

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fabens ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fabens ISD was held Wednesday, August 16, 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
Angel Ornelas Jr.
Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez

Members Absent: Benjamin Morales

Administrators Present:	Mr. Martin Torres	Ms. Michele Gonzalez
	Dr. Daniel Aguayo	Ms. Veronica Brashear
	Dr. Samuel Hogue	Mr. Justin Kleist
	Ms. Monica Lyons	Mr. Michael Perez
	Ms. Corina Ruiz	Ms. Jessica Yildirim

Maria T. Rodriguez

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Mission and Vision Statements – 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales. All members were in attendance except Mr. Benjamin Morales. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

2. Communication and Visitors – 6:32 PM

Under this portion of the meeting, Ms. Jesse Montañez, addressed the Board regarding the homecoming bon fire. She hoped the Board would look into bringing back the tradition that brought so much unity and spirit to the community.

3. Superintendent Update – 6:38 PM

3.A. 2023 - 2024 Convocation

3.B. Update - First Weeks of School

Ms. Sofia Maciel, Media Specialist, presented the item. She showed a video of our 2023 – 2024 Convocation highlights and provided updates on the first week of school.

4. Consent Agenda – 6:43 PM

4.A. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, July 5, 2023

4.B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 19, 2023

4.C. Fabens ISD Financial Reports / Federal Expenditures

4.D. Resolution Adopting a List of Qualified Brokers that are Qualified to Engage in Investment Transactions with Fabens ISD

4.E. Resolution of the Fabens ISD Board of Trustees Regarding Review of the Investment Program

4.F. District Partnership Memorandum of Understanding 2023 Action for Healthy Kids

4.G. Renaissance Purchase Renewal

4.H. Imagine Learning Purchase Renewal

4.I. Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 Student and Employee Handbooks

4.J. Board Resolution Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Independent School Districts Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories

4.K. Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of El Paso County Juvenile Alternative Education Programs Pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code

After opening the item, Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

5. District Employees and Officers – 6:44 PM

5.A. 2023 - 2024 New Hires

Dr. Samuel Hogue opened the item and first introduced our new Human Resources Director, Ms. Aide Polanco.

Dr. Hogue then introduced each of the campus principals who introduced all their new 2023 – 2024 staff and teachers.

All new staff and teachers were welcomed by the Board and Mr. Torres.

6. Board of Trustees Business

6.A. Approval of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board Policy Update 121 Affecting Local Policies – 7:07 – 7:10 PM

6.A.1. CFB - Accounting - Inventories

6.A.2. CKEC - Security Personnel - School Resource Officers

6.A.3. CLB - Buildings, Grounds and Equipment Management - Maintenance

6.A.4. CRF - Insurance and Annuities Management - Unemployment Insurance

6.A.5. CVA - Facilities Construction - Competitive Bidding

6.A.6. CVB - Facilities Construction - Competitive Sealed Proposals

6.A.7. DEA - Compensation and Benefits - Compensation Plan

6.A.8. FD - Admissions

6.A.9. FFI - Student Welfare - Freedom from Bullying

Dr. Samuel Hogue opened the item and read the local policies affected by Update 121. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada seconded to add, revise, or delete local policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 121.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.B. Endorsement of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors Candidate – 7:10 – 7:12 PM

Ms. Sylvia Gonzales, Board President, opened the item. Questions were asked if anyone else had requested endorsement from the Board. Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada seconded to endorse Ms. Cynthia Ann Najera to the TASB Board of Directors.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.C. Review and Approval of Fabens ISD Resolution Regarding Employee Appreciation – 7:12 – 7:17 PM

Mr. Torres, Interim Superintendent, opened the item and read the memo sent to the board members in their packet along with the resolution approving \$25,000 to be set aside to initiate a new appreciation program for all employees. Mr. Luis “Charlie” Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.D. Selection of Dates for – 7:17 – 7:19 PM

6.D.1. New State Accountability Workshop

6.D.2. Special Board Meeting

Mr. Torres opened the item and requested a selection of a date for a special board meeting and a workshop for the new state accountability system.

Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Ms. Julieta S. Ramirez seconded to approve August 30, 2023 – 6:00 and 6:30 PM for the special board meeting and workshop.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.E. Discussion and Possible Action on Additions of Varsity Assistants to Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 Athletic Stipends for: 7:19 – 7:23 PM

6.E.1. Baseball

6.E.2. Boys Soccer

6.E.3. Girls Soccer

6.E.4. Softball

Board President, Ms. Sylvia Gonzales opened the item and explained that she and Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez requested that the item be brought back and that the district reinstate the varsity assistants so that if numbers reach a point where the position is needed they would be ready to name the coach.

Ms. Sylvia Gonzales motioned and Ms. Julieta Sepulveda Ramirez seconded to add the varsity assistant coaches as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.F. Adoption of Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 Tax Rate

Mr. Martin Torres presented the item and stated as presented in the public tax rate meeting earlier in the evening, Fabens ISD was proposing:

Interest and Sinking - .3307

Maintenance and Operation - .7910 for a total tax rate of \$1.1217

Mr. Orlando Flores motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to approve as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

6.G. Adoption of Fabens ISD 2023 - 2024 Budget / Compensation Plan

Mr. Torres opened the item and reviewed the Power Point presentation provided to the board members in their packets.

After the presentation, the Board thanked everyone for all their work and being a part of Fabens ISD.

Mr. Luis "Charlie" Estrada motioned and Mr. Angel Ornelas seconded to adopt the Fabens ISD 2023 – 2024 budget as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Angel Ornelas motioned and Mr. Luis "Charlie" Estrada seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Signatures on File