MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
3:00 P.M.

Present: Mr. Israel Irrobali, President
Ms. Valerie Beals, Vice President
Ms. Isabel Hernandez, Secretary
Dr. Josh Acevedo, Member
Mr. Daniel Call, Member
Mr. Alex Cuellar, Member
Ms. Leah Hanany, Member
Ms. Diana Sayavedra, Superintendent

Others: Ms. Cezy Collins, General Counsel
Mr. Joshua Govea, Assistant General Counsel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Board President Irrobali.

The following individuals requested to address the Board:

Item 2.A.1. - Ms. Norma De La Rosa, President of El Paso Teachers Association, addressed the Board regarding her concerns on the Accountability Rating System by the Texas Education Agency.

Item 2.A.5. - Mr. Ross Moore, President of El Paso American Federation of Teachers, addressed the Board in support of the possible sale of the Morehead facility.

Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed for Executive Session at 3:17 p.m.

2. Meeting to be Closed under Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

A. Consultation with Legal Counsel Concerning Legal Issues Relating To:

1. Kingsville Independent School District, Canutillo Independent School District, Crowley Independent School District, Del Valle Independent School District, Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, Fort Stockton Independent School District, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District, Plaintiffs, v. Mike Morath, in his Official Capacity as Commissioner of Education, Defendant, Cause No. D-1-GN-23-004675, in the 419th District Court, Travis County, Texas; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071
2. San Diego Unified School District, Plaintiff, v. Meta Platforms, Inc.; Facebook Holdings, LLC; Facebook Operations, LLC; Instagram, LLC; Snap Inc.; Tiktok, Inc.; XXVI Holdings Inc.; Google LLC; and Youtube LLC, Defendants, Case No. 23STCV14900, In The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071
3. Amber Parker, et al., v. Daniel Call, et al., Cause No. 348-344939-23, in The State of Texas District Court, Tarrant County, Texas; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071
4. Possible Sale of Real Property: A Portion of Lots 17 through 32, Block 16, All of Block 25 Including the Closed Alley, Lots 1 through 16, Block 26, the Closed Portion of Tyler Avenue Adjacent to Said Blocks 16 and 25, and the Closed Portion of Polk Avenue Adjacent to Blocks 25 and 26, Summit Place Addition, El Paso, El Paso County, Commonly Known as 4400 Elm Street, El Paso County, Texas; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072
5. Possible Sale of Real Property: Tract 4-E, A.F. Miller Survey 215 Abstract 3599, El Paso County, Texas, Located at 5625 Confetti, El Paso, Texas 79912, and Commonly Known as Morehead Middle School; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072

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B. Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations
   1. Personnel Recommendation (Pursuant to Board Policy DC-Local) – Chief Operations Officer; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074
   2. Personnel Reassignment (Pursuant to Board Policy DK-Local) – Assistant Superintendent Student Services; Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074

Meeting Opened
The meeting was reassembled in Open Session at 5:02 p.m.

3. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Kingsville Independent School District, Canutillo Independent School District, Crowley Independent School District, Del Valle Independent School District, Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, Fort Stockton Independent School District, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District, Plaintiffs, v. Mike Morath, in his Official Capacity as Commissioner of Education, Defendant, Cause No. D-1-GN-23-004675, in the 419th District Court, Travis County, Texas
It was moved by Trustee Call, and seconded by Trustee Irrobali, that the Board take no action on this item. The motion failed with Trustees Call, Irrobali, and Beals voting in favor of the motion and Trustees Cuellar, Acevedo, Hanany, and Hernandez voting against.

It was then moved by Trustee Hernandez, and seconded by Trustee Acevedo, that the Board authorize O'Hanlon, Demerath and Castillo to add EPISD as a Plaintiff in the pending lawsuit Kingsville Independent School District, Canutillo Independent School District, Crowley Independent School District, Del Valle Independent School District, Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, Fort Stockton Independent School District, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District, Plaintiffs, v. Mike Morath, in his Official Capacity as Commissioner of Education, Defendant, Cause No. D-1-GN-23-004675, in the 419th District Court, Travis County, Texas. The motion carried with Trustees Cuellar, Acevedo, Hernandez, and Hanany voting in favor of the motion and Trustess Irrobali, Beals, and Call voting against.

4. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on San Diego Unified School District, Plaintiff, v. Meta Platforms, Inc.; Facebook Holdings, LLC; Facebook Operations, LLC; Instagram, LLC; Snap Inc.; Tiktok, Inc.; XXVI Holdings Inc.; Google LLC; and Youtube LLC, Defendants, Case No. 23STCV14900, In The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles
No action was taken on this item.

5. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Amber Parker, et al., v. Daniel Call, et al., Cause No. 348-344939-23, in The State of Texas District Court, Tarrant County, Texas
No action was taken on this item.

6. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Personnel Recommendation (Pursuant to Board Policy DC-Local) – Chief Operations Officer
It was moved by Trustee Irrobali, seconded by Trustee Hanany, and carried unanimously, that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Stacy Pierson for Chief Operations Officer, as presented.

7. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

Date Approved: _____

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