

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

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(A) Report Only Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(B) Action Item

Presenter(s): IGNACIO J. SAUCEDO, EAGLE PASS ISD BOARD PRESIDENT

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 09, 2013, (REGULAR) AND JULY 15, 2013, (SPECIAL) BOARD MEETINGS.

(C) **Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.**

(D) **Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.**

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 July 09, 2013, at 6:00 PM at the District Service Center Board Meeting Room, located at 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, President
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Vice President
Mrs. Ani G. Santleben, Secretary
Mr. Ramon Ramirez, Trustee
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Trustee
Mr. Claudio Heredia, Trustee
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee, Arrived @ 6:02 P.M.

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, Ignacio J. Saucedo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Superintendent, Gilberto Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION/ RECOGNITIONS:** No one signed up for the Citizen's Communication.
 - A. **Recognition of EPISD Employees who collaborated in the rescue of flood victims on June 15, 2013.** Eduardo Trevino, Assistant Superintendent for District Operations presented a certificate to all of those who collaborated in the rescue of flood victims on June 15, 2013.
- IV. **DISTRICT REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.
 - B. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board
 - C. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
 - D. **Review Investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transactions for all funds for the Quarter ended May 31, 2013.** Ismael Mijares, Assist. Supt. For Business and Finance reviewed the report and answered board member(s) questions on the Elementary Funds.
- V. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Consideration and take appropriate action on the request to approve Amendment #2 to the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A & M International University (TAMIU) and the Eagle Pass ISD. **Motion by Trustee Santleben second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 7/0.**
 - B. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend Consultant Contracts for Special Education Services for 2012-2013 School Year. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**

- C. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Consultant Contracts for Special Education Services 2013-2014 School Year. **Motion by Trustee Ramirez second by Trustee Purcell. Granted 7/0.**
 - D. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the purchase or renewal of the Annual Software and Maintenance Agreement Contracts. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Granted 7/0.**
 - E. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Sole Source purchase request of Raptor Technologies, LLC Software. **Motion by Trustee Santleben second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 7/0.**
- VI. **CONSENT:** *It was the Consensus of the Board to consider items A – R in One Motion.* **Motion by Trustee Santleben second by Trustee Alvarez. Granted 7/0.**
- A. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013, (Regular) Board Meeting. **Item previously considered.**
 - B. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130619 for Grease Trap Cleaning Services and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - C. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130620 for Juices and Non-carbonated beverages and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - D. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130621 for Tortillas and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - E. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130622 for Cafeteria Food and Supplies and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - F. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130623 for Computer and Printer Supplies and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - G. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130624 for Janitorial Supplies and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - H. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 130625 for Office and Teaching Supplies and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Previously considered.**
 - I. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the purchase of Produce for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance to Board Policy CH and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**

- J. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the purchase of Fuel for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance to Board Policy CH and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - K. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the U.S. Communities Government purchasing alliance and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - L. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Energy Cooperative and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - M. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Texas Association of School Board-Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - N. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement to Participate in the Education Service Center Region 20 Purchasing Cooperative and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - O. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement and Resolution to participate in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative as Administered by the Education Service Center Region 13 and Region 20 Purchasing Cooperative 2014 and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Item previously considered.**
 - P. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Houston-Galveston Area Council Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. **Item previously considered.**
 - Q. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve in accordance with Board Policy CH the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) State Purchasing Cooperative and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH. **Item previously considered.**
 - R. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to declare the attached list of items as Surplus Property and authorize its disposal. **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: The Board adjourned into **Closed Session at 6:57 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 Fuentes second by Trustee Heredia. Granted 7/0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- A. Discuss the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.

- B. Discuss the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Principal for Pete Gallego Elementary School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.
- C. Discuss the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Principal for Eagle Pass Junior High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.
- D. Discuss the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Assistant Principal for Eagle Pass High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent.

VIII. OPEN SESSION: The Meeting Reconvened at 7:25 P.M.

- A. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074 as discussed in Closed Session. **Motion by Trustee Santleben second by Trustee Fuentes. Motion carries 7 Yeas/0 Nays/ 2 Abstain (Trustee Ramirez abstains from #'s 3 & 12) (Trustee Heredia abstains from #8)**
- B. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a Professional Employee to serve as Principal for Pete Gallego Elementary School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Santleben second by Trustee Ramirez to hire Jose Villalobos as a professional employee to serve as Principal for Pete Gallego Elementary School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Granted 7/0.**
- C. Consideration and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Principal for Eagle Pass Junior High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Santleben to hire Mario Escobar as a professional employee to serve as Principal for Eagle Pass Junior High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion carries 5/1/1 (Yeas: 5 Nays: 1-Trustee Alvarez /Abstain 1- Trustee Heredia)**
- D. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a Professional Employee to serve as Assistant Principal for Eagle Pass High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Ramirez second by Trustee Fuentes to hire John Byrne to serve as Assistant Principal for Eagle Pass Junior High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. Granted 7/0.**

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent announced that Eagle Pass ISD was covered on the Texas Lone Star Magazine. Our district made the *Top 12 District in the AP Courses*.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Heredia second by Trustee Fuentes. 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 Special Meeting on July 15, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. at District Service Center Board Meeting Room, 1420 Eidson Road, Eagle Pass, TX 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Ignacio J. Saucedo, President
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Vice-President
Mrs. Ani G. Santleben, Secretary
Mr. Ramon Ramirez, Trustee
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Trustee
Mr. Claudio Heredia, Trustee
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez

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

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo stated to all those who were present that the Sign-In Sheet is not a Citizen's Communication Sign-In Sheet. The Sign-In Sheet is for district administration, which requires them to be present at these meetings.

School Attorney, Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm elaborated on the subject stating that the Eagle Pass ISD Special Board Meetings does not have Citizen's Communications.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consider and take action to accept the resignation of Trustee Claudio Heredia. **Motion by Trustee Purcell, second by Trustee Santleben to accept the resignation of Trustee Claudio Heredia. Granted 7/0.**

Trustee Heredia, personally thanked everybody and stated that he enjoyed the time as a Board Member. Everything discussed was always at a civil and very professional manner, he has all the confidence that the Board will continue to do the right thing.

- B. Consideration and take action to appoint Benjamin Rodriguez III to serve as Trustee until the next regularly scheduled Board Election. **Motion by Trustee Saucedo, second by Trustee Alvarez, to appoint Benjamin Rodriguez III to serve as Trustee in place of Mr. Claudio Heredia's position until the next Regular Scheduled Board Elections. Granted 6/0.**

Board President Saucedo, requested that School Attorney, Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm explain the holdover doctrine and how it pertains to this particular situation and resignation.

Richard Strieber, Attorney, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm, stated that under Texas Law, when a public official resigns their office, they're still considered to occupy that office until a successor is appointed. This would mean that the resigning individual, public official technically can still vote, will technically be subject to all the Nepotism Laws, so in order to finalize Mr. Claudio Heredia's resignation, it is necessary for the Board to fill that position. And the individual who fills that position will serve until the next Regularly Scheduled Election of Trustees, which in this case it would be held on November 2014. At that time the remainder of Mr. Heredia's Term...that position will be up for election for the remainder of Mr. Heredia's Term.

Board President Ignacio J. Saucedo, acknowledged Mr. Heredia's Resignation as stated on Mr. Heredia's Resignation Letter, this becomes an essence of time. We know there is a possible recommendation that is up and as Mr. Strieber, Attorney stated... when something like this happens, that there is a possibility of a Nepotism violation, that is what we (Board) are trying to avoid. Board President respects Mr. Heredia's decision, it is a difficult decision it is a big sacrifice, we know how expensive elections could be, we know the time that it takes and we know the sacrifices Mr. Heredia has made by being here, it is sometimes a selfless act and it is appreciated.

School Attorney, Richard Strieber adds that at this point there has been no recommendation that would affect Mr. Heredia. But in the future there maybe.

Mr. Saucedo, Board President stated that it is only fair to respect the decision that has been made by Mr. Heredia and that they move forward. Also considering that the Budget Hearing starts in two weeks and a delay may put a damper on that because the Budget Hearings can get a little overwhelming. That is why this being said I (Board President) made the recommendation of Benjamin Rodriguez III to the Board. Board President finds that Mr. Rodriguez is a very intelligent person, a very well respected individual in this community, somebody who is impartial, not controversial, and someone who has no real aliases with anybody. He is educated and has the respect of this community. Therefore, with that being said I (Board President)...

Trustee Ani G. Santleben- Statement; would like to thank all of the gentlemen that did submit letters of interest in the position. They were very well written have a lot of experience that can defiantly be used on the Board but as the Board President said they have to move forward as quickly as possible so that they can get ready for the budget meetings. Board President echoes Mrs. Santleben.

Trustee Ramon Ramirez- Comment; do not have any problems with the recommendation here. But the Board has had this problem before where there were three vacancies. Back then the Board was given an opportunity to bring in a name and discuss it. As a matter of fact one of them was Ms. Purcell, and her name came up. The only thing is that the Board worked as a team of seven in January, and now by seeing this... I would like to say to give the board the opportunity.

As per Richard Strieber, School Attorney, stated that the Oath of Office could be administered to Mr. Benjamin Rodriguez III. Board President Saucedo moves forward and stated that the Oath of Office for Mr. Benjamin Rodriguez III be administered.

School Board Administrative Assistant, Gloria Luz Capetillo, administered the Oath of Office to Benjamin Rodriguez III.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Santleben. Granted 7/0.**

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

PRESIDENT _____ **SECRETARY** _____

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