

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 February 09, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the District Service Center Board Room located on 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. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
Mr. Humberto Torralba Jr., Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, 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 6:08 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS:** No one signed up for the Citizen's Communications.
 1. **Recognition of Graves Elementary Tiger Paws Cheerleaders for placing First in the Texas State Cheerleader State Competition.** Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer announced the recognition of the Graves Elementary Tiger Paws Cheerleaders for placing First in the Texas State Cheerleader State Competition. A group picture was taken.
 2. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School student Jesus Garcia for being selected as a National Hispanic Merit Scholar by the National Merit Scholarship Program.** Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer announced the recognition of Eagle Pass High School student Jesus Garcia for being selected as a National Hispanic Merit Scholar by the NHS Program. A group picture was taken.
 3. **Recognition of CC Winn High School Student Iram Olivares for being selected as National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board of National Hispanic Recognition Program.** Melissa Gratkowski, Public Relations Officer announced the recognition of CC Winn High School student Iram Olivares for being selected as a National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board of NH Recognition Program. A group picture was taken.
- 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 by the Board.**
 4. **Delinquent Collection Activities for October-December 2015.** Sonia Gonzalez, Partner-Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson, LLP reviewed the Delinquent Activity Report to the Board of

Trustees and Superintendent. No questions by the Board, a comment by Trustee Bowles stating the collections have gone from good to perfect.

5. **Presentation of December 2015, STAAR EOC Results.** David Camarillo, Instructional Services Director reviewed the STAAR End of Course EOC Results 2015, for CCW and EPH. Mr. Camarillo briefly reviewed the breakdown of Algebra I, Biology, English I, II, and US History, which included 1st time testers and retested students. Also reviewed was the 2014 vs 2015 Comparison December EOC Results. Lastly, Mr. Camarillo explained the STAAR L (for English language Learners) and STAAR A (Student with identified disabilities who are receiving special education services, dyslexia and or 504 Services). **Trustee Alvarez requested the total number of Special Education students in high school to compare to this report. Mr. Camarillo will provide information.**

V. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to accept a donation of mini iPads from Eagle Pass Heroes, Inc. for Special Education Classrooms. **Motion by Trustee Purcell, second by Trustee Martinez. Granted 7/0.** Ms. Torres, Special Ed. Director and Mrs. Katrina Longoria, and Wendy Maurer presented information regarding the donation of the mini iPads for Sp. Ed. Students and how it is a great tool for the students. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed, and board members Mrs. Martinez and Dr. Alvarez made a donation for a total of six (6) mini iPads.**

VI. **CONSENT:**

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 - 4 in one motion. **Motion by Trustee Martinez, second by Trustee Bowles. Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015, (Regular), December 19, 2015, (Special), January 12, 2016, (Regular), and January 21, 2016, (Special) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve proposed Policy FFA (LOCAL) as received from TEA (Texas Association of School Board). **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the revised list of the 2015-2016 Teacher Appraisers. **Item previously considered.**

VII. **CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 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 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 6:48 P.M. Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084 of the Texas Government Code. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Torralba Jr. Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.

2. The Board will discuss the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Rosita Valley Literacy Academy subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.0
3. The Board will consult with its attorney concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Eagle Pass Independent School District and the City of Eagle Pass for the use of the Golf Course. TGC 552.071.

VIII. **OPEN SESSION:**

The Meeting Reconvened at **7:36 P.M.** and the Board will consider and take appropriate action on item (s) discussed in Closed Session.

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.** Motion by Trustee Saucedo second by Trustee Torralba Jr. to hire personnel to fill vacancies as discussed in Closed Session. **Granted 7/0.**
2. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a Professional Employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Rosita Valley Literacy Academy subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.** Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Bowles to hire Cristina L. Benavides as a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Rosita Valley Literacy Academy subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Granted 7/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Eagle Pass Independent School District and the City of Eagle Pass for the use of the golf course. **Motion by Trustee Saucedo, second by Trustee Martinez to Table item and request a Joint Workshop with the City of Eagle Pass to further discuss the matter. Granted 7/0.**

IX. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Superintendent Gonzalez reminded the Board of Trustees of the upcoming conferences for the month of February 2016.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M. Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Bowles. **Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____ **SECRETARY** _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____