

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 December 01, 2015, 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. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
Mr. Humberto Torralba II, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee

Superintendent: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorneys: Absent

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Lupita Fuentes called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M.

II. BOARD WORKSHOP:

1. Training "Team of 8" by Education Service Center Region 20 Consultants.

The Team of 8 workshop was led by ESC Region 20 Consultants Dee Ann Drummond and Ed Vara. The training included the current Eagle Pass ISD Vision/Mission Statements, District Goals, and discussion on enhancement strategies and skills applicable to team effectiveness. Also, the consultants included in the training... creating Board Operating Procedures...taking things that are already being done as a Board and standardizing it. The Board Operating Procedures was also a Team of 8 activity and a sample copy of operating procedures was provided along with three copies from different districts. Board members, superintendent, and superintendent's cabinet broke up into teams and each team was given the sample operating guidelines, which were divided between the teams. Another activity was having the board members and superintendent describe where and why they belonged in a picture activity they were given. A pamphlet was issued to each board member and superintendent titled *The Role of the School Board* and *Duties of the Superintendent*.

The training concluded with board members and superintendent exchanging their recommendations/suggestions and discussion on the Sample Operating Guidelines, which are tied with Board Policy. Ms. Drummond and Mr. Vara took notes of the changes that encompassed exclusions, inclusion and rewriting of some of the Sample Operating Guideline Procedures. This information will be gathered and retyped by the consultants as it is a working document, and will need to be reviewed by the Board at another meeting and the Board will decide whether these procedures will work for the Team of 8, will the procedures agree with the Policy, will it be something the Board will decide to keep and perhaps take action and Adopt...

The Board decided the best time to meet on the working document of the Operating Guideline Procedures would be sometime in June 2016. Ms. Drummond also expressed to the Board that a condensed version of Robert's Rules of Order newly revised in brief, would be provided to them.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Torralba. Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: _____

DATE MINUTES SIGNED: _____

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 December 03, 2015, at 5:00 P.M. in the District Service Center Boardroom, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Lupita Fuentes, President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Secretary
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Trustee
Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, Trustee
Mr. Humberto Torralba II, Trustee
Mr. Rudy Bowles, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Vice-President

Superintendent: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

Attorneys: Richard Strieber, Attorney, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: City of Eagle Pass Mayor Mr. Ramsey English-Cantu called the meeting to order at 5:13 P.M. A moment of silence was held to Honor the Victims of the attack in San Bernardino, CA.

II. JOINT BOARD WORKSHOP:

1. Discussion of the following matters with the City of Eagle Pass City Council.

A. Language Development Center: Interim City Manager Hector Chavez made a presentation of the 100-year Flood Plain surrounding LDC and other buildings. LDC is above the Flood Plain, but is in an area surrounded by the Flood Plain. There is a 1% chance of flood occurrence every year. LDC was flooded in 2013 & 2015. During the June 14, 2015, the flooding around LDC had 17" of rainfall. A 10" or higher is classified as the 100 year Flood Plain. In 2013, TxDot closed Veterans Blvd, as the rain was coming from the East towards LDC. October 2015, the rainfall was 12-14", and the detention ponds were filling up with rainwater coming from the Eastside of Veterans. Other topics discussed were drainage pipes, looking into building a detention channel, additional detention ponds-15-20 acres, applying with FEMA for assistance for approximately \$14 million, continue working with the 100 year flood plain to alleviate flooding. The City Council would like to work together with the school district as with the county to better the situation. Will keep district informed, updated as needed, would like endorsement from school district if needed and will have community meetings with neighborhoods. Board Members questions and concerns were as follows: Prioritizing the flooding/detention bond concerning LDC, applying for funds, drainage pipes, timeline of project, kept informed by the city, more communication between school district and city, district was not aware of grants, the district and the public should be made aware of the plans of the Retention Ponds as everyone is affected.

B. Practice Field/Track at Eagle Pass High School: Mr. Hector Chavez, Interim City Manager, addressed the item regarding the practice field/track at EPHS. Mr. Chavez addressed the issues regarding

the practice field/track. The city is responsible for damages. City is going out for bids to replace walls caved in, will build another retaining wall, no adjustments to the channel behind field, unless needed. School district is responsible for maintenance as per the agreement. An itemized list of concerns is needed to deliberate. Board members questions and concerns were as follows: Extension of retaining wall, adjustments to the channel itself, length of retaining wall, liability of sinkholes in parking area, who is responsible for the maintenance/cleanup due to damages caused by the rainfall, if in good faith, and in process, we should come with cost estimate & list.

- C. **City of Eagle Pas Golf Course:** Mr. Hector Chavez, Interim City Manager addressed the item of the City of Eagle Pass Golf Course. Mr. Chavez conveyed the reason for the increased fees of the inter-local agreement between both entities for the use of the golf course. Reasons are... the purchase of equipment for the golf course, the hiring of additional personnel, installation of filters, irrigation, up keeping the maintenance, and including additional restrooms. The Golf Association Memberships will also increase. Approximately sixty- (60) students from EPH use the facility, and in the summer an additional thirty (30) students use facility. The golf course is a place of attraction for many visitors who come to Eagle Pass whether it's business or recreational, therefore, we feel that we should bring it up, make it attractive for all visitors, tourism, it brings revenue to our city... The school district has been paying the same fees for the past seven (7) years, we understand that the school district has already gone through the budget process, maybe the district can work with us and negotiate an amount for this year with the understanding that next year it will increase for a total of \$24K. Board members questions and concerns were as follows: How many students use facility, Golf Association Memberships should also be increased; will consider negotiation increase for next year. ***NOTE:** As per school district attorney Richard Strieber, a motion can take place as for the manner the meeting is posted. **Motion by Trustee Torralba second by Trustee Bowles to have Board President and Superintendent meet with the Mayor and City Interim Manager in regards to the City of Eagle Pass Golf Course. Motion granted. 6/0.**
- D. **Kilowatt Drive Completion:** Superintendent Gonzalez addressed the Kilowatt Drive Completion expressing a meeting he had with Interim City Manager Mr. Chavez where Mr. Chavez stated the engineer had requested some detention ponds built on district property to elevate run-ons. At said time Mr. Chavez was not ok helping the district with contraction but did take the information to Council. However, the district is not aware of any official response by the Council voting on the construction on the detention ponds on our... The district would like an official letter regarding the Councils vote on Kilowatt Drive Completion. Ramsey English-Cantu stated that the Council had voted to assist the district with the construction and that a letter would be forthcoming, and apologized for the oversight and not submitting the letter. School district attorney stated once the letter is received from the City, the district could move forward depending what the budget is on the district end. The City will be responsible for labor/equipment, and the district is responsible for materials. Mr. Chavez recommends the initiation of the detention ponds during the summer, and in regards to the Kilowatt Drive, the city could start working on it during the two weeks the district is off for the holiday, as traffic will be minimal... it will not be completed but will get it started. The city can give the district the information on the supplier for materials, and if possible obtain a better pricing. As per Mr. Strieber, as per the law it is best that the district go out for the bidding for materials.
- E. **General Drainage and Joint Property Maintenance Issues:** This item was discussed and/or covered on the previous items either (A, B, and or C) one way or another.

- F. Construction Issues:** This item was discussed and/or covered on the previous items either (A, B, and or C) one way or another.
- G. School District and City Cooperation:** Comment- Trustee Saucedo: Holding this Joint Workshop and feel that both the School Board and City Council will concur, that holding this workshop... shows act of good faith on both entities, specially with projects like Kilowatt Drive, which we've been back and forth many times with it. Feel that it was a great idea to have this joint workshop and hopefully we could have more of these workshops in the near future, as it will keep everyone well informed of projects that affect everyone in this community. Trustee Saucedo thanks the Board of Trustees and the Mayor and City Council. Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu thanks the Eagle Pass ISD for coming together and working together for the best possible solutions. Also, our Parks and Recreation Department works in conjunctions with a lot of afterschool programs and would like to open up dialog with school district in potential and possible use of some of the school gyms, as there is a number of programs utilized throughout the city and the City is also doing their part to look at building additional gyms. But also think of maybe save the taxpayer some money when in point it comes to utilizing facilities like gyms. On behalf of the City Parks and Recreations Department, Mayor English-Cantu would like to request for the consideration to be an option that the school board will consider at a later point in formulating the use through inter-local agreements and coming up with ways we can continue having these programs for the students... times are changing, demands are growing and maybe we can work together to come up with solutions for the students. Mayor English-Cantu thanks the Board of Trustees for partaking in the joint workshop. Council Woman Hernandez also thanks the Board of Trustees for being part of the workshop and would like to continue to work together. Board President Fuentes also thanks the Mayor and Council and think having joint meetings will help and benefit the community. In closing, Superintendent Gonzalez is grateful and would like to keep the communication open between both entities. Councilman Sifuentes also would like to work with the school district to bring school facilities that are not in use or really deteriorated ... to upgrade those facilities to be utilized by the students as more and more students are involved in different sports, and finally would like to thank the school district for being part of this meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

There, being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Bowles second by Trustee Torralba. Granted 6/0.**

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