

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Luis 'Charlie' Estrada
Sylvia Gonzales
Angel Ornelas Jr.
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez

Members Absent: Adan Escobar Orlando Flores Benjamin Morales

Administrators Present: Dr. Veronica Vijil Mr. Martin Torres
Ms. Michele Gonzalez Mr. David Ayala
Dr. Ana Galaviz Dr. Samuel Hogue
Ms. Marcela Licerio Mr. Michael Perez
Mr. Edgar Rincon

Maria T. Rodriguez

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:39 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by Board President, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales. All members were in attendance, except Mr. Adan Escobar, Mr. Orlando Flores and Mr. Benjamin Morales. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2. Communication and Visitors – 6:40 – 6:57 PM

Under this portion of the meeting, the following people signed up to address the Board:

Ms. Marnie Rocha wished to Thank Dr. Vijil for promoting Latina leaders. Ms. Rocha thanked her for everything she has done for the district; Grow your Own, TIA and everything that was accomplished during the pandemic.

Dr. Pedro Galaviz thanked Dr. Vijil for motivating kids and being a mentor, and all her hard work and accomplishments.

Ms. Rosamaria Gallo-Avitia stated she was sad to hear that there were people leaving but did state that we would be OK. She announced that there would be a town meeting on June 23, 2023 protesting the sewage plant a neighboring water district was wanting to put in Fabens. She encouraged everyone to sign the petition.

Ms. Georgina Barrera, former employee and Dr. Vijil's sister wanted her to know how proud they were of her and how happy they were when she had returned to El Paso. Dr. Vijil had always wanted to work and help students in a community of low socio-economic background and was happy she was able to give back at Fabens ISD.

3. Superintendent Updates – 6:57 – 7:01 PM

3.A. Update on Registration Numbers

Ms. Sofia Maciel, Media Specialist, presented updated registration numbers and thanked all staff members that are helping with registration in any way.

3.B. Mental Health News Article

Ms. Maciel highlighted an article that went out about Emergent Health Network and the benefits to our students.

4. Consent Agenda – 7:01 – 7:03 PM

4.A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 17, 2023

4.B. Minutes of the Workshop / Training Meeting, May 20, 2023

4.C. Minutes of the Workshop Meeting, May 22, 2023

4.D. Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 22, 2023

4.E. Fabens ISD Monthly Financial Report / Federal Expenditures

4.F. Approval of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas Educational Employers Benefit Cooperative Agreement / Resolution

4.G. Approval of Contract Between Fabens Independent School District and Communities in Schools of El Paso, Inc

Dr. Vijil read the list of consent agenda items, Mr. Luis Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

5. District Employees and Officers – 7:03 – 7:05 PM

5.A. 2022 - 2023 New Hires

Ms. Debbie Betancourt, Human Resources Director, introduced the district's newest hires: Ms. Maribel Medina - Central Office Accounts Payable Clerk and Ms. Ilse Gonzalez – Fabens High School PEIMS Clerk.

6. Student Outcomes – 9:44 – 10:05

6.A. End of Year Renaissance Reading and Math Update (K - 8)

Ms. Michele Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership, Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction, presented a Power Point presentation with Reading and Math Student Progress.

7. Board of Trustees Business – 7:05 – 10:58 PM

7.A. Fabens Alumni Scholarship Check Presentation – 7:05 7:12 PM

Mr. Alfredo Valenzuela, Fabens Alumni Association President, provided the Board and community present a short history of the organization. They received an additional scholarship donation and presented a check to the district.

7.B. Employee M. H. Level III Grievance – 7:12 – 8:52 PM

This item was closed per Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.074 at 7:12 PM.

The Board reconvened at 8:50 PM and Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to consider Mr. Manuel Hernandez’s name cleared and regretted the incident.

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

7.C. Discussion on Possible Revisions to Fabens ISD Local Policy GKD Community Relations: Non-school Use of School Facilities - 10:05 – 10:11 PM

The item was requested by Mr. Angel Ornelas. He wished to request that the following be added to the Designated Facility / Equipment Rental List: Wildcat Den, Isaac Camacho Multipurpose Facility, Fabens Elementary Gym and Practice Field, Community Library and Tennis courts.

7.D. Approval of Leader In Me Agreement / Purchase – 10:11 – 10:27 PM

Ms. Michele Gonzalez presented the item, provided information and invited the Board to the Leader In Me training on July 20 – 21, 2023. After the presentation, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the Leader in Me agreement and purchase as presented.

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

7.E. Fabens Middle School (FMS) HVAC Update – 10:27 – 10:34 PM

Mr. Raul Ugarte, Transportation Supervisor presented the item and provided an update on the units being replaced at FMS. Mr. Ugarte answered questions from the Board.

7.F. Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Presentation – 10:34 – 10:45 PM

Dr. April Galaviz, Director of Federal Programs, presented the item. She reviewed information on ESSER III and covered the Power Point presentation provided to the Board in their packets. She answered questions from the Board. The Board thanked her for the hard work she has done for the district.

7.G. Discussion and Possible Reclassification of Human Resources Director Pay Grade – 10:46 – 10:51 PM

The item was presented by Ms. Michele Gonzalez who reviewed the pay scale information provided to the Board. Item failed for lack of motion.

7.H. Discussion and Selection of Board Workshop Dates and Times

7.H.1. Goal Setting

7.H.2. Board Operating Procedures

7.H.2.a. Discussion of Creation of District Committees and Composition of Members

Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to table the item until all board members are present.

Motion Carried: 4- 0

7.I. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Update 121 First Reading – 10:55 – 10:59 PM

Ms. Debbie Betancourt, Human Resources Director presented the item. She did inform the board that this was the first reading of Update 121. The item would be brought back at a later date for approval.

7.J. Closed Session per Texas Government Code 551.074 – 8:52 – 9:28 PM

7.J.1. Review of Special Education Director Recommendation Information

Per Texas Government Code 551.074 the item was closed at 8:52 PM.

7.K. Reconvene from Closed Session for Announcements

7.K.1. Possible Action on Director Recommendation

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 PM and Dr. Vijil stated she had no recommendation for the Special Education Director position.

7.L. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Superintendent Resignation

This item was closed per Texas Government Code 551.075 and 551.074 at 9:29 PM. The item was reconvened at 9:39 PM and Dr. Vijil read a letter addressed to all FUSD employees. Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to accept the resignation of Dr. Veronica Vijil.

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 PM

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Signature

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7/19/2023
Date