

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

February 2, 2022
6:00 pm

President Billy Espino called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Assistant Secretary Freddie Martinez established a quorum with the following members present: Billy Espino, Flo Garcia, Freddie Martinez, Andy Rivera, and Ursula Sanchez. Anastacio Dominguez arrived at 6:04 pm and Sandra Rivera was absent.

Billy announced that the meeting was duly called and that notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Vice President Flo Garcia led the pledges to the flags and Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Zamora gave the invocation.

OPEN FORUM AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comment.

SCHOOL BOARD BOND TRAINING WORKSHOP

Duane Westerman, financial advisor with SAMCO Capital Markets, reviewed the chart of Fort Stockton ISD debt comparison and annual tax burden with districts of comparable size, indicating the bond would not generate a tax increase, and the projected bond program model in 5 issues through 2026 at a total of \$110,000,000. Dr. Zamora interjected the positive economic impact of the pending Chapter 313 agreements, which could also, potentially, allow a reduction of the tax rate. Rose Kanusky, with bond counsel McCall Parkhurst & Horton, explained that the bond would be separated into propositions by project type. State law requires the ballot to include language that the bond presents a tax increase, even though this particular proposed bond does not actually increase taxes, as will be emphasized during the promotion of the bond to the public.

CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Subchapters D and E of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code), the board entered into a closed meeting to deliberate personnel matters (551.074) and consult with attorney (551.071) at 6:17 pm.

OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 6:44 pm.

The next regular meeting will be February 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Presiding Officer

Attesting Officer