

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, November 14, 2018, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present:	Orlando Flores	Sylvia Gonzales
	Ben Morales	Greg Spence
	Marcos Salcido III	Adan Escobar
	Rey Sepulveda	

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present:	Mr. Poncho Garcia Jr.	Mr. Gilbert Alarcon
	Mr. Ruben Carrillo	Mrs. Michele Gonzalez
	Dr. Sam Hogue	Mr. Alex Navarro
	Mrs. Corina Ruiz	Mr. Jorge Saenz

Maria T. Rodriguez

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mr. Greg Spence, Board President. At Roll Call all members were in attendance. Mr. Marcos Salcido III led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Communication and Visitors

Under this portion of the meeting the following people addressed the Board and community present:

Mrs. Corina Ruiz, O'Donnell Principal, addressed the Board regarding the event with El Paso Community College designating the O'Donnell Intermediate as a "College Bound School". She provided an overview of the events of the day, the agreement, read off the Proclamation which was presented to Central Office and thanked all her staff and community for all their support.

Mrs. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia, newly elected board member, hoped that the items would be re-arranged so that the canvassing, ethics statement and oath of office could be done prior to any other business on the agenda.

Mr. Marco Martinez, community member, addressed the Board regarding the recent election. He thanked the Board for their service and reiterated the responsibilities of a school board member. He addressed the Board and community present regarding Item #8 and the concerns he had with

information provided on the Tax Ratification Election Flyer and the information given at different board meetings and parent meetings. He asked that the Board table Item #8 and reconsider information regarding the tax rate. He asked that the Board look into the Class size waiver which was listed on the September 2018 agenda; a meeting not held for lack of a quorum.

Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales, Board and community member, invited Justice of the Peace Precinct #6A Judge Ruben Lujan and Constable Javier Garcia to speak to the Board and community regarding the services they provide. Judge Lujan explained changes in truancy laws, filing the required paperwork and the process to file with District Attorney Jaime Esparza. He did state that parents are still liable for the attendance of their children. Constable Javier Garcia offered his services in helping with parades, traffic, and has hired two former School Resource Officers to help the schools. He provided his cell number for anyone needing to reach him as he currently does not have a clerk in his office.

Mr. Michael Perez and Dr. Roderick signed the form in error.

3. Fabens ISD Lone Finalist Employment Contract

Board President, Mr. Greg Spence opened the item and informed the community that the Board needed to finalize the employment contract to be offered to the lone finalist, Dr. Veronica Vijil. The item was taken into Executive Session per TX. Gov't. Code 551.074 at 6:52 PM.

The item reconvened at 7:17 PM with a motion being made by Mr. Marcos Salcido III and second by Mr. Ben Morales to offer a base salary of \$140,000 along with the benefits listed on the contract referred to as the "school contract"

Motion Carried 7 – 0

4. Fabens ISD Board of Trustees November 6, 2018 Election

Mr. Greg Spence, Board President, opened the item.

A. Canvass of Fabens ISD Board Election Results

Mr. Greg Spence read off the official election results received from the El Paso County Elections Department as follows:

FABENS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEE, PLACE I (1)

Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia – 914 votes - 67.80%

L. Anthony Vernium - 434 votes - 32.80%

FABENS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEE, PLACE II (2)

Benjamin "Ben" Morales - 682 votes - 50.63%

Viola Hernandez – 665 votes – 49.37%

FABENS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEE, PLACE IV (4)

Greg Spence – 1024 votes – 100%

As a result of said election, and in conformity with law, the Board of Trustees hereby declared that the following persons received the highest number of votes for the three (3) positions and were elected as members of the Board of Trustees:

FABENS ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

PLACE I (1) Rosamaría Gallo-Avitia **PLACE II (2)** Benjamin Morales
PLACE IV (4) Greg Spence

Mr. Marco Salcido III thanked the Board and community; wished everyone well and congratulated Mrs. Gallo-Avitia and Dr. Veronica Vijil.

B. Resolution Certifying Election Results

Mr. Greg Spence read off the resolution certifying the November 6, 2018 election results. He named Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia, Mr. Benjamin Morales and himself (Greg Spence) as the certified winners of the election.

C. Officer Certificate Signing

Mr. Greg Spence presented certificates to the winners of the election.

D. Officer Ethics Statement

Justice of the Peace, Judge Ruben Lujan, was present to administer the Statement of Elected Officers to our newly elected and re-elected board members: Mrs. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia, Mr. Benjamin Morales and Mr. Greg Spence.

E. Administer Oath of Office

Justice of the Peace, Judge Ruben Lujan, administered the Oath of Office to our newly elected and re-elected board members.

F. Election of Board of Trustees Officers

Board President, Mr. Greg Spence took nominations for President: Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales second for Mr. Orlando Flores.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Newly elected President, Mr. Orlando Flores then asked for nominations for Vice-President: Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores second for Mr. Rey Sepulveda.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Ben Morales second for Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales as Board secretary.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

After all the process had been completed; Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales second to approve the resolution and official election results as certified by the El Paso County Election Administrator.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Special Meeting, Friday, October 12, 2018

B. Minutes of Special Meeting, Saturday, October 13, 2018

C. Minutes of Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 17, 2018

D. Minutes of Special Meeting, Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Mr. Garcia opened the item and read off the list under Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Adan Escobar second to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

6. Cotton Valley Early College High School Update

Dr. Sam Hogue presented a Power Point presentation on this information item with an update on the early college program which is required of both El Paso Community College and Cotton Valley Early College. He stated that enrollment is currently at 263 students and read the mission of the campus. In his presentation he reviewed all the Benchmarks: Target Population – Partnership Agreement – P-16 Leadership Initiatives – Curriculum and Support – Academic Rigor and Readiness and School Design.

7. Discuss and Consider Adopting an Order Canvassing Tax Ratification Election Returns

Board President, Orlando Flores read off the Order for the Tax Ratification Election and read off the official results received from the El Paso County Elections Department:

Proposition A – Approving the Ad Valorem tax rate of \$1.457800 for \$100 valuation in Fabens Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.130000 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate, for the purpose of capital and maintenance and operations

668 votes for

623 votes against

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Spence and second by Mr. Ben Morales to approve the Order canvassing the tax ratification election results certified by the El Paso County Elections Administrator.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

8. Adoption of Fabens ISD 2018 - 2019 Tax Rate

Mr. Alarcon opened the item and announced that with the successful voter approval of the tax ratification election, Fabens ISD would be lowering the tax rate as promised to the voters. He answered a few questions and stated that the El Paso Tax Office would be notified so that revised tax bills could be sent out.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales and second by Mr. Ben Morales to approve the 2018 – 2019 Fabens ISD Tax Rate as presented at a total of \$1.327800 per \$100 valuation - \$1.170000 for Maintenance & Operation and \$0.157800 for Interest and Sinking

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Prior to adjourning Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales second to reconsider Item #3 and the base amount of the contract. Mr. Sepulveda wished to reconsider the amount back to the original \$130,000.

Mr. Greg Spence questioned the legality of the motion and asked for clarification. Mr. Spence stated that Mrs. Gallo-Avitia had not participated in the selection process and had some concerns. Mr. Orlando Flores stated that as an elected official he felt she had the right to do so.

Motion Carried 4 - 3

Voting Against: G. Spence,
A. Escobar and B. Morales

Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Rey Sepulveda second to rescind their vote on Item #3 and reconsider at a later time.

Motion Carried 4 – 3

Voting Against: G. Spence,
A. Escobar and B. Morales

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Orlando Flores and second by Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

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12/19/2018

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