

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees  
El Paso Independent School District  
November 11, 2003  
5:00 p.m.  
Education Center-Boeing

Present: Mr. Sal Mena, Jr., President  
Dr. Lorraine O'Donnell, Vice President  
Mr. Carlos Cordova, Secretary  
Ms. Lisa Colquitt-Muñoz  
Mr. David Dodge<sup>1</sup>  
Miss Leonor Garcia  
Dr. Charles Roark  
Mr. Charles L. Tafoya, Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony Safi, School District Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Mena. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Raul Garcia, a member of the audience. Ms. Linda Corral, Associate Superintendent, High Schools Division, gave the Thought for the Day.

1. Oath of Office to District 1 Board of Trustees Member

Judge Patricia Macias administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board member Ms. Lisa Colquitt-Muñoz, District 1.

2. Recognition of 2003 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award Recipients

Ms. Antonia R. Prata, Gifted and Talented teacher at Wiggs Middle School, was recognized by the Board of Trustees for being selected to receive the 2003 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from the Texas Council for the Humanities. Ms. Prata was awarded a stipend of \$1,000.00 for professional development and \$500.00 for improvement of Humanities courses and programs at her school. Ms. Rose Marie Bechtel, Gifted and Talented teacher at MacArthur Middle School, was recognized by the Board of Trustees for being selected to receive an Honorable Mention as part of the 2003 Linden Heck Howell Outstanding Teaching of the Texas History Award. The honorees were presented with certificate and congratulated individually by Mr. Tafoya and the Board of Trustees.

3. Awards to October 2003 Employees of the Month

Ms. Peggy Jaime, nurse at Travis Elementary School, was recognized as the Certified Employee and Mr. Alex Sanchez, custodian at the Center for Career and Technology Education, was recognized as the Non-Certified Employee.

Item Withdrawn

It was announced that item no. 4, Recognition of November 2003 Partner of the Month, had been withdrawn from the agenda.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Dodge departed at 6:15 p.m., following discussion on Items #20, A., 1, and #20, C., in Closed Session.

5. Naming of New South/Central Elementary School

Dr. O'Donnell, Chairperson, Board School Name Committee, reported that the Board School Name Committee, which met immediately preceding the Board meeting, recommended that the District retain the name Aoy Elementary School for the new South/Central Elementary School in honor of Mr. Olivas Villaneva Aoy.

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Mena, and carried unanimously that the new South/Central Elementary School be named Aoy Elementary School.

6. Report by Dr. Lorraine O'Donnell on Special Session of Texas Association of School Boards

Dr. O'Donnell, member of the TASB Board of Directors, reported on a special session she attended, which was conducted paperless. She briefly reviewed the process followed and suggested that the District consider piloting a paperless method for its meetings, beginning with Board committee meetings.

7. City of El Paso Tax Increment Financing District No. 4 and Presentation by Representatives from the City of El Paso

Mr. Adrian Ocegueda, Executive Assistant to Mayor Joe Wardy, reported on the City's proposal to create a TIF district at the corner of Hawkins Boulevard and Interstate 10 in the former Farah Manufacturing Company factory building. He provided an overview of the preliminary plan for a proposed 50-acre retail center, temporarily identified as Town Center East. He reviewed the devaluation of the property over the last six years; a preliminary site plan; project details; and the proposed plan for an outdoor, high-end regional mall. Mr. Ocegueda reviewed the preliminary incentives request of \$25 million over 15 to 20 years, which would take place in two phases. Phase I would be a single purpose, single property TIF District, and Phase II, which would not apply to the EPISD, would be a sales tax revenue-sharing agreement. He advised that an independent property appraisal, topography studies, infrastructure cost estimates, and environmental site assessments had been conducted; economic impact and bond counsel analyses were currently in progress; and the rezoning process had begun.

There was discussion on the level of commitment of anchor stores; traffic flow around the existing Cielo Vista Mall; the anticipated tenure of employees at the proposed mall; the administration keeping the Board informed on the sales tax issue; and advantages of a single purpose, single property TIF district for retail development.

The following person requested to speak to this item:

1. Mr. Mike Hutson, attorney representing a local developer, spoke about a concern with government investing \$25 million in a retail project and requested that the Board consider whether it is a sound investment.

Meeting Closed

The meeting was recessed at 6:00 p.m. to a closed meeting by Mr. Mena under 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

20. Closed Meeting

A. Consultation with School District Attorney

1. Silva's Super Market, Inc., Silva Diversified, Inc. and Silva Investment Partnership, Plaintiffs, and Residentes Unidos del Segundo Barrio, Intervenor vs. El Paso Independent School District, Defendant; In the 120<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2003-1388
2. Legal Aspects of Proposed Tax Increment Financing District No. 4

B. Proposed Acquisition of Real Property – Coronado High School Area

C. Property Acquisition for Site for New South/Central Elementary School

D. Eminent Domain Proceedings for Acquisition of Properties for New South/Central Elementary School Located Within Blocks 31 and 49, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso

The closed meeting started at 6:05 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

Departure of Board Member

Mr. Dodge departed the meeting at 6:15 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 7:08 p.m.

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

- A., 1. Consultation with School District Attorney – Silva's Super Market, Inc., Silva Diversified, Inc. and Silva Investment Partnership, Plaintiffs, and Residentes Unidos del Segundo Barrio, Intervenor vs. El Paso Independent School District, Defendant; In the 120<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2003-1388

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Board accept the settlement with the Silva parties proposed in the letter dated November 11, 2003, subject to review and approval of final contract and settlement documents by the Superintendent and the District's legal counsel.

- B. Proposed Acquisition of Real Property – Coronado High School Area

It was moved by Mr. Cordova, seconded by Dr. Roark, and carried unanimously that the Board authorize the Superintendent to obtain surveys and property appraisals and to proceed with negotiations for the purchase of approximately 1.65 acres of land being more particularly described as Lot 1, Block 2, Cloudview Place Unit Two, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, with the terms of the purchase to be brought back to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

C. Property Acquisition for Site for New South/Central Elementary School

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board authorize the administration to finalize the purchase of Lot 6, Block 49, Campbell Addition, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for a final purchase price of \$27,000.00.

11. Cheerleading Program Including Funding, Uniforms, Transportation, and Related Issues

Dr. Roark referred to a letter he received from a student at Andress High School regarding cheerleaders having to purchase their own uniforms and commented on the District purchasing uniforms for students who participate in other athletic activities. He requested that the District review this issue and come back to the Board with a recommendation on how to handle this matter. There was discussion on issues to be considered if the District were to fund cheerleading uniforms.

Mr. Tafoya requested that Ms. Donna Mullens, Student Activities Manager, Chapin High School; Mr. Curtis Williams, Principal, Andress High School; and Mr. Ken Owen, Director, Athletics, assist him in setting up a committee comprised of individuals from middle and high schools to look at these issues. He stated that a recommendation would be brought back to the Board in approximately 60 days, as part of the budget process.

9. Consent Agenda

N., 2. Sports Officiating Services RFP #92-03 (approx. \$145,000.00)

Dr. Roark commented on sports officiating and expressed his general support of sports officials at District athletic events.

It was moved by Dr. Roark, seconded by Dr. O'Donnell, and carried unanimously that Sports Officiating Services RFP #92-03 be awarded to TASO (Texas Association of Sport Officials) local officiating chapters, according to negotiated rates, to be used during each sport season.

The following person requested to speak to this item:

1. Mr. Dan McGlasson, Football Chapter of the Texas Association of Sport Officials-El Paso, expressed his appreciation to the District and that the officials look forward to serving the student athletes.

8. Public Forum

The following people requested to speak on Open Forum:

1. Ms. Patricia de la Garza, taxpayer and parent, expressed complaints about a principal and an incident that occurred at a school.
2. Mr. Raul Garcia was not present when called to speak.
3. Mr. Mario LaFragola, parent at Coronado High School, spoke about symbols of the Church of Satan on an employee's vehicle in the Occupational Center parking lot and the validity of an investigation that was conducted.

9. Consent Agenda

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

Dr. O'Donnell - Item C.  
Item N., 1., a.

Dr. Roark - Item K.  
Item L, 4. and 9.  
Item M.  
Item N., 1., c.

Questions on Item C., Identification of Acute Areas of Teacher Shortage in the EPISD for the 2003-04 School Year

Dr. O'Donnell inquired about how eligible individuals would be notified of the areas of teacher shortage, and Miss Carolyn Grantham, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, explained the communication process.

Questions on Item K., Amendment No. 4. Subagreement 98/99-186-02, with UTEP, Subject to National Science Foundation Cooperative Agreement No. ESR-9908105; Amendments Nos. 001 & 002, and Amendment No. 004 to Cooperative Agreement No. ESR-9453664, for Continuation of "El Paso Urban Systemic Program (EPUSP)"

Dr. Roark requested clarification of the grant and the cost sharing by the District. Mr. Tafoya explained that this was a collaborative grant with UTEP for math and science staff development training for high school teachers and that the District's "in kind" contribution was to provide available space to the teachers, mentors, etc.

Questions on Item L., 4., Budget Amendment – Newman Elementary School (\$3,000.00)

Dr. Roark inquired about the software that would be purchased for the school, and Mr. James Damm, EPISD Consultant for Finance, advised that the software purchase was a site decision

Questions on Item L., 9, Budget Amendment – Ross Middle School (\$40,000.00)

Dr. Roark inquired about the rationale to eliminate a counselor position at the school. Mr. James Damm, EPISD Consultant for Finance, advised that through a change in the school's administration and Campus Improvement Team, it was determined that funds originally designated for an additional counselor would be better utilized in other areas.

Questions on Item M., Interlocal Agreement with Region IV Education Service Center to Participate in the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

Dr. Roark inquired about why the agreement was with Region 4 rather than Region 19, and Mr. Terry Freiburg, Director, Purchasing, advised that the agreement provided the District the opportunity to participate in making purchases from bids and contracts through Region 4's TCPN.

Questions on Item N., 1., c., Purchases Requiring Board Approval – Option to Extend Existing CSP and RFPs - Charter Bus Service RFP #105-02 (approx. \$242,000.00)

Dr. Roark inquired about any problems with charter buses within the past 12 months and why the same companies were to be used if there was continual problems. Mr. Ken Owen, Director, Athletics, reviewed the process to obtain the needed buses and the incidents of break downs on athletic trips.

Questions on Item N., 1., a., Purchases Requiring Board Approval – Option to Extend Existing CSP and RFPs – Athletic/Physical Education Supplies CSP #96-02 (approx. \$360,000.00)

Responding to an inquiry by Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. Terry Freiburg, Director, Purchasing, reviewed the process followed by the Purchasing Office to generate bid lists from the vendor file database.

It was moved by Mr. Cordova, seconded by Dr. O'Donnell, and carried unanimously that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as listed including any recommended vendors for any amounts indicated. Miss Garcia was not present for the vote.

- A. Revision to Board Policy EI (Local), Academic Achievement (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- B. Renaming and Recoding of Board Policy FDE (Local), Admissions and Attendance: Attendance Enforcement to FED (Local), Attendance: Attendance Enforcement (copy attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- C. Identification of Acute Areas of Teacher Shortage in EPISD for the 2003-04 School Year in the subjects of Secondary Mathematics, grades 6-12; Secondary Science, grades 6-12; Special Education, all levels; Secondary Foreign Language (other than English), grades 6-12; Bilingual/English as a Second Language, all levels; Secondary Technology Applications, grades 6-12; Secondary Vocal Music, grades 6-12; and Family Consumer Science.
- D. Authorized User Agreement/General Rules and Regulations Contract with El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center for Sunset High School Graduation Ceremony (\$1,080.00)
- E. Interlocal Agreement with County of El Paso for the Establishment and Operation of an Educational and Information Sharing Program at the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department (Delta Academy) (approx. \$29,500.00)
- F. Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of General Educational Development (GED) Hours Program for Probationers at the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department (Delta Academy) with the EPISD to be reimbursed in an amount not to exceed \$52,400.00.
- G. Continuation of Affiliation Agreement with Tenet Hospitals Limited c/b/a Sierra Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital, and Rio Vista Physical Rehabilitation Hospital for EPISD Health Science Technology Students at the Center for Career and Technology Education and Silva Magnet High School for Health Care Professions for use of the facilities to obtain practical health care experience.
- H. Business Associate Amendment and Addendum to Amendment with Tenet Hospitals Limited d/b/a Providence Memorial Hospital for the Provision of Medical and Educational Services to EPISD School-Age Children with Disabilities
- I. Shared Services Arrangement Agreements with the Anthony, Dell City, Fabens, Canutillo, Clint, Fort Hancock, San Elizario, Socorro, Tornillo, Sierra Blanca, and Ysleta ISDs and the 588 Co-Op Management Board for Services at the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for supplemental funding to pay the excess costs for the 2003-04 school year.

- J. Amendment No. 2, Subagreement No. 01/02-262-01 with UTEP, Subject to National Science Foundation Cooperative Agreement No. EHR-0227124, for El Paso "Math & Science Partnership (MSP)" from the National Science Foundation (NSF), through the University of Texas at El Paso/El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence (EPCAE), with cost reimbursements being paid to the EPISD up to the amount of \$812,196.00 for the current budget period of October 1, 2003, through September 20, 2004, and UTEP expected to fund the El Paso ISD for a five-year grant total of \$3,227,876.00, subject to receiving additional funding from the NSF.
- K. Amendment No. 4, Subagreement 98/99-186-02, with UTEP, Subject to National Science Foundation Cooperative Agreement No. ESR-9908105; Amendment Nos. 001 & 002, and Amendment No. 004 to Cooperative Agreement No. ESR-9453664, for Continuation of "El Paso Urban Systemic Program (EPUSP)," for the fifth year of the Urban System Program Grant from the National Science Foundation, through the University of Texas at El Paso/El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence (EPCAE), with costs associated with the subagreement that are incurred for the period of September 1, 2003, through August 31, 2004, being invoiced for reimbursement from the EPCAE up the amount of \$420,198.00, and with the District's cost-sharing level being \$1,945,000.00.
- L. Budget Amendments
1. Alamo Elementary School (\$1,100.00). This item is to fund an intramural program, which will allow students to experience social contacts, recreation, and leisure time activities.
  2. Clardy Elementary School (\$1,100.00). This item is to fund an intramural program to enrich the understanding of good sportsmanship, self-esteem, team sports, and to build character education.
  3. Collins Elementary School (\$1,100.00). This item is to fund an intramural program, which will allow students to participate in sports-related activities.
  4. Newman Elementary School (\$3,000.00). This item is to allow the purchase of technology software.
  5. Polk Elementary School (\$1,100.00). This item is to fund an intramural program for students to foster community involvement and promote health and CATCH (Coordinate Approach to Child Health) goals.
  6. Rusk Elementary School (\$500.00). This item is to provide training for teachers in the Kamico System for assessing language arts, science, and writing.
  7. Henderson Middle School (\$14,000.00). This item is to provide support for the teaching staff in TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) preparation materials and to purchase a Risograph machine.
  8. Hornedo Middle School (\$1,900.00). This item is to fund an after-school intramural program to offer extra-curricular activities for students and to reimburse faculty and staff for mileage.
  9. Ross Middle School (\$40,000.00). This item is to fund additional instructional materials for students.
- M. Interlocal Agreement with Region IV Education Service Center to Participate in the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) for the 2003-04 school year, with automatic renewals each year unless either party gives 60-days prior written notice of non-renewal.

N. Purchases Requiring Board Approval

1. Option to Extend Existing CSP and RFPs

- a. Athletic/Physical Education Supplies CSP #96-02 (approx. \$360,000.00) to the vendors listed (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- b. Discount from Catalog Prices for Science RFP #85-02 (approx. \$290,000.00) to the vendors listed on the tabulation (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- c. Charter Bus Service RFP #105-02 (approx. \$242,000.00), first option to extend, to All Aboard America!, El Paso Los Angeles Limousine, and Sunwest Charter & Tours (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).
- d. Library LAN/WAN Software/Physical Layer Support RFP #116-02 (\$170,000.00), first option to extend, to Desert Communications, Inc. (copy of bid tabulation attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

3. Gifted and Talented Program Testing Materials, Purchase Order No. 279701 (\$28,542.15), from Harcourt Educational Measurement, the sole source, (copy of purchase order attached to the permanent file of these minutes).

10. Interdistrict Transfer Student Tuition Waiver Appeal – R. N.

The parents of R. N. were not present.

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 R. N. to Andress High School for the 2003-04 school year.

12. Chapin High School Dance Team Trip to Hawaii for Varsity Pro Bowl Tour in February 2004

Dr. Carla Gonzales, Principal, Chapin High School, provided information on the dance team's request to travel to Hawaii to perform during half-time at the NFL Pro Bowl football game. She stated that four days of instruction would be missed but that the trip would enhance and reinforce the materials required by the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) as part of fine arts in the dance curriculum. Ms. Olga Jordan, Dance instructor, Chapin High School, advised that all interested students were given the opportunity to participate but that some students declined because of possible military transfers or participation in another trip with the school band. Dr. Gonzales stated that the students would be responsible for completing class work ahead of time and making up any work or tests that were missed. Ms. Linda Corral, Associate Superintendent, High Schools Division, expressed concerns with the instructional time that would be missed.

It was moved by Mr. Cordova and seconded by Mr. Mena that the Board approve the Chapin High School dance team trip to Hawaii for the Varsity Pro Bowl Tour on February 5 - 10, 2004.

The following person requested to speak to this item:

1. Ms. Beverly Ann Pritchard spoke about financial support that had been offered by the military.



Mr. Tafoya commented on the administration's lack of authority to approve the trip without Board approval and the need for further information on a plan that would address how the students would make up the missed class work or be engaged in some form of school work on the trip.

It was moved by Dr. Roark and seconded by Mr. Mena that action be postponed for two weeks on the motion to approve the Chapin High School dance team trip to Hawaii and that it be brought back to the Board on November 24, 2003, with a curriculum plan. Following discussion regarding funding constraints associated with a postponement, Dr. Roark withdrew the motion.

Upon the vote on the main motion, the motion failed with Mr. Cordova and Ms. Colquitt-Muñoz voting in favor of the motion and Miss Garcia, Dr. Roark, Dr. O'Donnell, and Mr. Mena voting against the motion.

13. El Paso High School Orchestra Trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 22 – 25, 2004

Ms. Diana Gilliland, Orchestra director, El Paso High School, provided information on the planning process for the trip to the Music in the Parks Festival and the scheduling conflicts and cost considerations that were involved with locations other than Las Vegas, Nevada. She stated that only one day of instruction would be missed.

It was moved by Mr. Cordova and seconded by Mr. Mena that the Board approve the El Paso High School orchestra trip to the Music in the Parks Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 22 – 25, 2004. Upon the vote, the motion failed with Mr. Mena, Ms. Colquitt-Muñoz, and Mr. Cordova voting in favor of the motion and Miss Garcia, Dr. Roark, and Dr. O'Donnell voting against the motion.

14. Report on Product and Process Evaluations of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Grant LB-12 Provided to EPISD Library Learning Resources 2002-03

Ms. Sharon Carr, Facilitator, Library Learning Resources, reported on the grant and how it worked to the advantage of the District. She reviewed how the funding was used to raise the level of service to the District libraries. Information was provided on the evaluation conducted on the grant by Research, Evaluation, Planning and Accountability and the program services being provided.

15. Gifted and Talented Middle School Advanced Math Program Proposal (approx. \$31,000.00)

It was moved by Miss Garcia and seconded by Mr. Cordova that the Board approve this proposal as presented by the administration.

Ms. Fara Green, Director, Advanced Academic Services, Gifted and Talented, provided information on how the evaluation would be conducted on the program by Research, Evaluation, Planning and Accountability.

Upon the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Item Withdrawn

It was announced that item no. 16, Purchase of High Point Series, Basic & Levels A-C Sets from Hampton-Brown (\$104,594.61), had been withdrawn from the agenda.

17. Interlocal Governmental Agreement for the Development and Use of Recreational Facility Located on White Elementary School Land (approx. \$62,000.00)

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Board approve this agreement with the City of El Paso, acting by and through its Public Service Board, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney, for the development and use of an approximate 1.57-acre recreational facility.

18. Change Order No. 3 to Districtwide Roofing Projects, Phase 2 – Bliss, Burnet, Crockett, Hughey, Lee, Logan, and Milam Elementary Schools; Bassett, Henderson, and MacArthur Middle Schools; and Jefferson High School, #02.367 (\$51,208.00)

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Cordova, and carried unanimously that the Board approve this change order, subject to the review and approval of the District's attorney.

19. Procurement/Delivery Methods for Construction Contracts Exceeding \$15,000.00

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell, seconded by Miss Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the competitive bid method for the 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. Districtwide Asbestos Management Services – Maintenance Tax Notes Projects, #03.739
- B. Districtwide Electrical System Renovation Upgrades, #04.994

21. Authorization for Filing of Eminent Domain Proceedings for Acquisition of Properties for New South/Central Elementary School Located Within Blocks 31 and 49, Campbell Addition, City of El Paso and Retaining Legal Counsel for Such Eminent Domain Proceedings

There was no discussion on this item.

22. Appeal of Student Transfer Revocation – M. A. and A. V.

Mr. Safi outlined the protocol for hearing an appeal on student placement as outlined in legal and local policies. Mr. Mena reviewed the timeframe for the presentations.

M. A., student at Hornedo Middle School, provided information on her claims of assault and harassment at the school and the revocation of her and her sister's transfers to Hornedo. Ms. M. V., parent of M. A. and A. V., spoke about incidents that occurred in October 2003 at Hornedo against her daughters and her claims of threats by the school principal. She questioned the rationale for the revocation of the transfers and requested that the transfers be reinstated. Ms. P. G., aunt of Ms. V., spoke about student due process being violated, the need to implement a program against bullying, and her having been threatened and slandered.

Dr. Linda Holman, Associate Superintendent, Elementary/Middle Schools Division II, outlined the October 2003 incidents involving students and parents that led to the transfer revocation of M. A. and A. V. She stated that the grounds for a transfer revocation are outlined in the transfer form, which must be initialed by the parent when a transfer is granted. Ms. Victoria York, Principal, Hornedo Middle School, reviewed the incidents that took place on October 7, 2003, with M. A. and her mother and aunt.

Ms. P. G. and Ms. V. denied statements from the administration and requested that the transfers for M. A. and A. V. be reinstated.

The following person requested to speak to this issue:

1. Female student, Hornedo Middle School, spoke about perceived discrimination and complained about the principal and assistant principal at the school.

Ms. York rebutted the account of the incidents as reported by Ms. P. G. and Ms. V. and gave the names of witnesses to the episode that occurred on October 7, 2003. Mr. Tafoya commented on his rationale for upholding the transfer revocations of M. A. and A. V.

It was moved by Miss Garcia, seconded by Ms. Colquitt-Muñoz, and carried unanimously that the Board uphold the administration's decision to revoke the transfer of M. A. and A. V. to Hornedo Middle School.

#### Meeting Recessed

The meeting was recessed at 9:53 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 10:03 p.m.

13. El Paso High School Orchestra Trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 22 - 25, 2004 (reconsideration)

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell and seconded by Dr. Roark that the Board reconsider the failed motion to approve the El Paso High School orchestra trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Miss Garcia voting against the motion.

Dr. O'Donnell requested clarification on trips to Las Vegas, Nevada, being in violation of Board policy. It was explained that the Board had verbally discouraged trips to Las Vegas.

It was moved by Dr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Cordova that the Board approve the El Paso High School orchestra trip to the Music in the Parks Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Ms. Colquitt-Muñoz, Mr. Cordova, Mr. Mena, and Dr. O'Donnell voting in favor of the motion and Miss Garcia and Dr. Roark voting against the motion.

12. Chapin High School Dance Team Trip to Hawaii for Varsity Pro Bowl Tour in February 2004 (reconsideration)

It was moved by Mr. Mena and seconded by Mr. Cordova that the Board reconsider the failed motion to approve the Chapin High School dance team trip to Hawaii. Upon the vote, the motion failed with Mr. Mena, Ms. Colquitt-Muñoz, and Mr. Cordova voting in favor of the motion and Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Roark, and Miss Garcia voting against the motion.

#### Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Date Approved: February 3, 2004