

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees
El Paso Independent School District
September 9, 2003
5:00 p.m.
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Mr. Sal Mena, Jr., President
Dr. Lorraine O'Donnell, Vice President
Mr. Carlos Cordova, Secretary
Mr. David Dodge
Miss Leonor Garcia
Dr. Charles Roark
Mr. Charles L. Tafoya, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony Safi, School District Attorney

Vacancy: Trustee District 1

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Mena. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Frances Wever, El Paso Federation of Teachers and Support Personnel. Mr. Jack Johnston, Executive Director, Technology and Information Systems, gave the Thought for the Day.

1. Public Forum

The following person requested to speak on Open Forum:

1. Mr. Raul Garcia spoke about not being allowed to sit on the track during high school football games and the lack of seating for handicapped citizens at Bowie High School.

2. Naming of Wiggs Middle School Football Field

Dr. O'Donnell, Chairperson, Board School Name Committee, reviewed the Board policy and guidelines that are followed by the Committee when naming a District facility and read a request to name the Wiggs Middle School football field for Milan D. Pacillas, a student at Wiggs who was killed in a mountain climbing accident earlier in the year.

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Wiggs Middle School football field be named the Milan D. Pacillas Football Field.

3. Naming of Coronado High School Football Field

Dr. O'Donnell read a request to name the Coronado High School football field and Thunderbird Stadium for Jack Quarles and Don Brooks, long-time football coaches at Coronado.

It was moved by Mr. Cordova, seconded by Mr. Dodge, and carried unanimously that the Coronado High School football field be named the Quarles-Brooks Football Field and Thunderbird Stadium. *(Note: Refer to minutes of September 23, 2003, Board meeting for further Board action on this item.)*

4. Consent Agenda

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion as follows:

Dr. O'Donnell - Item B., 1., c.

Questions on Item B., 1., c., Purchases Requiring Board Approval – Option to Extend Existing Catalog Discount Proposal and RFPs – Child Find Program Advertising Services RFP #106-02 (\$31,000.00)

Dr. O'Donnell inquired about the District's efforts to publicize the Child Find Program. Ms. Carol Sanchez Zimmerman provided information on the publicity campaign that was purchased last year and the referrals connected to the bilingual advertising.

It was moved by Mr. Cordova, seconded by Dr. Roark, and carried unanimously that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as listed including any recommended vendors for any amounts indicated.

A. July 2003 Minutes

1. July 1, 2003, and July 29, 2003, Board Finance Committee Meetings; and July 8, 2003, and July 29, 2003, Board's Employee Health/Insurance Committee Meetings
2. July 1, 2003; July 8, 2003; July 15, 2003; July 22, 2003; and July 29, 2003, Meetings of the Board of Trustees

B. Purchases Requiring Board Approval

1. Option to Extend Existing Catalog Discount Proposal and RFPs
 - a. Maintenance Supplies/Materials Annual Catalog Discount Proposal #49-02 (approx. \$2,700,000.00), the first option to extend, to the vendors listed for future purchases on an "as-needed" basis (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
 - b. Discount from Catalog Prices for Trophies, Medals, and Plaques RFP #84-02 (approx. \$61,000.00), the first option to extend, to Crown Awards, Meza Trophies & Plaques, and Roy Lown, Inc. (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
 - c. Child Find Program Advertising Services RFP #106-02 (\$65,905.00), the first option to extend, to Impressions (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
2. Gasoline Bid #76-03 (approx. \$370,755.00) was awarded to Transmountain Oil Company (TMO), L.C., with net terms and an option to extend for an additional 24 months, 12 months at a time (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
3. Apple Computers for Gifted & Talented Program, Purchase Order No. 274435 (\$25,325.00), from Apple Computer, the sole source (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

C. Construction Contract Award – Drainage Improvements - Lamar Elementary School and Wiggs Middle School, #03.646 (\$310,400.00), to Karlsruher Inc. d/b/a CSA Engineers and Constructors, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney.

D. Job Order Contract Awards were made as follows, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney:

1. Districtwide Reproduction/Printing Services, #04.430 (\$33,237.50), to El Paso Reprographics.
2. Districtwide Portable Building Relocation, #04.438 (\$100,000.00), to "R" Little Enterprises, Inc.

E. August 2003 Personnel Report (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

5. Method of Filling Vacancy in Trustee District 1

It was moved by Mr. Mena, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the use of the appointment process to fill the vacancy in Trustee District 1, which will be open to the public, and direct the administration to recommend the process subject to Board approval at a future meeting.

6. Interdistrict Transfer Student Tuition Waiver Appeals

A. B. G.

Ms. Gloria Boyer, Director, Pupil Services, provided information on the request for a tuition waiver for B. G. to attend Bowie High School on an interdistrict transfer. The tuition was denied because the student now resides in the Ysleta ISD where she is enrolled as a sophomore at Belaire High School. The student commented on her reasons for requesting the transfer to Bowie.

It was moved by Mr. Mena, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board uphold the administration's decision to deny the tuition waiver request for the interdistrict transfer of B. G. to Bowie High School for the 2003-04 school year.

B. S. C.

Ms. Gloria Boyer, Director, Pupil Services, provided information on the request for a tuition waiver for S. C. to attend Coronado High School on an interdistrict transfer. The tuition was denied because the student still resides with his parents in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, where he is enrolled as a freshman at Santa Teresa High School. Mr. Martin Granillo, the student's uncle, provided information on his offer to have S. C. live with him so he could attend Coronado tuition free. S. C. also commented on his desire to attend Coronado.

It was moved by Mr. Mena, seconded by Dr. Roark, and carried unanimously that the Board uphold the administration's decision to deny the tuition waiver request for the interdistrict transfer of S. C. to Coronado High School for the 2003-04 school year.

7. Request for Waiver from Texas Education Agency - Monthly Early Release Day (Flexible Schedule) for Staff Development at Elementary and Middle School Campuses for 2003-04 and 2004-05

The following person requested to speak to this item:

1. Mrs. Frances Wever, President, El Paso Federation of Teachers and Support Personnel and spokesperson for the El Paso Consultation Association (EPCA), spoke about the waiver request coming before the Board four weeks into the school year after parents had already made arrangements for childcare; the request not having gone through the EPCA; and concerns with the lack of survey responses.

Mr. Tafoya clarified that this staff development waiver process was conducted through the Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) and commented on the timing of the request. He recommended that the item be taken back to DEIC for further discussion on a more reasonable timeframe for implementation and that it be brought back to the Board.

It was moved by Dr. Roark, seconded by Mr. Dodge, and carried unanimously that the Board not approve the request for an exemption of the seven-hour day, one Wednesday per month, for the purpose of staff development and teacher collaboration and that the administration be instructed to take this item back and work with the faculties and schools on what would best meet their needs and at an appropriate time bring a recommendation back to the Board.

8. Memorandums of Understanding Between AVANCE, Inc. and EPISD for Even Start Family Literacy Program at Lamar, Burleson, and Lee Elementary Schools (\$40,500.00)

Mrs. Jackie Morgan, Principal, Lee Elementary School, provided information on the implementation of this program and its benefits to the students and parents. Ms. Sara Smith, Principal, Lamar Elementary School; and Ms. Mary Helen Lechuga, Principal, Burleson Elementary School, spoke about the program and the increase in student achievement since implementing literacy support at their schools.

It was moved by Mr. Cordova, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Memorandums of Understanding for professional services related to the Even Start Program at Lamar Elementary School in the amount of \$27,500.00, Burleson Elementary School in the amount of \$5,500.00, and Lee Elementary School in the amount of \$7,500.00.

9. Approval of Legal Counsel for 2003 Property Value Study

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Dr. O'Donnell, and carried unanimously that the Board approve Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and approve the contract for said services as presented. Dr. Roark was not present for the vote.

10. Revision to Award of Commodity Food Processing through West Texas Food Services Cooperative Approved by the Board on July 8, 2003 (\$30,9972.11)

It was moved by Mr. Dodge, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the revision to this award with the award of pizza cheese sticks being made to Rich-SeaPak, the second low bidder, rather than Gilardi, with a reference to the September 8, 2003, minutes being added to the margin of the minutes of the July 8, 2003, Board meeting as a cross reference of this revision.

11. Purchase Requiring Board Approval – Art Supply Bid #79-03 (\$101,59.96)

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that this bid be awarded as follows, with Item #36 being awarded to Elgin School Supply Co., pursuant to the tie-breaking procedure: AFP Industries, Inc., Items 13, 37, and 51, \$9,067.20, net 30; Business Stationers, Items 2, 15, and 50, \$883.20, net 30; Dick Blick, Item 5, \$129.60, net 30; Elgin School Supply Co., Items 35, 36, 39, 47, 52, 56, and 69, \$7,977.49, net 30; Kirschner Brush Mfg. Co., Item 9, \$72.00, 1 percent 20, net 31;

Pyramid School Products, Items 10, 16, 19-24, 26, 42, 44-46, 48, 54, 57, 59, 60, 62, and 65, \$21,589.50, net 30; S & S Arts & Crafts, Item 34, \$175.20, net 30; Sax Arts & Crafts, Items 1, 12, 25, 28, 30-33, 49, 55, and 71-73, \$40,426.92, net 30; Standard Stationery Supply, Items 4, 6-8, 11, 27, 29, 38, 41, 53, 58, and 70, \$19,049.58, net 30; and Triarco Arts & Crafts, Items 3, 17, 18, 40, 43, 61, 63, 64, and 66-68, \$2,229.24, net 30 (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

Meeting Closed

The meeting was recessed at 6:06 p.m. to a closed meeting by Mr. Mena under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

12. Closed Meeting

- A. Consultation with School District Attorney – Lucas R. bnf Eduardo R., Petitioner v. El Paso Independent School District, Respondent; Docket No. 188-SE-0202
- B. Personnel Appointment – Principal, Delta Academy

The closed meeting started at 6:17 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 6:24 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 6:24 p.m.

12. The action as a result of items discussed in closed meeting was as follows:

- A. Consultation with School District Attorney – Lucas R. bnf Eduardo R., Petitioner v. El Paso Independent School District, Respondent; Docket No., 188-SE-0202

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Mr. Dodge, and carried unanimously that the Board approve payment of the prevailing parent's attorneys fees in the negotiated amount of \$12,725.70.

- B. Personnel Appointment – Principal, Delta Academy

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Johnnie Vega, Assistant Principal at Delta Academy, to the position of Principal, Delta Academy.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Date Approved: October 28, 2003