

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees  
El Paso Independent School District  
May 1, 2001  
5:00 p.m.  
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Dr. Charles Roark, President  
Mr. Richard Telles, Secretary  
Dr. Gene Finke  
Miss Leonor Garcia  
Mr. Joe Rosales  
Mr. Dan Weaver  
Dr. Gilberto Anzaldua, Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony Safi, School District Attorney<sup>1</sup>

Absent: Ms. Ada Gonzalez, Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Dr. Roark. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Diane Thomas, Special Education Curriculum Writer.

Purchase Order Requiring Board Approval – PC Computers for Beall Elementary School,  
Purchase Order No. 215492 (\$9,592.00) (Item #1)

This item was postponed from the April 24, 2001, regular Board meeting in order for the administration to investigate options for computer monitors. Mr. Terry Freiburg, Director of Purchasing, advised that new quotes were requested for the computers to include 17" regular monitors (rather than flat screen monitors) for Beall Elementary School.

It was moved by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that PC computers for Beall Elementary School, Purchase Order No. 215492, be approved for purchase from Desert Communications, Inc., the lowest quote, in the amount of \$9,592.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Discussion and Possible Action on Contract with Paul Colbert, Legislative Consultant  
(Item #2)

Dr. Anzaldua advised that approval of this item will authorize the Superintendent to issue a 30-day contract in the amount of \$7,000.00 to Mr. Paul Colbert and negotiate a longer term contract in the approximate amount of \$30,000.00. Mr. Colbert will provide consulting services to the District on school finance issues related to pending legislation, and he will finish out the legislative session and put together a legislative packet for the ensuing legislative term.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Safi left the meeting at 5:13 p.m., following discussion on Item #2.

It was moved by Mr. Telles, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve a 30-day contract with Mr. Paul Colbert for consulting services on school finance issues in the amount of \$7,000.00 and that a long-term contract be negotiated with Mr. Colbert for the estimated amount of \$30,000.00 for services during the current legislative session and for the next legislative term.

#### Departure of District's Attorney

Mr. Safi departed the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

#### Presentation and Discussion of EPISD Curriculum and Instruction Programs (Item #3)

Dr. Anzaldua provided information on the presentation on the District's curriculum and instruction programs which include a framework of content areas in math, science, reading, and social studies; a tentative five-year action plan to carry the District through the Strategic Planning Process; and implementation over the next three to five years.

Ms. Marsha Lawler, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CI&A), reviewed the definition of curriculum—teaching by TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills); instruction—the focus on the best delivery of instruction; and assessment—evaluation of providers for effectiveness. She also reviewed the revised TAAS requirements for reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Ms. Barbara Gibson, Director, Elementary Education; Ms. Diane Thomas, Special Education Curriculum Writer; and Ms. Susan Schneider, Facilitator, Secondary Language Arts, provided information on the action plan for language arts, reading, and writing. Ms. Vodene Schultz, Facilitator, Elementary Mathematics, and Ms. Alicia Torres, Facilitator, Secondary Mathematics, reviewed the action plan for elementary and secondary mathematics. Ms. Margaret Johnson, Facilitator, Elementary Science, and Ms. Mercedes Guzman, Facilitator, Secondary Science, provided information on the implementation of the action plan for science. Ms. Suzanne Gomez, Facilitator, Social Studies, reviewed the social studies action plan.

There was discussion on teacher training; funding for training; various learning styles; best practices; teacher evaluation modules; high school students acting as mentors in the elementary and middle schools; curriculum guides; modeling instruction in the classrooms; content specialists; establishing weekend academies for teachers; textbook adoption processes that meet predetermined criteria; and encouraging student interest in history.

Ms. Lawler provided insight on the challenges ahead in curriculum and instruction and the use of technology to support the delivery of instruction. She spoke about inclusion and all programs being available for all children; integrating all disciplines rather than using the traditional compartmentalized approach; and implementation guides.

Ms. Lawler introduced Dr. Charlotte Craig, Executive Director, Staff Development, who will be assuming the position of Associate Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CI&A) on June 1, 2001. Dr. Craig commented on CI&A and her perspective on the various subject areas.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date Approved: July 10, 2001