

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees
El Paso Independent School District
February 19, 2002
5:00 p.m.
Education Center-Boeing

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

Absent: Mr. Richard Telles

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mr. Wever. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Johnston, Executive Director, Technology and Information Systems.

E-Rate Budget Amendment for Local Matching Funds (\$4,903,000.00) (Item #1)

It was moved by Mr. Mena, seconded by Mr. Rosales, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the budget amendment to the 2001-02 fiscal year to draw \$4,903,000.00 from the District's Fund Balance to cover the local share of the commitment for E-Rate Scopes of Work approved by the Board at previous Board meetings. It also serves to transfer previously approved funds into the proper accounts to establish a record of the cost for each Statement of Work. Mr. James Damm, District's E-Rate Consultant, requested this amendment in a memo dated February 13, 2002.

Presentation by IBM Global Services on Two Year 4 E-Rate Statements of Work (Item #2)

- A. Video Solution and Installation Services
- B. Web Access for a School Community

Mr. John Milota, Project Executive, IBM Global Services, advised that a presentation would be given on the scope of Statements of Work (SOWs) that would be of particular interest to the Board, District, and community at large.

Ms. Bunny Taylor, Education Transformation Specialist, IBM Global Services, provided information on the Web Access for a School Community Statement of Work. She provided an overview of its applications and reviewed the benefits to EPISD.

There was discussion on the use of names; controlling access to "threaded" discussion groups; security procedures for access codes; AUP (acceptable use policy) for students and faculty; levels of safeguards for discussion sites; levels of security related to "hacking"; and availability of simultaneous access.

Mr. F. J. O'Leary, President, Desert Communications, Inc., provided information on the Student E-Mail through IBM TLC NetConnect 4.0 software. He reviewed the purpose of providing an Internet management solution for schools and the design features and benefits of the E-Mail program.

There was discussion on E-Mail being a stand-alone system and the system being available in both the Windows and Macintosh formats, with higher functionality in the PC environment.

Ms. Teresa Ferguson, representative from BNI Solutions, provided information on Video Solution and Installation Services, which will leverage academic and administrative resources to allow student access to the curriculum. She reviewed the best practices in Distance Learning and EPISD requirements and how the Video Solution meets those requirements.

There was discussion on "real time" video transmissions; time required to set up Codec (coding/decoding) carts; Video Solution being built for a classroom setting; providing a classroom situation demonstration for Board members; advantages of interactive participation by students and teachers in different geographic locations; live, interactive participation being supported among eight sites, with live, non-interactive broadcasting to the remaining sites; and costs for the Codec carts.

Meeting Closed (Item #4)

The meeting was recessed at 7:16 p.m. to a closed meeting by Mr. Wever under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- A. Contemplated Litigation Against the City of El Paso Regarding Proposed Tax Increment Financing Districts Nos. 2 and 3, and Confidential Attorney/Client Discussion Regarding Legal Aspects of Protection of EPISD's Tax Base and State Revenue

The closed meeting started at 7:29 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Date Approved: April 30, 2002