

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, February 20, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present:	Orlando Flores	Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia
	Sylvia Gonzales	Ben Morales
	Rey Sepulveda	Greg Spence

Members Absent: Adan Escobar

Administrators Present:	Mrs. Michele Gonzalez	Mr. Gilbert Alarcon
	Mr. Jacob Belshe	Dr. Sam Hogue
	Dr. Joe Keith	Mr. Alex Navarro
	Mr. Stacey Nunez	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. Orlando Flores, Board President. At Roll Call all members were in attendance except Mr. Adan Escobar who had a work conflict. Mr. Rey Sepulveda led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Superintendent's Report

A. Report of Finances

Under this portion of the item, no Board members had questions at the meeting.

B. Bragging Rights

1. FES - Monolingual Tiny Tots Story Telling Winners

Mr. Richard Lopez, FES Principal, showcased their 2nd Place trophy. Mr. Lopez introduced Ms. Cheryl Mischen, UIL Tiny Tots coach, she thanked Ms. Sylvia Lara, FES UIL Coordinator for her support of all UIL coaches. Ms. Mischen had her 2 Tiny Tots: Siena Sierra and Mauricio Mares perform their story for the Board and community present.

2. O'Donnell - UIL Contest Winners

Mrs. Corina Ruiz, O'Donnell Intermediate Principal, showcased their 1st Place trophy and stated that this is O'Donnell's 24th straight year placing 1st. Mrs. Ruiz thanked all her UIL coaches present and Mrs. Monica Townsend, O'Donnell UIL Coordinator. O'Donnell students: Sophia Salas and Dania Federico recited their poems for the Board and community present.

3. FMS - All Region Band Members

Mr. Jose Del Rio, FMS Band Director, thanked the Board for their support of the band program. Mr. Del Rio gave a brief history of the band program at FMS. He congratulated the band members for securing almost 2/3 of the All Region Band membership count. The students present were dressed in the different band uniforms used at FMS.

4. FHS - Football Scholarship Signing - Jesse Jay Gutierrez

Athletic Director, Jacob Belshe, was present to congratulate FHS Senior, Jesse Gutierrez. Jesse signed and will play football with Western New Mexico University.

5. FHS - HOSA State Qualifiers

FHS HOSA sponsor Jasmin Cordova introduced some of the members going to the state competition in San Antonio. Each of the members present introduced themselves and spoke about their events. Ms. Cordova congratulated all members and wished them well at the state competition.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - January 16, 2019

Dr. Vijil opened the item; Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mr. Rey Sepulveda second to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

4. Fabens Alumni Scholarship Presentation

Dr. Vijil opened the item and introduced Mr. Robert Sepulveda, Fabens Alumni President. Present was also Mr. Sam Ponzio who presented a check for \$13,000. The monies were to be given as six (6) \$2,000 Senior scholarships, \$400 for Fabens Elementary School, and \$300 for both Fabens Middle School and O'Donnell Intermediate.

5. Fabens ISD 2017 - 2018 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Mrs. Michele Gonzalez opened the item and provided a Power Point presentation for the Board and community present on the district's performance report. She announced for all present that the district 2017 – 2018 rating was a "B". Mrs. Gonzalez reviewed each individual campus rating and highlighted their respective designations. She explained the different performance standards and defined each of the possible ratings given by the state. She reviewed the report and answered questions from the Board and community present.

6. Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 112 Affecting (Local) Policies:

A. BJA - Superintendent Qualifications and Duties

B. CCG - Local Revenue Sources: Ad Valorem Taxes

C. CCGA - Ad Valorem Taxes: Exemptions and Payments

- D. CH - Purchasing and Acquisition**
- E. CQ - Technology Resources**
- F. CV - Facilities Construction**
- G. DCB - Employment Practices: Term Contracts**
- H. DH - Employee Standards of Conduct**
 - I. DIA - Employee Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation**
- J. FMA - Student Activities: School Sponsored Publications**
- K. FNG - Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances**
- L. GF - Public Complaints**
- M. GKA - Community Relations: Conduct on School Premises**
- N. GKB - Community Relations: Advertising and Fundraising**

The item was opened by Dr. Vijil, who reviewed with the Board the local policies affected by TASB Board Policy Update 112. Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and second by Mr. Ben Morales to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 112 as presented.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

7. Discussion and Action on 2018 - 2019 Fabens ISD Texas Education Agency State Waiver - Maximum Class Size Exception

Dr. Vijil opened the item and asked if any of the members had questions on the information provided to them in their packets. She reviewed the Fabens Elementary School's attendance report and highlighted the classroom sections exceeding the 22:1 counts. She answered a few questions from the Board about cost, replacing retiring teachers, classroom aides, salaries and inclusion students. After the short discussion, Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Greg Spence second to approve the submission of TEA's Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver.

Motion Carried 6 - 0

8. Discussion and Action to Set New Date for March 2019 Board Meeting

Dr. Vijil opened the item and explained that our regularly scheduled board meeting for March would fall during our Spring Break. After a short discussion; Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales second to move the meeting to March 13, 2019.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Allow the Posting for a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) or Special Education Counselor

Dr. Vijil opened the item and asked if any members had questions regarding the item that was initially discussed last month and was again on our agenda. Points were made regarding the differences between a counselor and psychologist; Mr. Saenz highlighted the differences in assessment abilities between the two positions. He stated that he hoped both

positions would be posted but that the best candidate would be hired. Questions were asked regarding salary differences; Dr. Vijil states that SHARS and monies allocated to contracted services would help with the salary of the candidate hired. Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mr. Rey Sepulveda second to approve the posting for a licensed specialist in school psychology or special education counselor as presented.

Motion Carried 6 - 0

10. Communication and Visitors

Under this item the following people addressed the Board:

Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales asked the Board if they could revisit the policy which requires the district to charge for use of some of our facilities so that maybe programs that were in place in the past could be brought back at no charge to sponsors or students.

Mr. Marco Martinez addressed the Board and asked if the district could partner up with the county or city for some of the programs/facilities needed in Fabens. He asked about our One Call System for parents and community members.

11. Fabens ISD Level III Grievance - B. T.

This item was taken into Executive Session per Tx. Gov't. Code 551.071 and 551.074 at 7:14 PM. After reconvening at 8:46 PM, Board President, Mr. Orlando Flores, stated that he was now entertaining any motion that any Trustee may wish to make. If the Board takes no action, then this will have the effect of upholding the Administration's decision at Level II pursuant to Board Policy DGBA (Local).

No action was taken; thus upholding the Level II decision.

12. Recommendation to Propose Employment Termination of J.A., Classroom Teacher

After opening the item, Dr. Vijil, informed the Board that she had received a resignation letter from the teacher and no further action was needed.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rey Sepulveda and second by Mrs. Sylvia Gonzales to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM.

Motion Carried 6 - 0

Signature

03/13/2019

Date

Signature