

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees  
El Paso Independent School District  
January 23, 2001  
5:00 p.m.  
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Dr. Charles Roark, President  
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 5:06 p.m. by Dr. Roark. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gerald Cheek, President, EPISD Council of PTAs.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Mr. Martinez, father of Mr. Hector Martinez, Associate Superintendent of Operations, who recently passed away.

School Board Recognition Month Presentation (Item #1)

In honor of January being School Board Recognition Month, Mr. Gerald Cheek, President, EPISD Council of PTAs, expressed appreciation to the Board on behalf of the Council of PTAs. Each Board member was presented with an Amish candy dish from the Council of PTAs, a box of candy from Chapin High School, and a potted plant from the Superintendent's Cabinet.

Recognition of EPISD Police Officers (Item #3)

EPISD Police Sgt. William Araiza, Officers John Dominguez and Anthony Ordaz, and Canine Officers Nehemias Nuñez and Philip Deal were recognized by the Board of Trustees for their actions in the identification and apprehension of armed intruders at the Chapin High School dedication held on December 7, 2000. The honorees were presented engraved plaques from the Board of Trustees.

Recognition of Fannin Elementary School for Receiving Texas Outstanding Parent Program (TOPP) Certificate from TASB Parent Learning Network for "Ready Tutoring for Tomorrow" Program (Item #2)

Fannin Elementary School and the Northeast YMCA were recognized by the Board of Trustees for receiving the Texas Outstanding Parent Program (TOPP) award from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Parent Learning Network for their "Ready Tutoring for Tomorrow" program. Mr. Rod Wiggs, Principal, Fannin Elementary School, and Mr. Jimmy Melver, Operations Director, Northeast YMCA, were presented engraved plaques from the Board of Trustees.

#### School Nurse Awareness Week Proclamation (Item #4)

The School Nurse Awareness Week Proclamation was read into the record by Ms. Judith Hunter, Assistant Director, Health Services (copy of the proclamation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

#### Discussion and Possible Action on Plan for EPISD Personnel to Vacate the Education Center-Downtown (Blue Flame Building) and Update on Appointment of Blue Ribbon Committee (Item #16)

Dr. Anzaldua commented on the Board's direction on January 9, 2001, regarding the vacation of the Education Center-Downtown (Blue Flame Building). He provided information on the first phase when approximately 160 employees were moved out of the building and what will be required to relocate the remaining 137 employees. He reviewed the four options provided by the administration. Under Option 1, all District employees will be housed at Education Center-Boeing and the Professional Development Center; Option 2 will lease office space in a new location; Option 3 will purchase another suitable building; and Option 4 will relocate the Central Office units to schools with vacant classroom space. Dr. Anzaldua recommended Option 1 as the most cost effective and expeditious solution.

The following people requested to speak to this item:

1. Mr. Mike Dipp, Jr., President, Central Business Association (CBA), spoke about the Board establishing a Blue Ribbon Committee to work with the CBA on uses for the Blue Flame Building and requested that the Board allow the CBA six months to put a plan together.
2. Mr. Stephen Helbing, Downtown Partnership Group, spoke about the redevelopment of downtown El Paso and the CBA working with the Blue Ribbon Committee in evaluating the Blue Flame Building.
3. Mr. Paul Dipp spoke about a real estate perspective being to bring in non-profit organizations to lease vacant space in the Blue Flame Building and help with costs to maintain the building.

It was moved by Mr. Telles and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson that the Board grant the request from the Central Business Association to postpone the move from the Education Center-Downtown (Blue Flame Building) for six months to allow the Blue Ribbon Committee the opportunity to develop a plan for the Blue Flame Building.

Discussion followed on the commitment by the Board of Trustees to house District employees in the downtown area; the failure of the recent bond election being an indication that voters want the District out of the Blue Flame Building; two of the moving options disrupting students; the maintenance cost for the Blue Flame Building; having the building back on the tax roll; and the importance of the business community and the taxes paid to the District.

Dr. Anzaldua commented on the discussion of vacating the Blue Flame Building at the January 9, 2001, Board meeting; the need for District funds to be geared toward deferred maintenance and facilities; and the administration acting on the Board's directive to develop a plan to vacate the Blue Flame Building in four months.

Discussion continued on alternate uses for the Blue Flame Building; having the Blue Ribbon Committee develop options for the building that will help the Downtown Revitalization Project; compromising on the time line for the move; preparations to relocate the employees housed at the Blue Flame Building; the CBA's concern with the building being left vacant and the impact on the Downtown Revitalization Project; and allowing the six months requested by the CBA for the Blue Ribbon Committee to develop plans for the Blue Flame Building.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson that debate be closed on the pending question. Upon the vote, the motion failed with Mr. Telles and Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Wever, Mr. Rosales, Dr. Finke, and Miss Garcia voting against the motion.

Discussion continued on the planning required to move the remaining employees from the Blue Flame Building; the need to go back to the voters on a future bond issue; separating the activity of the Blue Ribbon Committee from the time frame for the move; and amending the pending motion to address only the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Mr. Telles amended his motion to allow six months for the Blue Ribbon Committee to come up with recommendations for the use of the Blue Flame Building, with an interim report to be brought back to the Board in three months. Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson accepted the amendment.

The amended motion reads as follows:

that the Board allow six months for the Blue Ribbon Committee to make recommendations to the Board on uses for the Blue Flame Building (Education Center-Downtown), with an interim report to be brought back to the Board in three months.

Upon the vote, the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Wever and seconded by Mr. Rosales that the Board direct the administration to begin the plans to vacate the Blue Flame Building (Education Center-Downtown) within six months. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Mr. Telles and Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson voting against the motion.

#### Public Forum (Item #5)

The following people requested to speak on Open Forum:

1. Ms. Laura Rubadue was not present when called to speak.

#### Consent Agenda (Item #6)

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

Mr. Telles - Item 6, D., 2., Approval of Budget Amendments – New Instructional Facility Allotment Distribution – Chapin High School and Moreno Elementary School (\$90,561.00)

Mr. Wever - Item 6, D., 5., Approval of Budget Amendments – Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Budget Increase (\$500,000.00)

Item 6, E., Approval of Renewal of District Educators and Employment Liability (Errors & Omissions) Insurance Policy SBI000223-4 (\$55,397.00)

Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson - Item 6, F., RFPs and Bids Requiring Board Approval

1. Bilingual Instructional Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #78-00 (approx. \$32,724.15)
2. Special Education Instructional Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #79-00 (approx. \$37,145.60)

Questions on Approval of Budget Amendments (Item #6, D.)

New Instructional Facility Allotment Distribution – Chapin High School and Moreno Elementary School (\$90,561.00), 2.) Mr. Telles questioned the additional funds being budgeted for Chapin High School. Mr. John Doran, Associate Superintendent, Northeast Region, advised that the school's budget will be increased due to funds being received from the Texas Education Agency under the New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA). Dr. Anzaldua stated that the NIFA is a new allocation from the state and that the budget for Moreno Elementary School will be increased also.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Budget Increase (\$500,000.00), 5.) Responding to Mr. Wever's questions regarding the budget amendment and Dr. Roark's request that a meeting be scheduled with the Board to discuss curriculum, Dr. Anzaldua advised that a series of sessions are being planned.

Questions on Approval of Renewal of District Educators and Employment Liability (Errors & Omissions) Insurance Policy SBI000223-4 (\$55,397.00) (Item #6, E.)

Mr. Wever inquired about whether the District will have insurance coverage if the renewal is not approved by Board at this meeting and questioned the quote being based on the prior four years and the approximately \$200,000.00 being held in reserve. Mr. James Brundage, Rogers & Belding Insurance Agency, Inc., advised that carriers look at a five-year history on the experience period and that the reserve amount is money set aside for claims that could be paid out against the District. Ms. Lillian Crouch, Director, Risk Management, advised that if the Board does not approve the renewal of the coverage at this meeting, Rogers & Belding Insurance Agency, Inc., will renew the policy on a monthly basis until a decision is made to accept the rates presented or to go out to bid.

Questions on RFPs and Bids Requiring Board Approval (Item #6, F.)

Bilingual Instructional Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #78-00 (approx. \$32,724.15), 1.) and Special Education Instructional Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #79-00 (approx. \$37,145.60), 2.) Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson questioned the RFPs being presented for approval now when they were released in September 2000. Mr. Terry Freiburg, Director of Purchasing, advised that the RFPs were to be submitted to the Board for approval in November 2000. However, the Superintendent had requested that the actual expenditures from the previous year be researched and that the vendors' performance be evaluated, which took additional time to prepare.

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 of November 14, 2000, and November 28, 2000, Meetings of the Board of Trustees

The Board approved the minutes of the November 14, 2000, and November 28, 2000, meetings of the Board of Trustees.

B. Approval of Continuation of Agreement with the School for Educational Enrichment (SEE) for the Provision of Educational Services to a Special Education Student

The Board approved the Agreement with the School for Educational Enrichment (SEE) for instructional and related services provided to an EPISD special education student for the 2000-01 school year.

C. Approval of Agreement with Theatre, Inc. for Theatre Arts Productions for EPISD Students, Kindergarten through Middle School (\$42,000.00)

The Board approved the agreement with Theatre, Inc. to produce and perform three plays for all EPISD elementary and middle schools in the amount of \$42,000.00.

D. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

1. Title I, Schoolwide – Jefferson High School Budget Transfer (\$40,000.00). The purpose of this item is to transfer funds in the amount of \$40,000.00. Ralph Chavez, Principal, Jefferson High School, requested this amendment in a memo dated January 5, 2001. This amendment will transfer funds from Salaries to Instructional Supplies for the purchase of reading materials for the library.
2. New Instructional Facility Allotment Distribution – Chapin High School and Moreno Elementary School (\$90,561.00). The purpose of this item is to increase the budget due to funds received under the Texas Education Agency's New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA) for 2000-01. The schools affected will be Chapin High School in the amount of \$21,216.00 and Moreno Elementary School in the amount of \$69,345.00, for a total increase amount of \$90,561.00.

3. State Compensatory Education (SCE) – Hughey Elementary School Budget Transfer (\$6,000.00). The purpose of this item is to amend the Hughey SCE budget in the amount of \$6,000.00. Jamey Wiggs, Principal, Hughey Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated November 30, 2000. The amendment transfers funds from Staff Development Professional Services to Instructional General Supplies. The funds will be used to purchase materials for the Accelerated Reading Program.
  4. Title I, Schoolwide – Hughey Elementary School Budget Transfer (\$6,500.00). The purpose of this item is to transfer funds in the amount of \$6,500.00. Jamey Wiggs, Principal, Hughey Elementary School, requested this amendment in a memo dated November 30, 2000. This amendment will transfer funds from Staff Development Training to Instructional General Supplies for the Accelerated Reading Program.
  5. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Budget Increase (\$500,000.00). The purpose of this amendment is to increase the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CI&A) budget in the areas of Gifted and Talented, Social Studies, Math, Fine Arts, Language Arts, Library Learning Resources, and Pre-Kindergarten. These funds were not originally budgeted due to an oversight when the regions were consolidated. These funds were in the regions' budgets. Marsha Lawler, Associate Superintendent, CI&A, requested this budget increase and will continue to monitor expenditures to assure that all programs are adequately supported. This budget increase is possible due to savings realized from the overtime payment made to District employees. The overtime payment was designated in the General Fund balance on August 31, 2000.
- E. Approval of Renewal of District Educators and Employment Liability (Errors & Omissions) Insurance Policy SB1000223-4 (\$55,397.00)

The Board approved the renewal of District Educators and Employment Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance Policy SB1000223-4 to Coregis Insurance Company, through Rogers & Belding Insurance Agency, for a yearly premium of \$55,397.00, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney.

F. RFPs and Bids Requiring Board Approval

The Board approved the following bids to the recommended vendors for the amounts indicated:

1. Bilingual Instructional Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #78-00 (approx. \$32,724.15) was awarded to the vendors listed on the tabulation for one year for purchases on an "as needed" basis for the estimated annual amount of \$32,724.15 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
2. Special Education Instructional Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #79-00 (approx. \$37,145.60) was awarded to the vendors listed on the tabulation for one year for purchases on an "as needed" basis for the estimated annual amount of \$37,145.60 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

3. Recognition, Promotional and Incentive Materials Request for Catalog Discount RFP #98-00 (approx. \$35,885.60) was awarded to the vendors listed on the tabulation for one year for purchases on an "as needed" basis for the estimated annual amount of \$35,885.60 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
  4. Commercial Kitchen Equipment Bid #81-00 (\$346,633.24) was awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated: Border Restaurant Supply, Item 15, \$2,480.00; Chain Link Services, Items 1, 2 and 4, \$77,220.00; and National Restaurant Supply, Items 3, 5-14, 16, and 17, \$266,933.24, for a total amount of \$346,633.24 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- G. Extension of Contract for Energy Management Control/Facility Management Control Systems, Phase 2, #00-826

The Board authorized the administration to extend the contract with P.C. Automated Controls, Inc. (f/n/a Precision Controls) for Energy Management Control/Facility Management Control Systems, Phase 2, #00.826, for the period of September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001, or until the value of the contract is reached.

#### Item Withdrawn

It was announced that item no. 7, Approval of Students in Spanish Class at Silva Magnet High School for Health Care Professions to Travel to Malaga, Spain, had been withdrawn from the agenda.

#### Approval to Request Reclassification of Jefferson High School's UIL Assignment from Conference 5-A to Conference 4-A (Item #8)

Mr. Enrique Gallegos, Associate Superintendent, South/Central Region, provided background information on the request to reclassify Jefferson High School's UIL (University Interscholastic League) from Conference 5-A to Conference 4-A. He reviewed the reclassification process that will be followed. Mr. Ralph Chavez, Principal, Jefferson High School, advised that the school's athletic coaches are in agreement with the reclassification.

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the request to reclassify Jefferson High School's UIL assignment from Conference 5-A to Conference 4-A due to the number of students participating in UIL activities.

#### Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Amendment to MOU for the Provision of the Process Management System of Student Assessment for South/Central Schools (\$16,030.00) (Item #9)

Mr. Enrique Gallegos, Associate Superintendent, South/Central Region, provided information on The Process Manager, a methodology that is used in the assessment, analysis, and monitoring of individual students and groups to modify and provide appropriate instruction for student achievement. He stated that initial training has been provided and that approval is requested for additional training and modules, which are needed to complete the implementation of The Process Manager.

Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson inquired about the coordination with Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CI&A) and Research and Evaluation (R&E); the role of the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence in the student-specific TAAS-related analysis; and the use of student cumulative folders. Mr. Gallegos discussed the sophistication of the The Process Manager program and the electronic data it provides in order to assess student achievement.

Dr. Anzaldúa commented on training sessions he observed for teachers and principals and advised that the program was being piloted in one region and, if successful, it will be expanded to the other regions.

It was moved by Dr. Finke and seconded by Mr. Rosales that the Board approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for a pilot study using the Process Management System of Student Assessment for the schools in the South/Central Region in the amount of \$16,030.00. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Dr. Roark and Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson voting against the motion.

Academic Excellence Indicator Systems (AEIS) Report for 1999-2000 (Item #10)

Ms. Marsha Lawler, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CI&A), provided a report on the 1999-2000 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS). She stated that the report describes student demographics and the District's accountability rating of 5 Exemplary campuses, 17 Recognized campuses, and no Low-Performing campuses. She advised that the requirements for attendance rates were met with a consistent ranking of 95 percent or better and an annual dropout rate of approximately 1.2 percent for the last three years. Ms. Lawler provided a brief overview of selected areas of the report, including attendance and dropout rates, and expellable offenses by grade level.

Dr. Roark announced that a speaker who requested to speak to item no. 6, F., 4., RFPs and Bids Requiring Board Approval - Commercial Kitchen Equipment Bid #81-00 (\$346,633.24), had not been recognized.

1. Ms. Frances Hernandez was not present when called to speak.

Approval of Marcus, Fairall, Bristol & Co., LLP/James D. Edge & Associates, District Forensic Auditors, to Review Special Services Unit (Item #11)

Dr. Anzaldúa provided information on his rationale for requesting a review of the Special Services Unit. He stated that there are concerns about special education, including the program, services, resources, decisions regarding placement, ARDs (admission, review, and dismissal), and the need for training. Dr. Anzaldúa recommended that the District enter into a contract with Marcus, Fairall, Bristol & Co., LLP, and James D. Edge & Associates, the District's forensic auditors, to start an immediate review.

It was moved by Dr. Finke, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Superintendent's request that Marcus, Fairall, Bristol & Co., LLP and James D. Edge & Associates, the District's forensic investigation auditors, conduct a review of the District's Special Services Unit (special education programs).



Award of Consulting Services for Strategic Planning RFQ #84-00 (Item #14)

Dr. Anzaldua recommended that Prestige Consulting of El Paso be awarded the consulting contract for Strategic Planning RFQ #84-00. He advised that the Board will provide recommendations for the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson will serve as chair and Mr. Luis Villalobos, Executive Director, Communications and Business Partnerships, and/or the Superintendent will work as "point" people for the project.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees award Consulting Services for Strategic Planning RFQ #84-00 to Prestige Consulting of El Paso and that a professional services contract be negotiated with Prestige Consulting for the provision of services outlined in the Request for Qualifications with the cost for services and the final negotiated contract being brought back to the Board for approval.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Order Calling Election of Trustees for May 5, 2001 (Item #12)

Mr. Safi presented the Board a draft Order calling for the election of Trustees for May 5, 2001, which is a uniform election date. He advised that the proposed Order follows the format of prior years and lists each of the four single member districts that are involved in the election and the precincts and polling places for each district. Mr. Safi reviewed the recommended early voting locations and dates; the dates for the filing period; and the date, place and time of drawing for ballot positions.

Meeting Recessed

The meeting was recessed at 8:07 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of EPISD Legislative Agenda and Hiring of Legislative Consultant (Item #13)

Dr. Anzaldua provided information on the legislative agenda adopted by the Board at the November 28, 2000, Board meeting. He reviewed the three critical issues of school funding, employee health care, and facilities. Dr. Anzaldua discussed the possibility of regional representation in Austin, Texas and reported that the Ysleta ISD had issued an RFP (request for proposal) that will allow the surrounding districts to participate in one contract for the region. Dr. Anzaldua added that the Board may want to add additional items to their legislative priorities.

It was moved by Mr. Telles, seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, and carried unanimously that the Board authorize the Superintendent to represent the EPISD in the selection of a legislative consultant for the Region 19 area.

Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson requested that technology allotment be added as the District's fourth legislative priority.

It was moved by Dr. Roark, seconded by Mr. Telles, and carried unanimously that technology allotment be added to the District's legislative agenda.

RFP and Bid Requiring Board Approval (Item #15)

A. Instructional PCs and Servers for Ninth Grade Initiative RFP #106-00 (\$607,669.00)

The following people requested to speak to this item:

1. Mr. Joseph Rodriguez, Compaq Computer Corporation, spoke in support of the technology provided by his company and the standards adhered to by Compaq.
2. Mr. Robert Wenner, East Region Manager for Systems Engineering, Compaq Computer Corporation, spoke in support of Mr. Rodriguez' comments.

Mr. Wever questioned the model number of the computer quoted on the RFP (request for proposal) response submitted by Amherst Computer Products. He stated that the model quoted did not correspond with the specifications provided on the response. Discussion followed on the model number on the RFP response not having a monitor, an additional \$125,000.00 being added for the monitors, the specifications quoted being for a model that includes a monitor, and the model number quoted and the additional cost for monitors being a typographical error.

Mr. Yinuo Du, Executive Director, Technology and Information Systems, stated that after reviewing the RFP responses, it was his opinion that the quote was inaccurate. He recommended that Dell Marketing, LLP be awarded the RFP due to the lower price on the servers.

Discussion continued on a change in the recommended award being made at this late date; the verification of the correctness of the bids; the product quoted by Amherst Computer Products not being the product that will be delivered; and the Board not accepting incorrect documentation.

It was moved by Dr. Roark and seconded by Mr. Rosales that Instructional PCs and Servers for Ninth Grade Initiative RFP #106-00 be awarded to Dell Marketing LP in the amount of \$620,982.00 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes). Upon the vote, the motion carried with Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson voting against the motion.

B. Lamp Bid #94-00 (\$23,554.34)

It was moved by Dr. Finke, seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, and carried unanimously that Lamp Bid #94-00 be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated, with Items #4, #20, and #21 being awarded to Triangle Electric, and Item #12 being awarded to Summit Electric, pursuant to the tie-breaking procedures: Consolidated Electrical, Item 26, \$130.80, net 15; Graybar Electric, Item 15, \$2,130.00, 2 percent/10; Summit Electric, Items 7-9, 12, 17, 19, 23, and 25, \$2,290.86, net 30; Triangle Electric, Items 1, 4, 5, 16, 20-22, 31, and 34, \$18,827.00, net 30; and Wesco, Items 3, 10, and 13, \$175.68, net 30, for a total amount of \$23,554.34 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Professional Services Contract Award – Districtwide Asbestos Management Services, #01.527 (approx. \$100,000.00) (Item #17)

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the award of Professional Services Contract #01.527 to Law Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for the preparation of plans, specifications, bid documents and other additional program elements as may be required for the management of the District's asbestos program in support of the Maintenance and Construction Departments for a Basic Services Fee in the estimated amount of \$100,000.00, with additional services listed in the contract to be paid at established hourly rates only if authorized in writing by the owner for services that the owner cannot provide.

Approval of Procurement/Delivery Methods for Construction Contracts Exceeding \$25,000.00 (Item #18)

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the procurement/delivery method recommended for solicitation of the following construction projects, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, and authorize the advertisement and issuance of relevant documents to prospective bidders/proposers:

- A. The competitive bid process was approved for San Jacinto Adult Learning Center – Restroom Modifications, #99.630.
- B. The competitive bid process was approved for ADA/504 Compliance, Phase 1 – Andress, Coronado, and Jefferson High Schools; Guillen Middle School; and Newman Elementary School, #00.875.
- C. The competitive bid process was approved for Terrace Hills Room 107 Remodeling, #00.880.
- D. The competitive bid process was approved for Modular Campuses – Guerrero and Dr. Nixon Elementary Schools, #00.989.

Appeal of Expulsion to Telles Academy – Q. C. C. (Item #19, A.)

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Appeal of Expulsion to Telles Academy – Q. C. C. be postponed due to the absence of the parents of Q. C. C.

It was announced that the parents of Q. C. C. decided to withdraw their appeal of the expulsion of Q. C. C. to Telles Academy.

It was moved by Mrs. Gonzalez-Peterson, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously to reconsider and reverse the postponement of this item.

Meeting Closed (Item #19)

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 p.m. to a closed meeting by Dr. Roark under Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 551.082 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- B. Grievance Hearing – Yinuo Du, Executive Director, Technology and Information Systems
- C. Consultation with School District Attorney Regarding Contemplated or Pending Litigation
  - 1. Charles S. b/n/f Maria S., Petitioner, vs. El Paso Independent School District, Respondent, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas, Docket No. 096-SE-0100
  - 2. Dona Ray and Faith Greathouse v. Canutillo ISD, TEA Docket No. 115-R6-800
  - 3. Contractual Disputes Regarding the Completion of Moreno Elementary School, #93.734

The closed meeting was opened at 9:15 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 10:54 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled at 10:54 p.m. in Open Session.

Grievance Hearing – Yinuo Du, Executive Director, Technology and Information Systems (Item #19, B.)

It was moved by Mr. Wever, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that no action be taken on this grievance appeal.

Consultation with School District Attorney Regarding Contemplated or Pending Litigation – Charles S. b/n/f Maria S., Petitioner, vs. El Paso Independent School District, Respondent; Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas, Docket No. 096-SE-0100 (Item #19, C., 1.)

It was moved by Mr. Telles, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the payment of the petitioner's attorney's fees in the amount of \$8,100.00 as negotiated as part of the mediated settlement agreement of this case.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Date Approved: February 27, 2001