

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, August 26, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Orlando Flores Rey Sepulveda
Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia

**Members Present
via Teleconference:** Adan Escobar Sylvia Gonzales
Ben Morales Greg Spence

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Dr. Veronica Vijil Ms. Michele Gonzalez
Ms. Yvonne Coupland

**Administrators Present
via Teleconference:** Mario Dominguez

Maria T. Rodriguez

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

6:30 – 6:31 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 teleconference: Mr. Adan Escobar. Ms. Sylvia Gonzales, Mr. Ben Morales and Mr. Greg Spence. Mr. Flores led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Communication and Visitors

6:31 PM

A. To Submit Questions or Comments - please email:
boardmeeting@fabensisd.net

B. To view Board Meeting:
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-x1AKV1N4MC4_bHIShDLdg or go
to
www.fabensisd.net a link is available under Fabens ISD Announcements
Webinar ID: 968 4837 8180

Under this portion of the meeting, there were no questions or comments.

3. Board of Trustees Business

6:31 - 7:34 PM

A. Remote Homebound Instruction for Special Education Students

6:32 – 6:37 PM

Mr. Jorge Saenz, Executive Director of Federal Programs, opened the item and explained the need for the approval of remote homebound instruction for a special education student at Fabens Elementary School. After a few questions from the Board, Mr. Ben Morales motioned and Ms. Sylvia Gonzales seconded to approve the remote homebound instruction to a special education student.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

B. Discussion and Selection of Inclusion/Exclusion of Students from Extracurricular Activities and Elective Courses During Remote Instruction

6:37 – 7:01 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and informed the Board that they needed to decide if remote learners would be able to participate in extracurricular activities and elective courses. If the majority of the Board wished to allow remote learners to participate no resolution was needed, but if the majority of the Board wished to exclude remote learners the included resolution needed to be approved. Questions and concerns were addressed to both Mr. Jacob Belshe, Athletic Director, and Dr. Vijil. After the discussion, Mr. Adan Escobar motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to allow remote learners to participate in extracurricular activities.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

C. Approval of Fabens ISD 2019 -2020 Budget Amendments

7:01 – 7:31 PM

Ms. Yvonne Coupland, Chief Business Officer, explained to the board the amendments in detail that were needed to balance the 2019 – 2020 budget. In reviewing the items, she noted that the amount of \$132,596 should be listed under Other Federal Funding. Ms. Coupland also reviewed each function and how it was affected with the budget amendments. After answering a few questions from the Board, Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia motioned and Mr. Greg Spence seconded to approve the 2019 – 2020 budget amendments as presented by Ms. Coupland.

Motion Carried 7 – 0

Prior to proceeding with the next item, Mr. Greg Spence voiced a concern with the Board receiving the amendments the day of the meeting and asked if it was possible for them to receive the information earlier.

D. Adoption of Fabens ISD 2020 -2021 Budget

7:31 – 7:33 PM

Ms. Yvonne Coupland opened the item and asked if anyone had questions on the 2020 -2021 budget that had been presented at the Public Meeting earlier in the evening. No Board members had questions, and Mr. Greg Spence motioned and Ms. Sylvia Gonzales seconded to approve the 2020 -2021 Fabens ISD budget as presented in the community meeting.

Motion Carried 7 - 0

E. Adoption of Fabens ISD 2020 -2021 Tax Rate

7:33 – 7:34 PM

Ms. Yvonne Coupland opened the item and asked if any member had questions on the 2020 -2021 tax rate. Mr. Greg Spence asked about last year's total tax rate which was of \$1.3383. Mr. Rey Sepulveda motioned and Mr. Ben Morales seconded to approve the 2020 – 2021 at \$1.3355 with \$1.0547 for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.2808 for Interest and Sinking.

Motioned Carried 7 - 0

4. Adjourn

7:35 PM

Prior to adjourning, Board President, Mr. Flores wished to Congratulate the Board and Administration for their work on the 2020 – 2021 budget and lower tax rate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Board President Mr. Orlando Flores at 7:35 PM

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Date Approved