

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees
El Paso Independent School District
August 21, 1991
5:00 p.m.
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Mr. Dan Wever, President
Dr. Gene Finke, Vice President¹
Miss Leonor Garcia, Secretary
Mr. Sal Mena, Jr.
Mr. Joe Rosales
Mr. Richard Telles
Dr. Gilberto Anzaldua, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony Safi, School District Attorney

Absent: Dr. Charles Roark

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mr. Wever. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rosales.

Meeting Closed (Item #4)

The meeting was recessed at 5:07 p.m. to a closed meeting by Mr. Wever under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

A. Employee Appeal of Denial of Benefits Under EPISD Employee Health Plan

The closed meeting started at 5:10 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 6:12 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 6:13 p.m.

Public Meeting to Discuss Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-02 and Proposed 2001-02 Property Tax Rate (Item #1)

No one requested to speak to this item.

Adoption of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-02 (Operating, Debt Service, and Food Service Budgets) (Item #2)

Mr. James Damm, Consultant for Finance, provided a summary of the 2001-02 preliminary budget. He reviewed the Food Services budget, the Interest and Sinking Fund, and the Debt Service Fund. He advised that the Food Service fund is self-sustaining, covers all direct costs of the program, and reimburses the Operation Fund for the cost of utilities used. The Debt Service budget provides for the payment of voter-authorized bonded debt of the District.

¹ Dr. Finke arrived at 6:05 p.m. during Closed Session.

Because of reductions in the scheduled debt repayment, this budget reflects a recommended reduction of one cent in the local tax rate. The total budget amount is \$356,597,753.00 and the projected revenues total \$350,935,000.00.

There was discussion on the unencumbered Fund Balance and the transfer of approximately \$2.4 million to the Health Fund Balance; the purpose of the Fund Balance; and raising local taxes increasing the matching funds received from the state in the next biennium.

It was moved by Dr. Finke and seconded by Mr. Wever that the Board adopt the 2001-02 Preliminary Budget in the amounts shown by fund and function as presented by the administration (copy of sheets attached to the permanent file of these minutes). Upon the vote, the motion carried with Mr. Telles voting against the motion.

Adoption of 2001-02 Property Tax Rate (Item #3)

Mr. James Damm, Consultant for Finance, provided a comparison of the proposed tax rate with the last year's tax rate. He advised that there was a proposed three cent increase in Operating and a minus one cent on Debt Service for a net tax rate increase of two cents.

It was moved by Dr. Finke and seconded by Mr. Wever that the Board adopt the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for tax year 2001 as follows: \$1.480479 for purposes of maintenance and operation and \$0.091100 for the payment of principal and interest on the debt of the District, for a total tax rate of \$1.571579. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Mr. Telles voting against the motion.

Meeting Closed (Item #4)

The meeting was again recessed to a closed meeting at 6:53 p.m. under the authority previously cited. The closed meeting started at 7:05 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 7:07 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 7:07 p.m..

Employee Appeal of Denial of Benefits Under EPISD Employee Health Plan (Item #4, A.)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board approve a reimbursement to the employee up to the amount of \$25,000.00 in medically necessary expenses for the procedures described in the letter provided by the employee's physician, provided that the employee signs a release and settlement agreement acknowledging this is the maximum liability of the District and further acknowledging the subrogation interests of the District for recouping that amount if she ever makes a recovery against any third party in connection with her condition.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Date Approved: October 23, 2001