

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees
El Paso Independent School District
February 18, 2003
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
Mr. Charles L. Tafoya, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony Safi, School District Attorney

Absent: Mr. Richard Telles

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mr. Wever. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mena.

Approval of Bilingual Education Instructional Materials (Item #1)

Mr. Wever expressed concerns about "sole source" purchases and companies alleging to be sole source. There was discussion on the administration providing information on what materials are and are not sole source; streamlining the process for sole source purchases; and the Board Policy Committee addressing the issue of sole source.

It was moved by Miss Garcia and seconded by Mr. Rosales that the bilingual instructional materials be approved for purchase as listed to the recommended vendors for the amounts indicated. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Mr. Wever voting against the motion.

A. ¡Si Puedo! Reading Intervention Program from Houghton Mifflin Company for Grades 1 and 2 (\$67,490.00)

The Board approved the purchase of the *¡Si Puedo!* Reading Intervention Program, an intervention program designed for struggling readers in grades 1 and 2, from Houghton Mifflin Company, the sole source, in the amount of \$67,490.00.

B. Pacemaker Classic Julius Caesar and Carteles De Escritura-Shared Writing Templates and Training from Pearson Education, Inc. for Grades Kindergarten through 2 (\$32,656.25)

The Board approved the purchase of the Pacemaker Classic *Julius Caesar* for ESL (English as a Second language) students and Carteles De Escritura for emergent writers in grades kindergarten through 2 from Pearson Education, Inc., the sole source, in the amount of \$32,656.25.

C. Supplemental Reading Materials from National Educational Systems, Inc. for Bilingual/ESL (English as a Second Language) Students (\$307,465.70)

The Board approved the purchase of supplemental reading materials for bilingual/ESL (English as a Second Language) students from National Educational Systems, Inc., the sole source, in the amount of \$307,465.70.

Purchase Requiring Board Approval – Grolier Educational Materials for Library Learning Resources Purchase Order No. 256840 (\$18,236.94) (Item #2)

It was moved by Mr. Rosales, seconded by Mr. Mena, and carried unanimously that Grolier educational materials for Library Learning Resources, Purchase Order No. 256840, be approved for purchase from Grolier Educational, the sole source, in the amount of \$18,236.94.

Approval of Instructional Materials and/or Training Costs Requiring Board Approval (Item #3)

Questions on Reading and Writing Staff Development Training for Elementary Teachers from Balanced Literacy Institute (approx. \$107,000.00) (Item #3, C.)

Mr. Wever inquired about this training being available only from Balanced Literacy Institute. Mr. Terry Freiburg, Director, Purchasing, advised that a letter from the Las Cruces, New Mexico, company indicates that it is the sole provider of this staff development training.

There was discussion on the administration planning yearly expenditures during the budget preparation period and staff development training being included in campus budgets.

It was moved by Miss Garcia and seconded by Mr. Rosales that the instructional materials and/or training be approved for purchase as listed to the recommended vendors for the amounts indicated. Upon the vote, the motion carried with Mr. Wever voting against item no. 3, C.

A. English and Spanish Reading and Literacy Books and Instructional Materials from Rigby Education (approx. \$137,000.00)

The Board approved the purchase of English and Spanish reading and literacy books and instructional materials for the elementary schools for the Accelerated Reading Initiative and Balanced Literacy Program from Rigby Education, the sole source, in the estimated amount of \$137,000.00.

B. Reading and Instructional Books for Elementary and Middle Schools from Sundance Publishing (approx. \$60,000.00)

The Board approved the purchase of reading and instructional books for elementary and middle schools from Sundance Publishing, the sole source, in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00.

C. Reading and Writing Staff Development Training for Elementary Teachers from Balanced Literacy Institute (approx. \$107,000.00)

The Board approved the reading and writing staff development training for elementary teachers, to guide teaching and managing a “balanced literacy” classroom, from Balanced Literacy Institute, the sole source, in the estimated amount of \$107,000.00.

Meeting Closed (Item #4)

The meeting was recessed at 5:47 p.m. to a closed meeting by Mr. Wever under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- A. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Pending Litigation – Pete N. Duran, Plaintiff v. El Paso Independent School District, Defendant; In the 171st Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 99-577
- B. Consultation with School District Attorney Regarding Contemplated Litigation – Eugene Bibbs, et al. vs. Texas University Interscholastic League and EPISD University Interscholastic League District Executive Committee; Cause No. 2003-624, in the 120th District Court, El Paso County, Texas

Mr. Mena and Mr. Rosales recused themselves from the discussion on item no. 4, A., Consultation with Attorney Regarding Pending Litigation – Pete N. Duran, Plaintiff v. El Paso Independent School District, Defendant; In the 171st Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 99-577.

The closed meeting started at 5:51 p.m. The closed meeting ended at 6:07 p.m.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 6:11 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Date Approved: May 13, 2003