Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, September 18, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present:	Adan Escobar	Orlando Flores
	Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia	Sylvia Gonzales
	Rey Sepulveda	Greg Spence (arrived at 6:45 PM)
Members Absent:	Ben Morales	
Administrators Present:	Dr. Veronica Vijil	Ms. Michele Gonzalez
	Ms. Yvonne Coupland	Mr. Richard Lopez
	Mr. Alex Navarro	Mr. Anthony Prado
	Ms. Corina Ruiz	Mr. Jorge Saenz
	Ms. Nancy Torres	
	Maria T. Rodriguez	

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**
   6:30 PM
   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. Ben Morales and Mr. Greg Spence. Mr. Spence arrived at 6:45 PM. Mr. Adan Escobar led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **New Business**
   6:31 PM – 6:55 PM

   A. House Bill 2840 and Fabens ISD Board Policy BED (Local) Update

   Dr. Veronica Vijil opened the item and called Mr. Anthony Safi, District Legal Counsel, to explain the changes and effects House Bill 2840 has on public entities' board meetings. With the end of the legislative session, he explained that TASB is currently working on updates to all affected policies. He addressed the Board and explained the changes and gave recommendations for the Communication and Visitor portion of board meetings. Pending receipt of TASB updates to our policy, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Aviitia seconded to use the guidelines provided by legal counsel regarding the Communication and Visitor portion of board meetings.

   Motion Carried 6 - 0

B. Introduction of New 2019 -2020 Fabens ISD Staff/Employees

Under this portion Mr. Anthony Prado, FHS Principal, introduced new staff members: English teachers – Ms. Regina Muir and Mr. Justin Stone, Special Education Aide, Ms. Alejandra Gutierrez.
No other principal nor director had staff to introduce.

3. Communication and Visitors
6:55 – 6:58 PM

Parent, Emma Perez, addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the Fabens Middle School Volleyball uniforms and how sizes are handed down and only fit your "average" sized female athlete. She also stated her concern on the handbook provided and its convenience to coaches over students and parents.

4. Consent Agenda
8:06 PM

A. **Business Services**

1. **Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes**
    a. **Special Board Meeting, August 28, 2019**
    b. **Regular Board Meeting, August 28, 2019**

B. Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Property Value Study Appeals Services Report and Contract Proposal for 2019 -2020

C. Approval of Monthly Financials

D. 2019 -2020 Fabens ISD Texas Education Agency State Waiver - Maximum Class Size Exception

E. Fabens ISD 2019 -2020 Employee Handbook

Dr. Veronica Vijil opened the item and read off the list of Consent Agenda items. She did state that the Texas Education Agency State Waiver – Maximum Class Size Exception was not needed as no class exceeded the 22:1 ratio. Mr. Adan Escobar motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to approve the items as presented.

Motion Carried 6 - 0

5. **Board of Trustee Business**

A. El Paso County Housing Authority Presentation
7:51 – 8:06 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and invited Mr. Miguel Hernandez, El Paso County Housing Authority Executive Director, to speak. Mr. Hernandez provided a history of the housing authority here in Fabens and spoke about the 3rd Annual Back to School event they held before the start of the school year for Fabens and neighboring communities. He thanked the district for use of the facility and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the district.

B. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Regarding Intervention in El Paso Electric Company Rate Case with "Rate 41" Group - Public Utility

Commission of Texas Docket No. 446831, State Office of Administrative Hearings Docket No. 473-17-2686
6:59 PM

Mr. Safi, District Legal Counsel, explained the item to the board; he discussed savings to the "Rate 41 Group" and the potential of losing that savings. He reviewed the legal cost to the different entities and the estimated cost to Fabens ISD. After Mr. Safi answered questions from the Board; Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded to approve the interlocal agreement regarding intervention in El Paso Electric Company Rate Case with "Rate 41" Group - Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 446831, State Office of Administrative Hearings Docket No. 473-17-2686 as presented.

Motioned Carried 6 - 0

C. **Approval of Agreement Letter from Husch Blackwell to Provide Legal Services Regarding El Paso Electric Company Rate Case with "Rate 41" - Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 446831, State Office of Administrative Hearings Docket No. 473-17-2686**

Mr. Safi reviewed the estimated costs as part of his presentation in 5B. Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Rey Sepulveda seconded to approve the agreement letter from Husch Blackwell to provide legal services regarding El Paso Electric Company Rate Case with "Rate 41" - Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 446831, State Office of Administrative Hearings Docket No. 473-17-2686.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

D. **Review for Possible Revisions to Fabens ISD Board Policy CE (Local) - Annual Operating Budget for Submission to TASB Policy Services**
8:08 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and reviewed the information provided in the board packets. She explained that there were samples of policies from neighboring districts and requested that Fabens ISD also implement into policy either in percentage or number of month's operating cost that is recommended to be maintained in the fund balance. After a short discussion, Dr. Vijil stated she would have something for the Board to consider at a future board meeting.

E. **Review/Update of Current Fabens ISD Board Procedures**
8:16 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and explained that after Saturday's Board workshop; board procedures should be updated. A current copy of Fabens ISD Board procedures was provided along with a template for TASB to assist with the updating of our current procedures. Dr. Vijil stated that any recommendations/changes or deletions board member wished to have considered, should be submitted to Board President, Mr. Flores.

F. Fabens ISD Child Nutrition Program Budget Amendment
8:21 PM

Ms. Yvonne Coupland opened the item and provided some information regarding the approval of the posting in item # 6B. She provided the grade and pay range for the professional position of Child Nutrition Program Director. After answering a few questions from the Board, Mr. Adan Escobar motioned and Ms. Sylvia Gonzales seconded to approve the Fabens ISD child nutrition program budget amendment as presented.

Motion Carried 5 -1
Voting Against: R. Sepulveda

G. Fabens ISD 2019 Accountability Rating Report
8:29 PM

Assistant Superintendent Michele Gonzalez, reviewed the 2019 State Accountability Ratings and answered questions from the Board.

H. Approval of The 2020 US Census Resolution
8:52 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and explained to the Board that Fabens ISD would be supporting the 2020 US Census and asked for their signature on the resolution that had been included in their packet. Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Mr. Rey Sepulveda seconded in support of the approval of the 2020 US Census resolution as presented.

Motion Carried 6 - 0

6. **District Employees and Officers**
7:37 – 7:51 PM

A. **New 2019 -2020 Staff**
Dr. Vijil reviewed the list of newly hired staff since our last announcement in August.

B. **Fabens ISD Child Nutrition Program Director Posting**
Dr. Vijil opened the item and explained the need for a director position in the Child Nutrition program. She answered questions from the Board regarding qualifications, responsibilities, salary and the posting of the position. Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Adan Escobar seconded to post for a Child Nutrition Program Director.

Motion Carried 5 – 1
Voting Against: R. Sepulveda

C. **Proposed Resolution of Grievance Filed by A.E.**
This item was taken into Executive Session per Tx. Gov't Code 551.071 and 551.074 at 7:09 PM.
After reconvening at 7:37 PM, Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded to accept the resolution as presented by legal counsel.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

7. **Adjourn**
   8:54 PM
   There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Sylvia Gonzales and seconded by Ms. Rosemary Gallo-Avitia to adjourn at 8:54 PM

Motioned Carried 6 - 0

Signature

10/16/2019
Date

Signature