MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
1:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Ms. Isabel Hernandez, Secretary

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Board President Irrobali.

2. Action Items

A. Approval of Revisions to 2023-2024 Extra Performance Pay & Instructional Stipends Listing

Superintendent Sayavedra reported that the purpose of this item was to address an administrative error regarding a bilingual stipend, which was part of the compensation package previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

The following individuals requested to address the Board:

Ms. Norma De La Rosa, President of El Paso Teachers Association, addressed the Board in support of Superintendent Sayavedra's expeditious effort to address the stipend concern and shared her concerns with changes to stipends after employees sign contracts.

Ms. Sarah Benitez, Bilingual Teacher, addressed the Board in support of bilingual stipends for Certified bilingual teachers.

Mr. Ross Moore, President of El Paso American Federation of Teachers, addressed the Board in support of Ms. Sayavedra's efforts to address the stipend concern, accountability, and prevention of any future incidents.

Ms. Victoria Gomez, Parent, addressed the Board in support of Dual Language instruction and stipends.

Ms. Elsa Luna, Retired Teacher, addressed the Board in support of bilingual teachers and stipends.

Ms. Jenny Solo, Parent, spoke on behalf of Ms. Caroline Manning, advocating for bilingual teacher stipends and accountability.

Ms. Elizabeth Bryan, Community Member, addressed the Board regarding the bilingual stipend and concerns of possible changes to the Dual Language Program.

Mr. William Curtis, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the bilingual teacher stipend as well as urging support of the Dual Language Program.

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Ms. Edith Jaurrieta de Velasco, Community Member, addressed the Board in support of the Dual Language Program, stipends, and stakeholder engagement.

Ms. Jenny Solo, Parent, addressed the Board regarding her concerns with communication, transparency, and compensation.

Ms. Alejandra Ramirez, Community Member, addressed the Board regarding her concerns with possible revisions to the Dual Language Program and in support of bilingual stipends.

Mr. Aurelio Valdez, Community Member, addressed the Board regarding accountability and transparency.

Trustee Cuellar shared he was abstaining from voting on this item as he was not part of the original budget hearing. He also suggested the implementation of safety measures or protocols to ensure such an error does not reoccur.

It was moved by Trustee Irrobali, and seconded by Trustee Call, that the Board approve the proposed revisions to the 2023-2024 Extra Performance & Instructional Stipends, as presented. The motion carried with Trustees Irrobali, Call, Acevedo, Beals, and Hanany voting in favor of the motion, and Trustee Cuellar abstaining from the vote.

B. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution and Real Estate Sales Contract Authorizing Sale of Real Property, which Includes a Lease During Contract Pendency, to the City of El Paso, the Real Property Known as 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

Ms. Sayavedra reported on the offer from the City of El Paso for the purchase and temporary lease of the Morehead facility. Additionally, Dr. Marta Carmona, Deputy Superintendent, reported on the feedback received at various community meetings, stating that concerns were heard and addressed by both the City of El Paso and El Paso Independent School District.

The following individuals requested to address the Board:

Mr. Ron Comeau, Community Member, addressed the Board in support of the property sale, the proposed animal shelter, as well as the possible benefits to the city.

Ms. Loretta Hyde, Community Member, addressed the Board in support of the sale of the property and the proposed animal shelter.

Mr. Jerry Jarvis, President of the Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board sharing concerns from the community regarding the sale of the property.

Ms. Jenny Solo, Parent, addressed the Board in support of the property sale.

Mr. Oscar Leeser, Mayor of El Paso, reported on the three community meetings held where the community was able to express their concerns about the sale of the property. Additionally, Mayor Leeser shared the facility will be utilized as an animal shelter and an emergency shelter for asylum seekers, or for any natural disasters.

Mr. Mario D'Agostino, Deputy City Manager, reported on the safety measures to be set in place at the facility, which would be completed prior to the end of this calendar year. Ms. Sayavedra also shared that this facility was utilized in December 2022 when the migrant surge began, and with help from the City of El Paso, security measures were put into place in a timely manner. Additionally, Ms. Cezy Collins, General Counsel, shared that a provision is included in the lease, pending the sale of this property, which includes armed security guards be present at all times. Ms. Martha Aguirre, Chief

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Financial Officer, shared that the proceeds received from this sale would be placed in the fund balance.

It was moved by Trustee Acevedo, seconded by Trustee Call, and carried unanimously, that the Board approve the sale of the District's interest in the surface only of the real property to the City of El Paso, as set forth in the Resolution and Real Estate Sales Contract, and approve the Resolution and the Real Estate Sales Contract, which includes a lease during contract pendency, as presented.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

Date Approved: _____

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