were selected for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. A group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
9. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Student Eric Herrera, for winning Reserved Champion in the Intel Agriculture Science Fair at the San Antonio Stock Show.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the recipient who was recognized at the Intel Agriculture Science Fair at the San Antonio Stock Show. A group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
10. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Student Council for being awarded the Outstanding Student Council and Community Service Award by the Texas Association of Student Councils.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the recipients who were recognized by the Texas Association of Student Councils. A group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
11. **Recognition of Eagle Pass Junior High School for being selected as Campus of the Month for having a well maintained/clean school grounds.** Daniella Byrne, Public Relations Officer made the presentation of the recipients who were recognized as the Campus of the Month for maintaining clean school grounds. A group picture was taken with the Board and Superintendent.
12. **Recognition of School Bus Drivers: Rogelio Gonzalez 1<sup>st</sup> place, Maria Valdez 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Reynaldo Gonzalez 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners at the Annual Bus Rodeo Competition in San Antonio, Texas. ITEM REMOVED.**

#### 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. **Presentation on Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016.** David Gonzalez, Representative, Advisor for Estrada Hinojosa Investment Bankers, addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the final results of the Refunding Bonds Series 2016 as an informative presentation. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the Bond Buyer Indices vs. 30 Year Treasury: 30 Year History, went over the Financial Team, the Sources and Uses of Funds, Credit and Rating Enhancement (Underlying Rating), Eligible Bonds to be Refunded (the final numbers) and the Saving Summary. **No questions from the Board.**
5. **Delinquent Collection Activities for January – March 2016.** Sonia Gonzalez, Partner Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP reviewed the Delinquent Activity Report for the months of January thru March 2016. **No questions from the Board of Trustees.**
6. **Report from Public Accountant Firm on Independent Audit of School District Salaries.** Mr. Robert Carter Jr., Leal & Carter P.C., addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent with the findings of the Independent Audit of School District Salaries. Mr. Carter Jr. reviewed the Agreed Upon Procedures as requested by the Eagle Pass ISD School Board regarding the verification of the sample of fiscal year 2015 annual salaries. The findings are as follows: Procedure #1: Review & identify employee payroll files of approximately 650 school district employees (25% of the 26000 employees for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.) The results for the school year were without exception for the attribute tested. Procedure #2: 25% of district employees review employee salaries in conformity to the current 2014-2015 salary scale based on the 14-15 annual salary to include approved salary increases and adjustments in the 2014-2015 school year. The results of procedure were without exception of the attribute tested. Final Procedure #3: 25% of the employees to verify that the 2014-2015 annual salary has been entered correctly and paid appropriately for the 14-15 fiscal year on the ITCCS Region 20 Database system. Results of Procedure were without exception for the attribute tested. **No questions from the Board.**

#### V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the Consultant Contract for Special Education Services 2015-2016 school year. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Torralba. Granted 7/0.**

#### VI. CONSENT:

It was the consensus of the Board to consider items 1-3 in one motion. **Motion by Trustee Purcell and second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016, (Regular) and April 28, 2016, (Special) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the summer work schedule for the District Service Center Staff and the Campus Administrative Staff for months of June, July, and August. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policy Update 104 as received from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). **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 7:14 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 Alvarez. Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will discuss the request to approve contracts as presented.
2. The Board will discuss the recommendation by the Superintendent to terminate a probationary contract teacher by the end of the 2015-2016 school year in the best interest of the District pursuant to TEC Section 21.103 (TGC 551.071 and TGC 551.074)

**VIII. OPEN SESSION:** The meeting reconvened at **8:19 P.M.** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on the item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve contracts as presented.** Motion by Trustee Torralba and second by Trustee Bowles to approve contracts as discussed in Closed Session, except contract #368 and to direct the superintendent to make any corrections on the contracts with corrected contracts to be presented to the Board at the next meeting. **Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and action on the recommendation by the Superintendent to terminate a probationary contract teacher at the end of the 2015-2016 school year in the best interest of the District pursuant to TEC Section 21.103. **Motion by Trustee Purcell and second by Trustee Martinez to terminate the contract of probationary teacher Elaine Martinez at the end of this school year in the best interest of the District. Granted 7/0.**

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Superintendent announced the district and community events for the month of May, 2016.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **8:22 P.M.** **Motion by Trustee Torralba 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:** \_\_\_\_\_