

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): MR. SAMUEL MIJARES, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the action required.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 (REGULAR) AND THE MARCH 19, 2024 (REGULAR) BOARD MEETINGS.

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

- (D) Clarification: Explain any questions 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 Board Meeting on February 13, 2024 at 5:45 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee - Absent
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm – Ms. Valerie Carrillo, for Mr. Strieber.

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:52 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication – Alfonso Nevarez –** Mr. Alfonso Nevarez addressed the Board on HB547. HB547 allows for a private school child or a homeschooled child that lives within the district to participate in extracurricular activities within the district that they reside in. He stated that there are no private schools that offer preparatory education or high school within the district. Our Lady of Refuge Catholic School is the only one that offers 7th and 8th grade. It does not offer Band or Track or anything above seventh grade. In addition, any District that allows for the participation of non-enrolled child that's a private school or homeschool in any extracurricular activity would receive from the state \$1500.00 per activity.

Recognitions –

1. **Recognition of 2023-2024 Graves Varsity Cheer Squad lead by sponsor Gabriella Camarillo for placing 1st in the elementary Intermediate Division at the Winter Wonderland Fun cheer Competition in New Braunfels, Texas on January 10, 2024.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the 2023-2024 Graves Varsity Cheer Squad lead by sponsor Gabriella Camarillo for placing 1st in the elementary Intermediate Division at the Winter Wonderland Fun cheer Competition in New Braunfels, Texas on January 10, 2024. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of the Liberty Elementary Eagle UIL Team for their championship win at the 45th Annual Eagle Pass UIL competition on February 3, 2024.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the Liberty

Elementary Eagle UIL Team for their championship win at the 45th Annual Eagle Pass UIL competition on February 3, 2024. A group picture was taken.

3. **Recognition of Eagle Pass High School Senior, Maria Fernanda Salinas, for being accepted to Yale University Class of 2028 and for receiving a full-ride scholarship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Eagle Pass High School Senior, Maria Fernanda Salinas, for being accepted to Yale University Class of 2028 and for receiving a full-ride scholarship. 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 from the Board.
4. **Presentation of possible projects by Davis Powell, Project Architect and Brian Parks, HELLAS.** No questions from the Board. Mr. Davis Powell, Project Architect and Brian Parks, HELLAS, each reviewed the options for the EPISD Track relocation for Eagle Pass High School.

V. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve contract between Eagle Pass Independent School District and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP to conduct appeal of the property value study finding as conducted by the Comptroller's Office. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell to approve contract between Eagle Pass Independent School District and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP to conduct appeal of the property value study finding as conducted by the Comptroller's Office. Motion Granted 6/0.**

VI. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 & 7 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2023 (Regular) Board Meeting. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval and adoption of Resolution 2023/2024-07 Texas House Bill 1525. **Please make revision on resolution from SISD to EPISD. Item previously considered**
3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a Resolution 2024 of the Board regarding to designate nonbusiness days under the Public Information Act for the 2024 Calendar year. **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the procurement method of competitive sealed proposal and the ranking criteria for the LDC and ECC parking lot addition

project in accordance with Board Policy CV, CVB and State guidelines. **Item previously considered.**

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval and accept a donation of 14,078 Solar Eclipse Glasses from the Buc-ee's Totality over Texas School Program. **Item previously considered.**
 6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a donation from Mr. Poncho Nevarez, Attorney at Law to the Eagle Pass High School Field House. **Item previously considered.**
 7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to amend the General Fund Budget. **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 **6:46 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Martinez. Motion Granted 6/0.**
1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to. TGC 551.074.
 2. The Board will hear the Districtwide Intruder Audit Report findings.
- VIII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **7:15 PM** 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 hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Perry seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 6/0.**
- IX. **Correspondence and Information:** Superintendent's Announcements:
1. Spring Break – March 11–15, 2024
 2. March Regular Board Meeting – March 19, 2024 (After Spring Break)
- X. **Adjournment:**
There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **7:17 PM**. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 6/0.**

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, 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 Regular Board Meeting on March 19, 2024 at 5:45 PM at District Service Center Austin Building, 587 Madison St., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice-President
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee - Absent
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:47 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Public Hearing – The Eagle Pass Independent School District 2023-2024 Annual Report- Opened at 5:53 PM No one signed up Closed at 5:53 PM**
- IV. **Citizen's Communication – No one signed up**

Recognitions

1. **Recognition of the 2023-2024 Dena Kelso Graves Winter League Girls Softball Team Division II for winning the Softball Winter League Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Dena Kelso Graves Winter League Girls Softball Team Division II for winning the Softball Winter League championship. A group picture was taken.
2. **Recognition of the Dena Kelso Graves Tigerettes Dance Team for being crowned Team Class Champions, Team Prop Champions and Team Pom Champions at the HTE Hill Country Dance Competition in New Braunfels, Texas.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Dena Kelso Graves Tigerettes Dance Team for being crowned Team Class Champions, Team Prop Champions and Team Pom Champions at the HTE Hill Country Dance Competition in New Braunfels, Texas. A group picture was taken.

3. **Recognition of the Liberty Elementary Eagle Division I Baseball team for winning the Triple Play Winter 2024 Championship.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Liberty Elementary Eagle Division I Baseball team for winning the Triple Play Winter 2024 Championship. A group picture was taken.
4. **Recognition of Michael Suarez, CC Winn High School student for getting an extended offer on the application submitted to the Texas High School Aerospace Program.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Michael Suarez, CC Winn High School student for getting an extended offer on the application submitted to the Texas High School Aerospace Program. A group picture was taken.
5. **Recognition of Glenda Rodriguez, CC Winn High School students for being approved to enroll in the Harvard Secondary Summer School Program and for being offered a scholarship to attend.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Glenda Rodriguez, CC Winn High School students for being approved to enroll in the Harvard Secondary Summer School Program and for being offered a scholarship to attend. A group picture was taken.
6. **Recognition of Carlos Longoria, CC Winn High School Senior for being accepted at Harvard College class of 2028 and being offered admission to the MIT class of 2028, and obtaining a full scholarship for his undergraduate studies.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Carlos Longoria, CC Winn High School Senior for being accepted at Harvard College class of 2028 and being offered admission to the MIT class of 2028, and obtaining a full scholarship for his undergraduate studies. A group picture was taken.
7. **Recognition of Sergio Long, CC Winn High School Senior for being offered admission to the MIT class of 2028 and for being one of the finalists in the 2024 Competition for the National Merit Scholarship Award.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized Sergio Long, CC Winn High School Senior for being offered admission to the MIT class of 2028 and for being one of the finalists in the 2024 Competition for the National Merit Scholarship Award. A group picture was taken.

V. 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 of the Eagle Pass Independent School District 2023-2024 Annual Report – Mr. Rene Martinez, School Improvement Director, reviewed the 2023-2024 Annual Report Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR 2023).** This the required report that has to be posted and presented. This year District, Campus and Campus Distinction Designations are all Delayed. He explained that in the 2022-2023 EPISD vs State All Grades @ Approaches

Grade Level or Above – the 3rd – 8th grade showed increase in Reading and in Math. Science and Social Studies had minimal change. Other sections he reviewed are Attendance Rate – 10 Year Comparison, 4-Year Federal Graduation Rate Without Exclusions (Grades 9-12) and Student Information & Student Enrollment By Program, which has remained steady at 82.4%. Other reports that must be reviewed were PEIMS Financial Standard Reports 2021-2022 Financial Actual Report, 2023-2024 Campus Performance Objectives, 2023 Disciplinary Summary Cumulative Report and Texas High School Graduate From FY 2021 Enrolled in Texas Public or Independent Higher Education in FY 2022- The number under Not Found Column on both high schools include students that go to school out of state. Lastly, was the Early Childhood and CCMR Board – Adopted Plans and Goals 2020-2024. – **No questions from the Board.**

Superintendent Mijares, thanked all the teacher for the great job that they did with the kids in order to have received such good scores. Also, for having a 97% graduation rate for the district. He also thanked the Board for all of their support.

5. **2024 Total Solar Eclipse Presentation** – Mr. Francisco Vielma, Science and Social Studies Director gave a brief presentation on the Total Solar Eclipse happening on April 8, 2024. He provided the Board and Cabinet with a sample of the Solar Glasses and Viewers that all students and staff will be given. With these glasses the sun light will be blocked 99.9%. Solar glasses are to have the ISO 123-12-2 # to safe to use. During Phase 1 – Should last over an hour. We should be able to see the Sun's disk partially blacked by moon. Phase 2 – To look for Diamond Ring – Sunlight streaming through the moon's valleys creates single bright flash of light. This happens right before Totality. Phase 3 – Baily's Beads – Only low-lying valleys on the moon's edge allow sunlight through. Phase 4 – Totality – you can take sunglasses off – Moon covers the entire disk of the sun – only visible within the path of totality. Don't take glasses off before. During totality the following are a few of the environment changes that will take place: Birds will stop singing, wind will start blowing and all the street lights will turn on. The following are some safety tips: DO NOT watch Solar Eclipse through the following: Video camera, cell phone (It will fry it), sunglasses, lens, glass bottles, mirrors, magnifying glasses, regular binoculars or 3D glasses. Another way to watch if you don't have Solar Eclipse glasses is by viewing the shadow of anything with holes (colander, slotted spoon) they will be half-moons. Some of the activities that will be taking place are as follows: April 4, 2024 – Sul Ross, EPISD and City of Eagle Pass will be hosting a welcome breakfast for Astronomers at the SAC. From 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, all of EPISD fifth graders will be bused to the SAC Arena to do activities with the Astronomers. April 8, 2024, the day of the Solar Eclipse – Day of Eclipse at the SAC Stadium – From 10:30 am to 4:00 pm Astronomers will be having solar activities at the Student Activity Center Stadium. This event will be open to the public. Solar Eclipse Safety Video and Solar Eclipse information video will be presented in every classroom, shared on District Social Media and Remind. Mr. Vielma also, thanked the Board and Superintendent Mijares for all of their support and for the use of the District facilities.

VI. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Purcell to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion Granted 6/0.**

Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 -3 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Hiller. Motion Granted 6/0.**

Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Martinez to retract vote of Consent Items 1-3. (Previous Motion). Motion Granted 6/0.

Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Hiller to consider items 1 & 2 in one motion. Motion Granted 6/0.

Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez to table item #3. Motion Granted 6/0.

VII.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 242403 for LDC and ECC parking lot addition and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 242210 for food service cafeteria equipment and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or service as per Board Policy CH.
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 242603 for Eagle pass High School and CC Winn High School cross country trails and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy CH.

VIII. 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 **6:36 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Perry. Motion Granted 6/0.**

1. The Board will deliberate on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to approve Term Contracts as presented.
3. The Board will deliberate on the appropriate number of armed security personnel at each campus pursuant to Education Code 37.0814 (TGC 551.076)
4. The Board will consult with its Attorney regarding pending construction litigation (TGC 551.071)

IX. Open Session: The meeting reconvened at **7:29 PM** 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 hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the request to Hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Term Contracts as presented. **Motion by Trustee Purcell seconded by Trustee Martinez to approve term contracts as presented. Motion Granted 6/0.**
3. Consideration and action on the appropriate number of armed security personnel at each campus pursuant to Education Code 37.0814. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Purcell pursuant to TEC 38.0814, the Board determines that the appropriate number of armed security officers on each school campus is one and that the District should continue meeting and exceeding this number. Motion Granted 6/0.**

X. **Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:**

1. Tuesday – March 26, 2024 – Special Olympics – 9:00 a.m. - SAC

XI. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____