

Minutes of Regular Meeting The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, October 20, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Viola Hernandez
Orlando Flores
Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia
Sylvia Gonzales
Ben Morales
Greg Spence

Members Absent: Adan Escobar

Administrators Present: Dr. Veronica Vijil
Ms. Michele Gonzalez
Mr. Martin Torres
Ms. Audry Ortegon-Galvan
Mr. Michael Perez

Maria T. Rodriguez

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance and Fabens ISD Vision Statement – 6:34

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Board President, Mr. Benjamin Morales. All members were in attendance except Mr. Adan Escobar. The Pledge of Allegiance and Fabens ISD Vision statement was recited by all.

2. Communication and Visitors – 6:35 PM

Under this portion of the meeting, no one signed up to address the Board.

3. Superintendent Report – 6:36 – 7:07 PM

A. Texas Education Human Resources Day

Dr. Vijil opened the item and read a resolution recognizing our Human Resource personnel for all their hard work and dedication to the District.

B. Proclaiming October 2021 Principals' Month

Dr. Vijil for Principals' Month read a proclamation and presented a certificate to all Principals and Assistant Principals.

C. COVID - 19 Update

Under the COVID -19 update, Dr. Vijil informed the Board that the District would now have a saliva test available for students and staff. With the saliva tests, results would be received within 24 and up to 48 hours later. We would continue to use the Rapid tests for students and athletes.

D. Bragging Rights

1. PTECH

Dr. Vijil opened the item and invited Mr. Edgar Rincon, FHS Principal, to speak. Mr. Rincon provided a short history of the Pathway to Technology (PTECH) program. Students were introduced according to the cohort they pertain to and were congratulated by the Board.

2. Fabens High School Band

Mr. Miguel Soto, FHS Band Director provided a short history on the band program and the success they have had this year. Along with Ms. Pearl Holguin, FMS Band Director, they introduced and congratulated the band's accomplishment at the last competition and advancement to the Area competition.

3. Fabens Middle School Ballet Folklorico

Our folklorico program at FMS was recognized and dancers performed for the Board and audience.

4. Consent Agenda – 7:07 – 7:08 PM

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2021

B. Fabens ISD Monthly and Quarterly Financial Reports

C. Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Property Value Study

D. Trinity Grand Marketing LLC DBA: Test Today USA LLC License Agreement

E. El Paso County Community College District Affiliation Agreement - Health Career and Technical Education, Math and Science Division

Dr. Vijil opened the item and read the list of Consent Agenda items. Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

5. Lone Star Governance / Student Outcomes - 7:08 – 7:35 PM

A. Discussion of Tentative Monitoring Calendar – 7:08 – 7:12 PM

Dr. Vijil opened the item and reviewed the calendar draft with the Board. She reviewed each portion of the calendar and noted that the last column were community activities that the Board could utilize to inform parents/community of the student outcome goals adopted by them. Mr. Morales invited the Board to the FMS Fall Festival.

B. Fabens ISD Program Evaluations – 7:12 – 7:32 PM

1. Gifted and Talented

2. Bilingual / ESL

Ms. Michele Gonzalez presented a Power Point presentation to the Board and community regarding updated Gifted and Talented and Bilingual / ESL program information.

C. Bilingual / ESL Certification Waiver – 7:32 – 7:35 PM

Ms. Michele Gonzalez explained to the Board the need for a Bilingual / ESL certification waiver. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to approve the submission of a Bilingual/ESL waiver for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6. Board of Trustees Business – 7:35 – 8:00 PM

A. Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Grant – 7:35 – 7:56 PM

Dr. April Galaviz, Director of Federal Programs, provided a Power Point presentation to the board regarding the new grant (TCLAS) which Fabens ISD has been awarded. She reviewed for the Board and community information regarding the decisions the district elected to pursue.

B. Approval of Changes to Fabens ISD Board Policy DEC (Local)

Compensation and Benefits - Leaves and Absences – 7:57 – 8:00 PM

Ms. Audry Ortegon-Galvan, Human Resource Director, opened the item and explained to the Board that the local policy being considered had been sent by TASB Policy Service Consultant, Ms. Kathy London with the removal of an expired paragraph for employees retiring before August 31, 2021.

After the presentation, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve the recommended changes to Fabens ISD board policy DEC (Local) as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

7. District Employees and Officers – 8:00 – 8:45 PM

A. 2021 - 2022 New Hires – 8:00 – 8:03 PM

Ms. Audry Ortegon-Galvan, Human Resource Director, opened the item and announced new hires for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

Ms. Hilda Aguirre, Ms. Adriana Ortiz, Ms. Jessica Martinez. Campus Principals introduced new staff:

Mr Rincon, FHS Principal, Ms. Kate Galvan and Ms. Elizabeth Huerta

Ms. Nancy Torres, FMS Principal, Ms. Noemi Velasco and

Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Michele Gonzalez announced her new hire:

Ms. Marlene Bullard.

B. Discussion and Approval of: 8:03 – 8:43 PM

1. Position Reclassifications

2. Position Title Changes

After opening the item, Board President, Mr. Benjamin Morales announced that the item would be taken into Executive Session per TX. Gov't. Code 551.074 at 8:04 PM. After reconvening at 8:42 PM, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Ms.

Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to approve as discussed in Executive Session the reclassification and position title changes as presented.

3. New Full Time Employee (FTE) Positions – 8:43 – 8:45 PM

- **Secretary**
- **Bus Driver**
- **Media Specialist**

Dr. Vijil opened the item and asked if the Board had any questions regarding the information from their packets. No questions were voiced and Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Mr. Orlando Flores seconded to approve the new full time employee positions as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 – 1

Voting Against. G. Spence

8. Adjourn – 8:45 PM

There being no further business, Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

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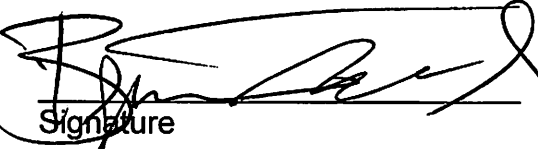
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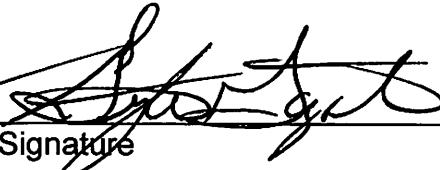
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11/17/2021
Date