

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Central Office, Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Members Present: Adan Escobar
Luis 'Charlie' Estrada
Orlando Flores
Sylvia Gonzales
Benjamin Morales – arrived at 6:34 PM
Angel Ornelas Jr.
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Mr. Martin Torres Ms. Michele Gonzalez
Dr. Ana Galaviz Dr. Samuel Hogue
Ms. Marcela Licerio Mr. Michael Perez
Ms. Rolaura De Anda

Maria T. Rodriguez

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 Board President, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales. All members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2. Communication and Visitors – 6:34 PM

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

3. Superintendent Updates – 6:35 – 6:41 PM

3.A. Laisha Valdez - FISD Softball Catcher

Athletic Director, Ms. Rolaura De Anda, provided a short history of the events that led up to Texas Softball Live recognizing the top softball players in Texas. After listing to players running, Fabens ISD softball catcher, Laisha Valdez was selected at the top athlete.

3.B. 2022 - 2023 Female / Male City of El Paso Athletes of the Year

Ms. De Anda also recognized El Paso Athletes of the Year, Mr. Angel Santillana and Ms. Saileen Devora.

4. District Employees and Officers – 6:42 – 6:44 PM

4.A. Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 New Hires

Dr. Samuel Hogue introduced our newest hires for 2023 – 2024:

Ms. Veronica Brashear, FES Principal and Ms. Jessica Yuldirim, FES Assistant Principal.

5. Consent Agenda – 6:44 – 6:45 PM

5.A. Minutes of the Training Board Meeting, June 21, 2023

5.B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 21, 2023

5.C. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, June 22, 2023

5.D. Fabens ISD Monthly and Quarterly Reports / Federal Expenditures

5.E. 2023 - 2024 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers and Calendar

5.F. 2023 - 2024 Fabens ISD Student Code of Conduct

The item of Consent Agenda was opened and Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the items as presented.

Motioned Carried: 7 - 0

6. Board of Trustees Business – 6:45 – 6:48 PM

6.A. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Update 121 Second Reading

Dr. Sam Hogue presented the informational item. He did explain the color key and asked if any member had any questions. The approval of Update 121 would be on a future board meeting agenda.

6.B. Discussion and Approval on Revisions to Fabens ISD Board Policy FFA Local - Student Welfare - Wellness and Health Services – 6:49 – 6:51 PM

Ms. Rolaura De Anda and Ms. Marcela Licerio presented the item. Ms. Licerio explained that after the Child Nutrition audit the language in FFA local needed to be revised. After a few questions, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to submit the language to TASB Policy Services for the revision to the policy.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

6.C. Fabens ISD Federal Grant Public Notice – 6:51 – 7:03 PM

6.C.1. Special Education Consolidated Grant

6.C.2. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Grant

Dr. April Galaviz presented the item to both the Board and community present. She reviewed the Power Point presentation that had been provided to the board members in their packets and answered questions from the Board.

6.D. Approval of Purchases Exceeding \$30,000 – 7:03 – 7:12 PM

6.D.1. 16 X 10 GLIC Video Wall

6.D.2. Window Protective Film with Graphics

Both Dr. April Galaviz and Mr. Miguel Perez presented the item and reviewed the information provided to the Board. He demonstrated the film selected and showed a short video of the product. After the presentation, where Mr. Perez did state that the safety film is now required, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned, and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to approve purchases more than \$30,000 as presented.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

6.E. Review and Approval of Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 Stipends – 7:13 – 7:31 PM

Dr. Samuel Hogue presented the item. A new list of stipends was provided to the Board and stated that highlighted in yellow were the changes from 2022 – 2023 to 2023 – 2024. Questions were asked about stipends to be removed for Assistant Coaches to Baseball, Soccer, and Softball and how that money would be used. Questions were asked about fundraising, uniforms, and additional program costs. After the presentation, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned, and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the 2023 – 2024 stipends as presented.

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

6.F. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Official Delegate Designation Selection – 7:31 – 7:33 PM

Self-nominations were made by Mr. Angel Ornelas (Delegate) and Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada (Alternate) for the TASB Delegation. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned, and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to approve the nominations.

Motion Carried: 7 - /0

6.G. Discussion and Selection of Date for Public Hearing on Proposed 2023 - 2024 Tax Rate and Budget – 7:33 – 7:37 PM

Mr. Martin Torres, Interim Superintendent, presented the item. As in the past, he requested that the date of the public hearing be the same date as the regular board meeting in August. Mr. Adan Escobar motioned, and Mr. Angle Ornelas seconded to have the public meeting on August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

6.H. Discussion and Approval of 2023 - 2024 Preliminary Tax Rate for Public Hearing

Mr. Torres presented the item and stated that the preliminary tax rate for the 2023 – 2024 tax rate public hearing. Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned, and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded for:

Maintenance and Operation - .93330

Interest and Sinking - .33211

for a total of \$1.26541

Motioned Carried: 7 - 0

6.I. Discussion and Possible Selection for the Purpose of Conducting a Superintendent Search – 7:39 – 8:19 PM

This item was taken into Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.074 at 7:39 PM.

Mr. Adan Escobar left the meeting at 8:07 PM

After reconvening at 8:17 PM, Mr. Orlando Flores motioned, and Mr. Benjamin Morales seconded to formally conduct a Superintendent search.

Motion Failed: 2-4

Voting Against: L. Estrada, S. Gonzales, A. Ornelas, and J. Sepulveda Ramirez

6.J. Review of Human Resources Director Information – 7:39 – 8:17

This item was taken into Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.074 at 7:39 PM to review the Human Resource Director information provided to the Board.

6.K. Possible Action on Human Resources Director Recommendation – 8:19 – 8:20 PM

After reconvening at 8:17 PM, Mr. Luis Estrada motioned, and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve Ms. Aide Polanco as the next Human Resources Director

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned, and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Board Approved: 8/16/2023