Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present:	Orlando Flores Benjamin Morales	Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia Rey Sepulveda
Members Absent:	Adan Escobar Greg Spence	Sylvia Gonzales
Administrators Present:	Dr. Veronica Vijil Mario Dominguez Richard Lopez Irasema Ramirez Nancy Torres Maria T. Rodriguez	Yvonne Coupland Michele Gonzalez Anthony Prado Corina Ruiz Louie Chavez

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**
   6:33 – 6:34 PM

   The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Mr. Orlando Flores, Board President. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Orlando Flores, Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia, Mr. Benjamin Morales and Mr. Rey Sepulveda. The following members were absent: Mr. Greg Spence who had a work conflict, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales for personal reasons and Mr. Adan Escobar. Mr. Ben Morales led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **January 2020 School Board Recognition Month**
   6:34 – 6:41 PM

   Dr. Vijil opened the item and thanked the Board for their service to Fabens ISD. She read a resolution recognizing all trustees and presented them with certificates. All Board members present thanked the administration, staff and community for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

3. **Communication and Visitors**
   6:42

   Under this item, Mr. Louie Chavez, Executive Director of Personnel Management thanked the Board for the opportunity of working at Fabens ISD

4. **Consent Agenda**
   6:42 – 6:43 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item, Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

A. Approval of the Regular Board Minutes, December 18, 2019

B. Fabens ISD Campus Improvement Plans

C. Approval of Monthly and Quarterly Financials

5. Lone Star Governance
6:43 – 8:48 PM

A. Vision Statement – 6:43 – 6:51 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and read the options for a vision statement. After considering the options and discussing possible revisions; Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Ben Morales seconded for selection of Option 3 – Working together, Fabens ISD creates a positive and lasting impact through multiple learning opportunities.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

B. Student Outcome Goals - 6:51 – 7:03 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and reviewed the student goals, both Option A and B for 2020 – 2024 which was sent to the members in their packets. Ms. Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent, answered questions on the differences between Option A and B. Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve Option A for the Student Outcome Goals.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

C. Accountability 2: Board Self Evaluation using Lone Star Governance Integrity Instrument 7:03 – 8:48 PM

Dr. Veronica Vijil and Ms. Monica Jaloma with Region 19 conducted this portion of Lone Star Governance (LSG) training. Using the LSG Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker the Board reviewed, discussed and updated each individual goal indicators. After completing the evaluation instrument Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to approve the self-evaluating instrument.

Motion Carried 4 – 0

6. Board of Trustees Business

A. Fabens ISD 2018 - 2019 Annual Financial and Compliance Audit Report - 8:52 – 9:05 PM

Ms. Yvonne Coupland, Fabens ISD Chief Business Officer, opened the item and introduced Mr. Robert Gatilia with Singleton, Clark and Co. Mr. Gatilia provided copies to the members of the 2018 -2019 Financial Audit. He reviewed the information in the packet and did state that the district audit was found to be "unmodified". He reviewed the one finding with the board and answered their questions. After the presentation, Mr. Ben Morales motioned and Mr. Rey Sepulveda seconded to approve the 2018 -2019 financial and compliance report as presented.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

B. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Related to the Participation and Intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas Proceeding related to the Sale, Transfer, or Merger of El Paso Electric Company to Entities Related to J.P. Morgan's Infrastructure Investments Fund, Docket No. 49849 Public Utility Commission of Texas, including Proposed Settlement – 9:05 – 9:13 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and reviewed the proposed settlement regarding the case. After reviewing the points of the settlement, Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia motioned and Mr. Ben Morales seconded to authorize the administration to enter into the settlement agreement with El Paso Electric Company and Sun Jupiter Holdings on the matter Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 49849 according to the terms as discussed.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

C. Lower Valley Entity Appointment to El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors – 9:14 – 9:16 PM

An email from The El Paso Central Appraisal with the information on the candidates seeking an appointment to their board was provided to our Board for review. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rey Sepulveda and seconded by Mr. Ben Morales to nominate Mr. Walter Miller to the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

D. Discussion and Revision to Fabens ISD Board Policy DEC - Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences – 9:16 – 9:20 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and reviewed the draft created by Ms. Kathy London, TASB Board Policy Consultant for clarification for retirees after August 2021. The clarification needed was the limit on the possible payout to retirees. After answering a few questions, a motion was made by Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia and seconded by Mr. Rey Sepulveda to approve the changes requested to Fabens ISD Board Policy DEC Local as presented.

Motion Carried 4 - 0

E. District of Innovation Amendment – 9:20 – 9:23 PM

The Board was provided a copy of the proposed revised resolution and committee listing in their packets. Ms. Michele Gonzalez reviewed the process for amending the resolution and explained if the proposed amendment is approved the District could possibly provide alternative group health coverage. After reviewing the process, Mr. Ben Morales motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to adopt the Resolution to Initiate the process of amending the District's current local innovation plan and authorize the administration to revise the committee membership as presented.

Motion Carried 4 –0

F. Discussion on 2020 - 2021 School Calendar – 9:23 – 9:33 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and reviewed 3 school calendar options for 2020 – 2021 that would be discussed with the District Improvement Team. Ms. Michlele Gonzalez discussed the calendar differences and answered concerns with the early college schedules.

G. Fabens ISD Technology Department Update

Mr. Mario Dominguez, Fabens ISD Technology Director, reviewed the Power Point presentation he had regarding his department and presented the Board with the Fabens ISD 2020 – 2024 Technology Plan.

7. District Employees and Officers

A. New 2019 -2020 New Hires

Dr. Vijil read off the list of new hires:
Mr. Louie Chavez – Executive Director of Personnel Management

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rey Sepulveda and seconded by Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM

Motion Carried 4 - 0

Signature

02/19/2020
Date

Signature