

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees
El Paso Independent School District
November 14, 2000
5:00 p.m.
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Dr. Charles Roark, President¹
Mrs. Ada Gonzalez-Peterson, Vice 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

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Dr. Roark. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Telles. Mr. Enrique Gallegos, Associate Superintendent, South/Central Region, gave the Thought for the Day.

Recognition of 2000 Exemplary and Recognized Schools (Item #1)

The Board recognized the schools that received a rating of either Exemplary or Recognized according to the Texas Education Agency's accountability system. An engraved plaque was presented to representatives from each school in recognition of their efforts and dedication. A list of the schools recognized is attached to the permanent file of these minutes.

Recognition of 2000 Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) Regional Award Recipient (Item #2)

Ms. Gwen Mendek, a Humanities gifted program teacher at Hornedo Middle School, was recognized as the Region 19 TAGT 2000 Outstanding Teacher of the Year; Ms. Dory Munder, a Humanities gifted program teacher at Henderson Middle School, was recognized as the TAGT 2000 Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted for Region 19; and Ms. Sandy Dula, parent of gifted and talented students, was recognized as the Parent of the Year for Region 19. The honorees were presented engraved plaques from the Board of Trustees.

Recognition of Project Toward Excellence Award Recipients (Item #3)

Ms. Cathy Hill, Program Officer, and Ms. Mary Carmen Saucedo, Chairperson, El Paso Community Foundation, presented the Mary Carmen Saucedo "Projects Toward Excellence" grant awards in the amount of \$3,000.00 each to three EPISD schools. Ms. Saucedo, former EPISD administrator, presented certificates and checks to Ms. Blanca Garcia, Principal at Schuster Elementary School, to extend their Family Math Night program; Ms. Gloria Paez, Principal at Rusk Elementary School, for the Discovery Quest program; and Ms. Mitzi Bond, Principal at Lindbergh Elementary School, for a reading enrichment program.

¹ Dr. Roark arrived at 5:30 p.m., during the recognition on Item #1, and departed at 10:00 p.m., during the closed meeting.

Presentation and Approval of "Commitment for Children" (Item #23)

Dr. Anzaldua provided information on the development of a "Commitment for Children" in connection with the upcoming bond election on December 12, 2000. The document provides a commitment to maintenance and construction projects at each particular campus which will be funded with bond funds, should the election pass. The principal and a community representative from each school, the Superintendent, and each Trustee will sign every commitment.

The high school principals and their community representatives, along with the Superintendent and the Trustees, signed the "Commitment for Children" for the nine District high schools: Andress, Austin, Bowie, Burges, Coronado, El Paso, Franklin, Irvin and Jefferson High Schools.

Discussion and Appointment of Oversight Committee for EPISD 2000 Bond (Item #22)

Mr. Cesar Viramontes, Co-Chair, 2000 Bond Committee, presented a proposed job description for members of the Bond Oversight Committee and reviewed highlights of the job description. He advised that the establishment of a committee to oversee bond projects connected with the December 12, 2000, bond election was requested at the school and community meetings being held throughout the District. The committee would oversee bond projects as they are implemented and ensure adherence to the agreements between the school communities and the District that identify the specific projects to be completed at each school.

Mr. Viramontes reported that the Community Oversight Job Description was developed with the recommendations and input of members of the 2000 Bond Committee. He recommended that the Oversight Committee members select a committee chair at their first meeting who will function in the role identified in the document. He urged the Board to adopt the proposed Oversight Committee Job Description and direct the administration to contact the various groups specified in the document to receive their recommendations for individuals to serve on the Oversight Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Finke and seconded by Miss Garcia that the Board adopt the Oversight Committee Job Description under the guidelines provided and direct the administration to contact the various groups specified in the document to receive their recommendations for individuals to serve on the Oversight Committee.

There was discussion on concerns regarding the Board of Trustees possibly relinquishing duties to the Oversight Committee; allowing the Board members time to review the document; whether there is a need for project manager services; the possibility of the Board members discussing possible changes in the language before approval or having amendments brought to the Board at a subsequent meeting; tabling the motion until later in the meeting to give the Board members an opportunity to read over the document; the recommendations for Committee membership; and eliminating the term "Project Manager(s)" from the document.

It was moved by Dr. Finke, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously to table the motion that the Board adopt the Oversight Committee Job Description under the guidelines provided and direct the administration to contact the various groups specified in the document to receive their recommendations for individuals to serve on the Oversight Committee.

Presentation of Resolution and Information Regarding a Border Health Institute by Senator Eliot Shapleigh (Item #5)

Texas Senator Eliot Shapleigh presented background information on the Border Health Institute (BHI), a comprehensive physical health complex dedicated to research, service, and the education of communities. He advised that obstacles to the BHI are the lack of an articulated, shared vision and an overlap of educational "turfs." He stated that a vision was created for the BHI, a locally controlled health complex, which will be known as the Paso del Norte Regional Health Institute (RHI). Sen. Shapleigh advised that geography and demographics makes El Paso the obvious location for a center for regional health coordination, education, and research.

Sen. Shapleigh provided information on the proposed RHI; having the campus located at the Thomason Hospital/Texas Tech site; and the BHI statutes from the 76th Legislature. He requested support of a Regional Health Institute campus.

It was moved by Mr. Telles, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution for a Border Health Institute.

Approval of TEX-AN 2000 Long Distance Telecommunications Services – Districtwide (approx. \$28,000.00) (Item #15) and Approval of TEX-AN 2000 Local Telecommunications Services – Districtwide (approx. \$1,200,000.00) (Item #16)

Mr. Nicholas Corona, Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Construction, provided information and the rationale for recommending the utilization of the Districtwide long distance services provided by TEX-AN (Texas Agency Network). He advised that the Telecommunication Services Division of the Texas General Services Commission (GSC) awarded a five-year contract to AT&T for switched long distances services. He stated that state rules will allow the District to use the TEX-AN network, through the GSC, in lieu of conducting its own competitive procurement process. The TEX-AN AT&T rates are lower than the rates offered by the current provider, and the District will not be charged the monthly National Access Fee.

Mr. Corona provided information on the continuation of Districtwide local telecommunication utility services being provided by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. He advised that four vendors were awarded five-year contracts by the Telecommunications Services Division of the GSC for the state of Texas (TEX-AN). The District has the option to select one of the four vendors and recommends remaining with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Mr. Corona reviewed the award criteria and provided the administration's rationale for selecting Southwestern Bell.

Discussion followed on the difference between the bids from the responding vendors; the percentage of telephones in the District that have access to long-distance service and the means of tracking those calls; and available information regarding E-Spire Communications.

The following people requested to speak to these items:

1. Mr. Steve Hine, E-Spire Communications, provided information on his company and the services it provides.
2. Mr. Rob Eason, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., spoke about his company maintaining its current service to the District.

It was moved by Dr. Finke, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve TEX-AN (Texas Agency Network) 2000, through the General Services Commission for the state of Texas, for Districtwide long distance telecommunications services for the estimated annual amount of \$28,000.00, prior to E-rate reimbursements, and subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney. Mr. Wever recused himself from the vote.

It was moved by Dr. Finke, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve TEX-AN (Texas Agency Network) 2000, through the General Services Commission for the state of Texas, for Districtwide local telecommunication utility services provided by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for the estimated annual amount of \$1,200,000.00, prior to E-rate reimbursements, and subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney. Mr. Wever recused himself from the vote.

American Education Week Proclamation (Item #4)

The American Education Week Proclamation was read into the record by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the week of November 12-18, 2000, be proclaimed as American Education Week (copy of the proclamation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Public Form (Item #6)

The following people requested to speak on Open Forum:

1. Sen. Eliot Shapleigh discussed possible action by the state legislature on school health care and the State possibly providing health insurance coverage for school employees.
2. Ms. Christy Cousins was not present when called to speak.
3. Mr. Larry Kovak, band parent at Morehead Middle School and Coronado High School, spoke in support of the District's assistance in funding student traveling to state competitions.
4. Mr. Gerald Cheek spoke in support of the Bond Oversight Committee for the EPISD 2000 Bond and being a partner with the Board and the District.
5. Ms. Lorraine Howell, President, Coronado Band Boosters, expressed her appreciation for the Board's support of band trips taken by Coronado and Franklin High Schools.

Funding for Franklin and Coronado High School Bands to Participate in Out-of-Town UIL Band Competition (Item #21)

Dr. Roark expressed a concern regarding the lack of District funding for travel expenses for the Franklin and Coronado High School bands to participate in state competition.

It was moved by Dr. Roark and seconded by Miss Garcia that the Board pay all expenses for Franklin and Coronado High School students participating in state band competitions.

Discussion followed on the District's history regarding the funding of student trips for competitions; possible changes being made in the budget for next year; providing direction to the administration regarding the funding of trips; and existing policy regarding student trips.

Mr. Safi referenced Board Policy FMG (Local), Student Activities: Travel, and reviewed the criteria for financial assistance being provided by the District for student travel. He recommended that if the motion is adopted, it reflect that an exception is being made to Board Policy FMG (Local), that no funds are currently budgeted to cover the expenses, and that a conforming budget amendment will be brought back to the Board.

Discussion continued on financial assistance being provided to students engaged in the fine arts; re-examining Board Policy FMG (Local); students whose parents cannot afford to partially fund student trips; the need to review the overall impact of a revision to FMG (Local), including budget implications; the administration providing recommendations to the Board; following existing policy and the process to revise the policy; and UIL (University Interscholastic League) regional and state competitions. Dr. Anzaldua recommended that funding for student trips be included in the upcoming budget process and brought back to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Telles and seconded by Mr. Wever that the Board postpone consideration of the pending motion until a future meeting. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Dr. Roark voting against the motion.

Consent Agenda (Item #7)

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion as follows:

Dr. Finke - Item 7, D., Approval of Arts in Education Agreement with City of El Paso for "Arts in Education" Program (\$3,000.00)

Mr. Wever - Item 7, F., Approval of Budget Amendments

- 1., Title I, Schoolwide Budget Transfer for Beall School (\$7,000.00)
- 2., Title I, Schoolwide Budget Transfer for Bonham School #1 (\$5,000.00)
- 3., Title I, Schoolwide Budget Transfer for Bonham School #2 (\$6,260.00)
- 4., State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Beall School (\$5,000.00)
- 5., State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Lamar School (\$10,000.00)
- 6., State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Milam School (\$2,000.00)
- 7., State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Lee School (\$11,000.00)
- 8., San Jacinto Adult Education Center/Texas Workforce Commission Budget (\$176,000.00)
- 9., Pregnancy, Education and Parenting (PEP) Program (\$76,667.00)

Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson - Item 7, G., 2., RFP and Purchase Order Requiring Board Approval – Testing Materials for Special Education Program, Purchase Order No. 198993 (\$54,257.00)

Questions on Approval of Arts in Education Agreement with City of El Paso for “Arts in Education” Program (\$3,000.00) (Item #7, D.)

Dr. Finke praised the “Arts in Education” program and the relationship with the City of El Paso.

Questions on Approval of Budget Amendments (Item #7, F., 1. – 9.)

Mr. Wever requested an explanation of the State Compensatory Education (SCE) budget transfers. Mr. Bob Mena, Director, External Funding, reviewed each SCE budget transfer request and the guidelines on approving the requests. Mr. Joe Loya, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the initial budget estimation of SCE funds and the changes that occur throughout the year, which are dictated by school needs.

Questions on RFP and Purchase Order Requiring Board Approval – Testing Materials for Special Education Program, Purchase Order No. 198993 (\$54,257.00) (Item #7, G., 2.)

Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson questioned the need for two different testing forms. Ms. Mary Helen McMinn, Director of Special Education Assessment, South/Central Region, advised that both Form A and Form B ensure the reliability of the tests and re-tests. A complete set is needed for each of the 46 diagnosticians.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as listed including any recommended vendors for any amounts indicated.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. September 12, 2000, Board Technology Committee Meeting
2. September 12, 2000; September 19, 2000; and September 26, 2000, Meetings of the Board of Trustees

The Board approved the minutes of the September 12, 2000, Board Technology Committee meeting, and the September 12, 2000; September 19, 2000; and September 26, 2000, meetings of the Board of Trustees.

B. Approval of Subcontractual Agreement with El Paso Center for Children, Inc. for the Family Preservation Council’s “El Paso Families: Together & Safe” Project at Alta Vista Elementary School (\$59,391.00)

The Board approved the subcontractual agreement between the El Paso Center of Children, Inc. and the EPISD for the Family Preservation Council’s “El Paso Families: Together & Safe” project at Alta Vista Elementary School to provide a six-week summer program for enrichment and day care services during the 2001 summer months for a total amount of \$59,391.00, with \$44,543.25 being reimbursable funds and \$14,847.75 being the EPISD’s in-kind contribution.

C. Approval of Contracts Between EPISD and the Upper Rio Grande Tech-Prep Youth (School-to-Careers) Consortium for Tech-Prep Grant Funding (\$10,000.00)

1. Career and Technology Education Unit (\$5,000.00)
2. Center for Career and Technology Education (CCTE) (\$5,000.00)

The Board approved the contracts between the EPISD and the Upper Rio Grande Tech-Prep School-to-Careers Consortium for Tech-Prep grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

D. Approval of Arts in Education Agreement with City of El Paso for “Arts in Education” Program (\$3,000.00)

The Board approved the Arts in Education agreement with the City of El Paso, through the Arts Resources Department, for the “Arts in Education” program, which will provide artists who will conduct classes and workshops in the EPISD elementary and middle schools, for the amount of \$3,000.00.

E. Approval of Agreement with Sun Bowl Association for Participation in 2000 Las Palmas/Del Sol Sun Bowl Parade

The Board approved the participation of EPISD high school bands in the 2000 Las Palmas/Del Sol Sun Bowl Parade and authorized the Board President to sign the agreement with the Sun Bowl Association in the form presented.

F. Approval of Budget Amendments

The Board approved the following amendments to the 2000-01 fiscal year budget:

1. Title I, Schoolwide Budget Transfer for Beall School (\$7,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Title I, Schoolwide budget for Beall Elementary School in the amount of \$7,000.00. Gloria Vega, Principal at Beall Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 12, 2000. This amendment will transfer funds from Instructional Student Travel to Staff Development Travel.
2. Title I, Schoolwide Budget Transfer for Bonham School #1 (\$5,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Title I, Schoolwide budget for Bonham Elementary School in the amount of \$5,000.00. Sylvia Haynes, Principal at Bonham Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated September 28, 2000. This amendment will transfer funds from Professional Salaries to Library Reading Materials and Books.
3. Title I, Schoolwide Budget Transfer for Bonham School #2 (\$6,260.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Title I, Schoolwide budget for Bonham Elementary School in the amount of \$6,260.00. Sylvia Haynes, Principal at Bonham Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated September 28, 2000. This amendment will transfer funds from Professional Salaries to various Staff Development accounts.

4. State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Beall School (\$5,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Beall SCE budget in the amount of \$5,000.00. Gloria Vega, Principal at Beall Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 12, 2000. This amendment transfers funds from Staff Development Professional Services to Instructional Supplies to meet Beall's CIP (Campus Improvement Plan) objectives.
5. State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Lamar School (\$10,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Lamar SCE budget in the amount of \$10,000.00. Sara Smith, Principal at Lamar Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 9, 2000. This amendment transfers funds from Staff Development Substitute Teachers to Instructional Extra Duty Pay. This will adjust the budget to reflect amounts originally requested.
6. State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Milam School (\$2,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Milam SCE budget in the amount of \$2,000.00. Manuel Mendoza, Principal at Milam Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated September 6, 2000. This amendment transfers funds from Instruction Extra Duty Pay Professional to Staff Development Substitute Teachers for meetings and in-services.
7. State Compensatory Education (SCE) Budget Transfer for Lee School (\$11,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Lee SCE budget in the amount of \$11,000.00. Jackie Morgan, Principal at Lee Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 4, 2000. The amendment transfers funds from budgeted line items to cover the cost of a half day teacher for the first grade Reading Recovery program.
8. San Jacinto Adult Education Center/Texas Workforce Commission Budget (\$176,000.00). The purpose of this item is to set up the San Jacinto Adult Education Center/Texas Workforce Commission budget in the amount of \$176,000.00. Blanca Andrade, Administrator at San Jacinto Adult Education Center, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 12, 2000.
9. Pregnancy, Education and Parenting (PEP) Program (\$76,667.00). The purpose of this item is to set up the Pregnancy, Education and Parenting (PEP) Program budget in the amount of \$76,667.00. Rosa Gandara, Director of Career and Technology Education, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 12, 2000. Region 20 Education Service Center approved the grant on May 19, 2000.

G. RFP and Purchase Order Requiring Board Approval

The following RFP and purchase order were approved as follows:

1. Option to Extend Existing RFP – Library LAN/WAN Software/Physical Layer Support RFP #91-99 (\$165,951.20). The Board approved the first option to extend Library LAN/WAN Software/Physical Layer Support RFP #91-99 to Desert Communications, Inc. for an additional 12 months beginning December 15, 2000, and ending December 14, 2001, for an estimated annual amount of \$165,951.20 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

2. Testing Materials for Special Education Program, Purchase Order No. 198993 (\$54,257.00) was approved for purchase from Riverside Publishing Co., the sole source, in the amount of \$54,257.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

H. Approval of Telecommunications Transmission System Right-of-Way and Easement – Portion of Block 1, Lot 3 of Coronado Del Sol Subdivision (Vacant Lot)

The Board President was authorized to execute a Telecommunications Transmission System Right-of-Way and Easement, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for a portion of Block 1, Lot 3 of Coronado Del Sol Subdivision, which is a vacant lot owned by the District, as shown on the documentation attached to the permanent file of these minutes.

I. Construction Contract Award – Drainage Improvements – Whitaker Elementary School, #00.856 (\$193,000.00)

The Board waived the technicality of Camino Contracting, Inc. failing to submit a duplicate copy of the bid form and approved the award of Construction Contract #00.856, Drainage Improvements – Whitaker Elementary School, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, to Camino Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$193,000.00.

J. Professional Services Contract Awards

The Board approved the award of the following professional services contracts, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, to the recommended consulting firms for the preparation of plans, specifications, bid documents and other additional program elements as may be required for the construction and installation of the projects described for the designated Basic Services Fee, with additional services listed in the contract to be paid at established hourly rates only if authorized in writing by the owner for services the owner cannot provide.

1. Title IX OCR, Athletic Improvements – Andress, Bowie, Burges, and Coronado High Schools, #01.014 (\$78,560.00), to The Mijares Group Architects, Inc. for an 8 percent Basic Services Fee in the estimated amount of \$78,560.00.
2. Indoor Air Quality Improvements – Crosby Elementary School, #01.322 (\$31,200.00), to Alegro Engineering, L.P. for an 8 percent Basic Services Fee in the estimated amount of \$31,200.00.
3. New Therapy Pool Addition – Moreno Elementary School, #01.391 (\$27,000.00), to ARTchitecture for a 9 percent Basic Services Fee in the estimated amount of \$27,000.00.

K. October Personnel Report

The October Personnel Report was approved (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Approval of 2000-01 Campus Improvement Plans (Item #8)

Ms. Jackie Morgan, Principal, Lee Elementary School, reviewed the process followed at the elementary level for the development of the Campus Improvement Plans (CIPs), and Mr. Angelo Pokluda, Principal, Morehead Middle School, reviewed the process followed at the middle school level. Ms. Linda Corral, Associate Superintendent, West Region, reported on the process at the high school level.

Discussion followed on the Board receiving only the goals and objectives of the CIPs; establishing communication among the Campus Improvement Teams at the elementary, middle, and high schools; acknowledging in the CIPs the vertical team relationship at the three campus levels; indicating the evaluation process used in the schools; and the law and Board policy that govern the planning process in the state of Texas.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the goals and objectives of the Campus Improvement Plans submitted by each campus for the 2000-01 school year.

Approval of Revisions to Board Policy FM (Local), Student Activities (Item #9)

Mr. Luis Villalobos, Executive Director, Communications and Business Partnerships, reviewed the proposed revisions to Board Policy FM (Local). He stated that the number of days allowed for absences for extracurricular activities have been increased from 10 to 12 days.

The following person requested to speak to this item:

1. Ms. Martini De Groat, parent at Coronado High School, spoke in support of the increased limit on student absences for extracurricular activities.

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that the revisions to Board Policy FM (Local), Student Activities, be approved as presented (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes). Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson was not present for the vote.

Approval of First Amendment to Comprehensive 125 Employee Benefit Plan Document and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Benefit Summary Plan Description (Item #10)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the First Amendment to the EPISD Comprehensive Section 125 Employee Benefit Plan Document and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Benefit Summary Plan Description to increase the maximum employee contribution/pledge to the Medical Health Care FSA to \$5,000.00. Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson was not present for the vote.

Approval of Authorized Sellers of Investments and Providers of Investment Officer Training for the 2000-01 Fiscal Year (Item #11)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the list of authorized sellers of investments and providers of investment officer training be approved as presented (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes). Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson was not present for the vote.

Item Withdrawn

It was announced that item no. 12, C., Approval of Budget Amendments – Accelerated Reading Instruction (\$1,522,240.00), had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Approval of Budget Amendments (Item #12)

Mr. Wever questioned why funds for the Ninth Grade Success Initiative were only now being set up. Mr. Joe Loya, Deputy Superintendent, advised that the first notice of grant award was received in March 2000 and approved by the Board in April 2000. Ms. Marsha Lawler, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CI&A), reviewed projects and purchases already undertaken with the funding.

Responding to a question from Mr. Wever regarding the increase to the per capita school budgets, Mr. Loya provided information on the \$2,500.00 maximum allowed to be carried forward per budget function at the end of each fiscal year. He advised that funds remaining at the end of the year that are not carried forward are placed in the District's General Fund.

There was discussion on revising Board policy to allow schools to retain all per capita funds not expended during the budget year.

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Mr. Wever, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the following amendments to the 2000-01 fiscal year budget. Dr. Roark was not present for the vote.

1. Increase Per capita School Budgets (\$340,310.00). The purpose of this amendment is to increase the fiscal year 2000-01 per capital school budgets. The increase is the carry-over of unused funds budgeted in the prior fiscal year. Each school's per capita budget will be increased by the amount on the attached list. The total amount of \$340,310.00 was designated in the General fund balance on August 31, 2000.
2. Ninth Grade Success Initiative (\$5,598,457.00). The purpose of this item is to set up the Ninth Grade Success Initiative Grant budget in the amount of \$5,598,457.00. Bob Mena, Director, External Funding, requested this amendment in a memo dated October 25, 2000. The Texas Education Agency approved the Notice of Grant Award on September 18, 2000.

Meeting Recessed

The meeting was recessed at 8:36 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

Discussion and Appointment of Oversight Committee for EPISD 2000 Bond (Item #22, continued)

It was moved by Dr. Finke, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board remove from the table the motion that the Board adopt the Oversight Committee Job Description under the guidelines provided and direct the administration to contact the various groups specified in the document to receive their recommendations for individuals to serve on the Oversight Committee.

There was continued discussion of the Community Oversight Committee Job Description document provided by the 2000 Bond Committee. Board members expressed concerns with language pertaining to project manager services; the relationship between the Oversight Committee and the Board, legal counsel, and the District's financial advisors; the role of the administration in the management of the Committee; and guaranteeing confidentiality. There was also discussion on the duties to be assigned to the Oversight Committee; the RFQ (request for qualifications) for Project Management; and updates being provided to the Board on bond-funded projects.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Dr. Finke, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Oversight Committee Job Description, as amended by the Board (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Purchase Orders Requiring Board Approval (Item #13)

Responding to questions from Mr. Wever regarding computers being ordered with different RAM capabilities and the purchase of Apple "Ibook" laptops for Coldwell Elementary School, Mr. Yinuo Du, Executive Director, Technology and Information Systems (TIS), advised that the schools might have specific needs requiring different RAM capabilities and that the laptop computers will be used for portable computer labs that will have the capability of moving from one classroom to another.

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, and carried unanimously that the following purchase orders be approved to the recommended vendors for the amounts indicated:

- A. Computer Upgrade for Delta Academy NovaNet Lab, Purchase Order No. 197571 (\$20,706.00) was approved from Amherst Computer Products, the lowest quote, in the amount of \$20,706.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- B. Purchase Orders for Computer Equipment
 1. Apple Computers and Accessories for Burleson Elementary School, Purchase Order Nos. 197260 and 200030 (\$30,791.00), were approved for purchase from Apple Computer, the sole source, in the total amount of \$30,791.00 (copy of purchase orders attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
 2. PC Computers for Sunset High School, Purchase Order No. 199933 (\$11,522.98), were approved for purchase from Dell Marketing LP, the lowest quote, in the amount of \$11,522.98 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
 3. Apple Computers for Logan Elementary School, Purchase Order No. 200028 (\$19,938.00), were approved for purchase from Apple Computer, the sole source, in the amount of \$19,938.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
 4. Apple Computers for Coldwell Elementary School, Purchase Order No. 200029 (\$20,529.00), were approved for purchase from Apple Computer, the sole source, in the amount of \$20,529.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

5. Apple Computers and Accessories for Kohlberg Elementary School, Purchase Order No. 200032 (\$26,920.00), were approved for purchase from Apple Computer, the sole source, in the amount of \$26,920.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
6. Apple Computers for Collins Elementary School, Purchase Order No. 200062 (\$13,168.00), were approved for purchase from Apple Computer, the sole source, in the amount of \$13,168.00 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
7. PC Computers for CAD Lab at Bowie High School, Purchase Order No. 201164 (\$21,522.88), were approved for purchase from Dell Marketing LP, the lowest quote, in the amount of \$21,522.88 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
8. PC Computers for Chapin High School and Moreno Elementary School, Purchase Order No. 201372 (\$22,818.23), were approved for purchase from Dell Marketing LP, the lowest quote, in the amount of \$22,818.23 (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Approval of Implementation of Area Maintenance Team Program (Item #14)

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Director, Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds, provided information on the status of the Area Maintenance Team program. He advised that since the program was initiated in 1999, the work order backlog has been reduced by half and the response time is currently only two to four weeks.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Dr. Finke, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the implementation of the Area Maintenance Team program and the advertising, interviewing, and filling of four Area Maintenance Inspector positions, which have been budgeted in the 2000-01 fiscal year budget.

Approval of Utility Services for EPISD (Item #17)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the following utility services for 2000-01:

- A. Electricity Services (approx. \$6,669,033.00) was awarded to El Paso Electric Company, the sole source utility in the El Paso area, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for an estimated annual amount of \$6,669,033.00.
- B. Natural Gas Services (approx. \$729,351.00) was awarded to Southern Union Gas Company, the sole source utility in the El Paso area, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for an estimated annual amount of \$729,351.00.
- C. Water and Sewage Processing Services (approx. \$1,239,634.00) was awarded to El Paso Water Utilities, the sole source utility in the El Paso area, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for an estimated annual amount of \$1,239,634.00.

Professional Services Contract Amendment Authorizations (Item #18)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the following professional services contract amendments be approved to the designated consulting firms for the amounts indicated.

- A. Asbestos Air Monitoring and Laboratory Services, Education Center-Boeing, #99.603 (\$23,842.68), was approved to Raba-Kistner Consultants (SW), Inc., subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, in the amount of \$23,842.68.
- B. PPFCO (Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations) Asbestos Air Monitoring and Laboratory Services, Region 2, #99.670 (\$5,588.75), was approved to Raba-Kistner Consultants (SW), Inc., subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, in the amount of \$5,588.75.

Approval of Change Order Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 – Mold Remediation HVAC System Improvements – Charles Middle School, #99.715 (\$12,631.77 total) (Item #19)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve Change Order Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 to Funk & Company, Construction Contract #99.715, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for mold remediation HVAC system improvements at Charles Middle School in the amount of \$12,631.77.

Meeting Closed (Item #20)

The meeting was recessed at 9:48 p.m. to a closed meeting by Dr. Roark under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- A. Consultation with School District Attorney Regarding Contemplated or Pending Litigation/Settlement Offers
 - 1. Francisco Gaitan, Plaintiff, vs El Paso Independent School District, Defendant; In the 34th District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2000-3409
 - 2. Jerry Boyer, President, El Paso Classroom Teachers Association, et al. vs. El Paso Independent School District, et al; In the 346th District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2000-3533
 - 3. Contractual Disputes Regarding the Completion of Moreno Elementary School, #93.734
 - 4. Dianne Jones, Former EPISD Principal

The closed meeting was opened at 9:50 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 11:05 p.m.

Departure of Board Member

Dr. Roark departed the meeting at 10:00 p.m. and was not present for any subsequent action taken by the Board of Trustees.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 11:07 p.m.

Francisco Gaitan, Plaintiff, vs El Paso Independent School District, Defendant; In the 34th District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2000-3409 (Item #20, A., 1.)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board authorize the law firm of Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi & Galatzan, P.C. to represent the district in this lawsuit filed by Francisco Gaitan.

Jerry Boyer, President, El Paso Classroom Teachers Association, et al. vs. El Paso Independent School District, et al; In the 346th District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2000-3533 (Item #20, A., 2.)

It was moved by Mr. Rosales, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that the Board authorize the law firm of Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi & Galatzan, P.C. to represent the District in this case and to enter into a three-point stipulation with opposing counsel providing that the District not hold the next El Paso Consultation Association election before April 2001, unless ordered otherwise by the court; that the Superintendent meet on a monthly basis with individual association presidents that are parties to this case to discuss items of mutual concern involving personnel issues and policies; and that the parties agree to work toward a February 2001 trial setting. Miss Garcia and Mr. Wever recused themselves from the vote.

Contractual Disputes Regarding the Completion of Moreno Elementary School, #93.734 (Item #20, A., 3.)

It was moved by Mr. Telles, seconded by Mr. Wever, and carried unanimously that the Board direct the administration and legal counsel to pursue the issue of liquidated damages with the contractor for Moreno Elementary School.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Date Approved: January 23, 2001