

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 JULY 11, 2023 (REGULAR) JULY 27, 2023 (JNT WSBM), AUGUST 08, 2023 (REGULAR) AND THE AUGUST 22, 2023 (SPECIAL) 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 July 11, 2023 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
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 5:45 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Superintendent Mijares led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Citizen's Communication:** No one signed up.
- IV. **1st Budget Workshop**
 1. **Review Fund Budgets**
 2. **Review Estimated M&O Fund Balance**
 3. **Presentation of Superintendent's annual recommended compensation plan**
 4. **Review Projections of State Revenues and Impact of Tax Rate on State Revenues**
 5. **Review and discuss the District property values and the Funding Lag**
 6. **Review Budget Assumptions**
 7. **Proposed Budget Workshop Schedule**
 8. **Review Additional Requests**
 9. **Other Budgetary Issues**

Mr. Isamel Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance, reviewed the budget and explained the four categories of funds/budgets as per TEA requirements, which are the General Fund (General Funds are divided among 20 sub-funds), Special Revenues Funds, Debt Services Funds, and Capital Projects Funds. The General Funds are State Mandated programs such as Food Services. Most of the money is in the General Fund (M&O) 97.5%, Special Revenue fund at 0.6% and Debt Services Fund at 1.9%. Special Revenue Fund includes the Food Service Summer Program as required by law. It is a Federal Grant received, it is an entitlement, as the Visually Impaired Program received from the State under Special Education Program, the IMA (Instructional Materials Allotment), and the Campus Activity Fund. These are the Special Revenue Funds; these are funds designated

by the State and how it is to be used. Mr. Mijares reviewed the budget groups as required by TEA (General fund, Deb Services Fund, special Revenues Fund, and Capital Projects fund). All school districts in the state of Texas prepare their budgets in the same manner. TEA requires all districts to post their budget on district website, excluding the Food Service Program as it is audited every year. Our Funding Source of Revenue is 71.6% from State Funds, 17.7% Taxes, 8.9% Federal and 1.8% from Local Funding. The District is one of the few in the state that have Self-Funding Health Insurance. Workers' compensation and Unemployment. Other budgetary matters included budget assumptions, proposed budget workshop schedule, additional request and other budgetary issues. The 2023-2024 Estimated Ending Fund Balance for August 31, 2024, is \$72,740,891.00. There is a deficit of \$5,630,817.00. **Board Members questions and concerns were addressed.**

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. **Report on management fees for state purchase contracts, interlocal agreements and purchasing cooperatives.** No questions from the Board.
5. **Review Investment Officer's Quarterly Report of Investment Transactions for all funds for the quarter ended May 31, 2023.** No questions from the Board.

VI. Action Items

1. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to grant to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass ISD and Southwest Texas Junior College for the 2023-2024 school year to provide the EPHS and CCWHS Health Science students the opportunity to obtain a certification and Dual Credit in these courses: Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Medical Technician and Phlebotomy/Electrocardiography Technician. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez to grant the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass ISD and Southwest Texas Junior College for the 2023-2024 school year to provide the EPHS and CCWHS Health Science students the opportunity to obtain a certification and Dual Credit in these courses: Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Medical Technician and Phlebotomy/Electrocardiography Technician. Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Dual Credit Agreement between Southwest Texas Junior College and Eagle Pass Independent School District for 2023-2024 school year. Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the Dual Credit Agreement between Southwest Texas Junior College and Eagle Pass Independent School District for 2023-2024 school year. Motion Granted 7/0.**
3. **Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass Independent School District and Southwest Texas Junior College serving grades 9-12 to academy year 2023-2024. Motion by Trustee Hiller second by**

Trustee Fuentes to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Pass Independent School District and Southwest Texas Junior College serving grades 9-12 to academy year 2023-2024. Motion Granted 7/0.

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the waiver for the Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 school years to the Texas Education Agency and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related amendments as per Board Policy. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Purcell to approve the waiver for the Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 school years to the Texas Education Agency and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related amendments as per Board Policy. Motion Granted 7/0.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the renewal of annual software support and maintenance agreement contracts for the 2023-2024 school year and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes to approve the renewal of annual software support and maintenance agreement contracts for the 2023-2024 school year and the Board delegates the Superintendent or Designee the authority to make related budgeted purchases of goods or services as per Board Policy (CH). Motion Granted 7/0.**
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the consultant contract between Eagle Pass ISD and the City of Eagle Pass/Fire Dept. who will provide the EPHS and CCWHS Health Science students the opportunity to obtain a certification as an emergency medical technician. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Alvarez to approve the consultant contract between Eagle Pass ISD and the City of Eagle Pass/Fire Dept. who will provide the EPHS and CCWHS Health Science students the opportunity to obtain a certification as an emergency medical technician. Motion Granted 7/0.**
7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Dual Credit Partnership between Sul Ross University and Eagle Pass School District for 2023-2024 school year. **Motion by Trustee Martinez second by Trustee Fuentes to approve the Dual Credit Partnership between Sul Ross University and Eagle Pass School District for 2023-2024 school year. Motion Granted 7/0.**

VII. Consent Items

It was the consensus of the Board to consider item(s) 1 - 13 in One Motion. **Motion by Trustee Purcell second by Trustee Fuentes. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve an adjustment to pricing in the adult/visitor meals for school year 2023-2024. **Mr. Rolando Salinas, Deputy Superintendent for District Operations informed the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of a revision of the recommended adjustment for the visitor adult breakfast only from \$3.50 to \$4.00.**

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a cooperative working agreement between Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN) and Eagle Pass ISD. **Item previously considered.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve Policy Update 121 as received from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). **Item previously considered.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the Education Service Center Region 20 Participation Commitments for the 2023-2024 school year 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.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 240206 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.**
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 240506 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.**
7. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 240606 for 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.**
8. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 240706 for Restaurant Branded Food Delivery 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.**
9. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 240806 for Speech and Related 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.**
10. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 241106 for Stop-Loss Reinsurance Only for Health Benefit 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.**
11. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 241306 on concrete and related materials 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.**
12. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to award Sealed Proposal No. 241406 Manual Labor 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.**

13. 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.**

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 **7:07 PM** Pursuant to Section §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, §551.082, §551.083, and §551.084, Texas Government Code: **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Martinez. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to approve personnel contracts as presented. TGC 551.074.
2. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to. TGC 551.074.
3. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Seguin Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.
4. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Glass Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.
5. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Graves Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.
6. The Board will hear the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Eagle Pass Jr. High subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074.
7. The Board will consult with its attorney regarding legal issues relating to the Superintendent's annual compensation plan recommendation for the 2023-2024 school year to include employee pay increases as included in the budget. TGC 551.071
8. The Board will discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. TGC 551.074. **Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President stated that this item will be rescheduled to a future date.**

IX. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **7:55 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 approve personnel contracts as presented. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve personnel contracts as presented. Motion Granted 7/0.**

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire personnel to fill vacancies pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the request to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 7/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Seguin Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve the hiring of Mr. Juan Carlos de la Garza to serve as Instructional Officer at Seguin Elementary subject to reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**
4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Glass Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Martinez seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the hiring of Mr. Arturo Gonzalez to serve as Instructional Officer at Glass Elementary subject to reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**
5. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Graves Elementary subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Perry seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the hiring of Mr. Jose G. Salazar to serve as Instructional Officer at Graves Elementary subject to reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**
6. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to hire a professional employee to serve as Instructional Officer at Eagle Pass Jr. High School subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Purcell seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the hiring of Mr. David J. Even to serve as Instructional Officer at Eagle Pass Jr. High School subject to reassignment by the Superintendent. Motion Granted 7/0.**
7. Consider and take appropriate action on the Superintendent's annual compensation plan recommendation for the 2023-2024 school year to include employee pay increases as included in the budget. TGC 551.074. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes seconded by Trustee Hiller to approve the Superintendent's annual compensation plan recommendation for the 2023-2024 school year to include employee pay increases as included in the budget. TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 7/0. Please see Superintendent's Recommendations below.**

Superintendent's Recommendations are as follows:

- *Salary increase of \$50.00 local step increase per year for years one to four years' experience and \$100.00 local step increase per year for five or more years' experience for full-time teachers, counselors, librarians, RN's and other professionals.*
- *Each employee should earn an additional five, six, or seven paid local days based on the number of months of service required for the position and in accordance with administrative regulations for the 2023-2024 school year as per Board Policy DEC (Local).*

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. TGC 551.074. **Rescheduled for a later date.**

X. Correspondence and Information: Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Thursday-July 27, 2023 – Joint Workshop – ICT – 2:00 PM

XI. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM. Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Alvarez. Motion Granted 7/0.

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 Joint Workshop on July 27, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the International Center for Trade, 3295 Bob Rogers Dr., Eagle Pass, TX. 78852.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Jorge Barrera, Board President
Mrs. Hilda P. Martinez, Board Vice – Exit 3:42 PM
Dr. Hector Alvarez, Board Secretary
Ms. Lupita Fuentes, Board Trustee - Absent
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee - Absent
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee - Absent

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

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

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 2:12 P.M.
- II. **Joint Workshop**

Other entities and business owner present:

Eagle Pass City Council
Maverick County Commissioners Court
Eagle Pass Water Works System Board of Trustees
Maverick County Hospital District Board of Trustees
Sul Ross State University
Kickapoo Tribe of Texas
Mr. Jesse Fuentes, Epi's Canoe & Kayak Team

Mr. Jesse Fuentes, owner of Epi's Canoe & Kayak Team addressed everyone present and invited them to join him along with the Eagle Pass Boarder Alliance and Rio Grande Study Center next Tuesday, August 1, 2023, to speak to the media in order to bring attention to the disruption of the river sanctuaries by the floating wrecking ball-size buoys that are being placed in the middle of the Rio Grande River.

Mr. Mark Rodriguez, Government Relations Consultant gave an update on the Texas Legislative Session.
\$37 billion for transportation - \$32 billion for highway funding
\$95 million – General State Aviation
TCQ – Environmental Issues
Broadband – has more money than \$1.5 billion to work with \$3 billion from federal funding
Education – If there is a 3rd Special Session either September or October – HB1960 might or might not be added – may include voucher and retirement teacher funding
HB 28 – Specific Success – Eagle Pass added to the Hotel/Motel Tax
Border Security – reimbursement cost

Texas Representative, Mr. Eddie Morales – stated that HB 1960 died on the last day. Senator Blanco helped us with HB1960. Southwest Texas Junior College bussed students and staff to Austin to demonstrate opposition for the four-year university. We are working with the Jr. College moving forward. Mr. Larry Levine and family donated to the Texas State University System 120 acres and we have the \$32 million for the first stand-alone building. The city and the county have both received a letter from the Texas State University System need buy in from the community with the infrastructure costs. The costs are between nine and ten million dollars. Mr. Levine, developer, Sul Ross State University representatives and Mr. Morris Lipson who is part of Terra Tech were present to answer any questions. He also explained how HB 1960 was not about funding it was about making sure that we had downward expansion. The university cannot offer years one and two unless we have the legislature say, yes you can. If HB 1960 would have been passed then that would of open doors for funding opportunities from the state level to be appropriated higher education funds. We will ask the governors office if we can take another bill with similar wording if there is a third special legislative session. If there is a third session and we are allowed to take it, we will come to you to pass a resolution in support of the House Bill.

Mr. Morris Lipson, City of Eagle Pass Water Works System Board Trustee – Thanked everyone in attendance. Initial committee for this university can expand and include some of you present. We need to move forward and come together to flourish. This way in five to seven years we can have our own four-year university. City Council is currently exploring options. City Council and County Commissioners to meet together to see how they can come up with a solution. Mr. Lipson also thanked Mr. Larry Levine and family for the donation of 120 acres towards the four-year university. The future site will have access from HW-57 and once Loop 480 is completed there would be access from there as well.

Mr. Larry Levine – Land doner/Developer – He addressed everyone present and expressed how this part of the state of Texas is the only one that does not have a four-year university. He stated that TAMIU did great things for Laredo and that Texas State would do the same for Eagle Pass. Eagle Pass has all the factors that it needs (on the border, industry, and the only Casino in the state). These three things along with quality of life, cost of living, and location (near a big city). These reasons would make people move here to attend the university. He also described where the land was located and the challenges of the infrastructure installation.

Dr. Bernardo Cantón, Sul Ross State University Executive Vice-President & Provost – He informed everyone that the committee had met with master planner and it was very inspiring going to a four-year university with 18 buildings and 10,000 students. He pointed out that going to a four-year independent university is based not on time but on enrollment. There are enrollment criteria that were set out since the beginning to move from an off campus to a branch campus. That is the objective to be the new independent university from Sul Ross. We are currently looking for a new dean for the School of Business here. We have two degrees, Bachelor's in Business Administration and Master's in Business Administration. Our intention is to allocate resources properly. Business and Health Science are the two areas the we are investing our resources in. Our goal is to create county majors about the degrees in accounting, finance, management, marketing, international business. If we don't have a menu of programs, it's difficult to keep students. We have created a School of Health Sciences to consolidate all the programs and bring them all together. We have a new Nursing Program Director starting this fall. We have a Nursing program; Kinesiology Program and we have a health science program we are starting. Eventually grow into its own College of Health Science. We Hope to do that as well for those two areas. In the future we hope to have an engineering program. We are 70% Hispanic serving institution. In order to achieve this, we have to have at least 25% enrollment of Hispanic origin and we have 70% Hispanic enrollment. In addition, we are a low income serving first generation college. We are ranked 30th in the West Universities in performing for Social Mobility that is taking low-income first-generation minority students and have them succeed and 7th in Texas.

Mr. Jorge Barrera, EPISD Board President – HB 1960 was not passed and don't know if it will be taken to a third possible special legislative session. If not taken to third possible special session, what can we as a community do to help?

Mr. Samuel Mijares, EPISD Superintendent – Informed everyone that the District is currently working on migrating our students to Sul Ross. Hopefully within a year or two we have all our students with Sul ross. There was some technicalities there because they can't offer first or second year courses here. We are doing a Memorandum of Understanding with Alpine. We are going to offer more of a pathway ad then maybe we can do like a 60 credit hours ceremony, something locally, since they can't offer year one or two classes to our students. We all need to work together with the City and County so that we can make sure that we have an academic institution for all our students.

Mr. Rolando Salinas, Eagle Pass City Mayor – Asked what specific infrastructure and road request are needed to move forward.

Mr. Ramsey E. Cantu, Maverick County Judge – Stated that there should have been a discussion on the infrastructure needs and costs to make a determination of what would have been more cost feasible to making sure the this can get done. He also wanted to know if there was going to be an annexation agreement that will be reached with the city? What planning stage is this in?

Kickapoo Tribe of Texas – representative – Stated that they would report to the Tribal Council where everything is in the planning stage. Talk to them about how the house bill has died and what needs to get done as far as infrastructure.

III. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM. Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 3/0.

WE AFFIRM THAT THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICAL, 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 Regular Board Meeting on August 08, 2023 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
Ms. Glenna Purcell, Board Trustee
Mr. Christopher Hiller, Board Trustee
Mr. Victor E. Perry, Board Trustee - **Absent**

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Samuel Mijares

Attorney: Mr. Richard Strieber, Escamilla & Poneck Law Firm – Entered at 6:03 PM

- 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 – No one signed up**

Recognitions –

1. **Recognition of the CC Winn High School Silverline Dance Team for achieving a Superior Rating at the Universal Dance Association Camp, as well as Rebecca Barrera, Evelyn Garcia, Kiana Kancheff, Adriana Martinez, Mya Sanchez and Aailah Segura earning the All-American Award.** Daniella Byrne, Public Information Officer addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent and recognized the CC Winn High School Silverline Dance Team for achieving a Superior Rating at the Universal Dance Association Camp, as well as Rebecca Barrera, Evelyn Garcia, Kiana Kancheff, Adriana Martinez, Mya Sanchez and Aailah Segura earning the All-American Award. A group picture was taken.

IV. District Reports/Presentations

1. **Report on the 2023 Certified Appraisal Roll for the Maverick County appraisal District.** No questions from the Board.
2. **Report on the Certification of the Estimated 2022/2023 Excess Debt Collections for the EPISD Interest and Sinking Fund.** No questions from the Board.
3. **Review and Discuss the 2023 Voter – Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.** No questions from the Board.
4. **Financial Report.** No questions from the Board.

5. **Utility Report.** No questions from the Board.
6. **Tax Collection Report.** No questions from the Board.
7. **Presentation of the 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook.** No questions from the Board.

V. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to elect two (2) School Board Members, one member as a Delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards, and the other member as an Alternate. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell to elect Trustee Hiller as a Delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards, and Trustee Perry as the Alternate to the Texas Association of School Boards. Motion Granted 6/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct Handbook. **Motion by Trustee Hiller second by Trustee Fuentes to approve the 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct Handbook. Motion Granted 6/0.**
3. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to allow EPISD Police officers to be assigned police units to take home and allow all Law Enforcement Officers to eat for free at any EPISD cafeteria. **Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Martinez to allow EPISD Police officers to be assigned police units to take home and allow all Law Enforcement Officers to eat for free at any EPISD cafeteria. Motion Granted 6/0.**

VI. Consent Items

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

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 (regular) and the July 19, 2023 (Special) Board Meetings. **Item previously considered.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the 2023-2024 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisal Calendar and list of Appraisers subject to change. **Item previously considered.**
3. 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 **6:08 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 Alvarez. Motion Granted 6/0.**

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

VIII. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at 6:20 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 Alvarez seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the request to fill vacancies as discussed in closed session. Motion Granted 6/0.**

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

1. This Thursday- August 10, 2023 – Convocation – Fine Arts Building – 8:00 AM
2. This Friday – august 11, 2023 – CCWHS STUCO Breakfast – 8:30 AM
3. Wednesday – August 23, 2023 – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – ICT – 11:30 AM – Let us know if you need tickets
4. Friday, September 29, 2023 – Sunday, October 1, 2023 – TASA/TASB/Delegate Convention – Dallas, TX – Let us know if you are interested in attending

These events already on your calendar

X. **Adjournment:**

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM. Motion by Trustee Alvarez 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: _____

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 Board Meeting on August 22, 2023 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
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 – Absent

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Board President, Jorge Barrera called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M.
- II. **Public Hearing to Discuss The 2023-2024 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate** – Opened at 5:51 PM, no one signed up. Closed at 5:51 PM.
- III. **2nd Budget Workshop**
 1. **Review 2023-2024 Official Budget and Proposed Tax Rate** – Mr. Ismael Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance reviewed the 2023-2024 proposed budget. The beginning balance for 09/01/22 was \$66,902,525 and we had a deficit of \$5,630,817. We had 22-23 Esser Funds that were used to reclassify expenditures to add to M&O balance. Ending balance for 8/31/23 is \$71,771,708. Next year we will start with \$71,771,708 which includes the Step Increase for Teachers and Professionals. The deficit of \$5,630,817 is carried over. We will have the final year of Esser Funds of \$6,600,000 which allows us to not have deficit and will end with on 8-31-24 Ending Balance of \$72,740,891. We estimate to start 24-25 with \$72,740,891 and a deficit of \$5,630,817, no Esser Funds brings it to an ending balance of \$67,110,074. Attendance has been increasing and so are our interest rates so that should help us to minimize the deficit and be able to make up at least half of the amount. House Bill 3 was approved by the Texas Legislature and we will be using some of the Momma Patrol funds to maximize as much funding to provide the needs of our officers. The Governor of Texas is the only one that has the discretion on calling a third special session and what will be included. If in the third session they approve salary increases and funding for them. They might approve them for next fiscal year or if it is for this year, it would have to be retroactive. Budget has been completed as required by TEA. It will be filed through PEIMS.

The 2023 Tax Rate for the Maintenance & Operations Fund will be \$.76240 and the Interest and Sinking Fund tax rate of \$.06646 for a total tax rate of \$.82886. This will be a total reduction of -18.03% from last year. Also, Senate Bill 2 – approved on special session by state Legislature for 2023-2024 for Homestead Exemption to go from \$40,000 to \$100,000 for an increase of 150.00%.

IV. Action Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt the official budget of 2023-2024 school year. **Motion by Trustee Alvarez second by Trustee Purcell to approve the official budget of 2023-2024 school year. Motion Granted 7/0.**
2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to adopt Resolution 2023/2024-01 to set the 2023 Tax Rate. **Motion by Trustee Perry second by Trustee Martinez I move to adopt the Tax Rate of \$.76240 for the Maintenance & Operations Fund and the Tax Rate of \$.06646 for the Interest and Sinking fund for a total Tax Rate of \$.82886. Motion Granted 7/0.**

- V. **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 **6:16 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 Perry. Motion Granted 7/0.**

1. The Board will hear the request to hire personnel hire professional employee to serve as Diagnostician subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. TGC 551.074.

- VI. **Open Session:** The meeting reconvened at **6:24 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 professional employee to serve as Diagnostician subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent. **Motion by Trustee Hiller seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the request to hire professional employee to serve as Diagnostician subject to possible future reassignment by the Superintendent pursuant to TGC 551.074. Motion Granted 7/0.**

Superintendent's Announcements:

1. Wednesday – August 23, 2023 – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – ICT – 11:30 AM – Let Marisela know if you need a ticket.
2. Thursday – August 24, 2023 – Water Tower Ribbon Cutting – EPHS @ Water Tower behind EPJH – 9:00 AM.
3. Thursday – August 24, 2023 – Water Tower Ribbon Cutting – CCWHS @ Water Tower by ICT – 11:00 AM.

VII. Adjournment:

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM. Motion by Trustee Fuentes second by Trustee Purcell. Motion Granted 7/0.

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

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Date Minutes Approved: _____ Date Minutes Signed: _____