

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 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	Rey Sepulveda
Members Present via Teleconference:	Adan Escobar Greg Spence	Sylvia Gonzales Ben Morales
Members Absent:	None	
Administrators Present via Teleconference:	Dr. Veronica Vijil Yvonne Coupland	Michele Gonzalez Mario Dominguez
	Maria T. Rodriguez	

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

6:55 – 6:57 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by Mr. Orlando Flores, Board President. Members present at Central Office: Mr. Flores, Mr. Rey Sepulveda and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia. Members attending via the teleconference: Mr. Adan Escobar, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales, Mr. Ben Morales and Mr. Greg Spence. Mr. Orlando Flores led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized a few community members who served and paid the ultimate price: Ignacio Sambrano, Jose Salcido, Raul Candelaria, Willie Munoz, Fernando Gutierrez and Manuel Rodriguez.

2. Communication and Visitors

6:57 – 6:59 PM

- A. To Submit Questions or Comments - please email:
boardmeeting@fabensisd.net
- B. To View Board Meeting:

To view the meeting live on Youtube please go
to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-x1AKVIN4MC4_bHIShDLdg or
at www.fabensisd.net a link is available under FABENS ISD
ANNOUNCEMENTS - Zoom Webinar ID # 967 4727 1008

Under this portion of the meeting our new HR Director, Ms. Audrey Ortegon introduced herself and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the district.

An email was received from community member, Edmond Aguilar. He had questions regarding how the 2020 Seniors would be receiving their diplomas by mail or would there be a graduation ceremony. He thanked everyone for all the recognition given to the Seniors.

3. Board of Trustees Business

6:59 – 7:02 PM

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Retain Special Counsel for Upcoming Personnel Hearings

Dr. Vijil opened the item and had Mr. Flores, Board President take a list of votes by member.

Voting for Rosemary Marin: Ms. Sylvia Gonzales, Mr. Adan Escobar and Mr. Greg Spence

Voting for Mr. George Farah: Mr. Rey Sepulveda, Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia, Mr. Ben Morales and Mr. Orlando Flores.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Details and Logistics for Upcoming Personnel Hearing

Dr. Vijil opened the item and provided the following information to the Board:

- The nonrenewal hearing is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM.
- She sent a letter received today via email to each member from Mr. Connors where he is requesting and expecting a public hearing before the board. He also expects that the public portion of the hearing would be livestreamed.
- He also provided additional dates in July when he is agreeable to schedule the hearing.
- Mr. Dominguez provided details of the set up for the 14 people expected to participate in the hearing.
- After Mr. Dominguez's presentation, Dr. Vijil did state that if the board takes no action, the hearing would remain scheduled for June 4, 2020 and it would be conducted virtually. If the board wished to hold the hearing in person or at a different date, a new vote would be required.
- Dr. Vijil did state that the administration did recommend that if there is a postponement of the hearing, that it be conditioned on a waiver that any additional amount of backpay that may be accrued due to a delay be waived and that any such waiver be received by 5:00 PM Thursday, May 28, 2020

A discussion took place between Mr. Safi and Mr. Dominguez regarding the details and logistics of the hearing.

After a few questions from the Board, Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded to keep the current June 4, 2020 date.

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Spence and seconded by Mr. Adan Escobar to hold the meeting in person.

Motion Carried 6 – 1

Voting Against: R. Sepulveda

4. Adjourn

There being no further business Mr. Greg Spence motioned and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Gonzales to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM