



**MINUTES
CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SOCORRO ISD
DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER – BOARD ROOM
JUNE 13, 2007 | 6:00 PM**

MEMBER PRESENT

Herb De La Rosa, Co-Chairperson; Susan Hill, Member; Enedina Serna, Member; Victor Valdivia, Member; Ernest Ramirez, Member; Hector Muñoz, Member; Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson, Superintendent of Schools; Thomas A. Eyeington, Assistant Superintendent for District Operations; Cynthia Lopez, Assistant Superintendent for Socorro H.S. Feeder; Mary Benham, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services; Anna Lisa Banegas-Peña, Assistant Superintendent for Americas H.S. Feeder; Holly Fields, Assistant Superintendent for El Dorado H.S. Feeder; Rebecca O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Montwood H.S. Feeder; Pat O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Minerva Baumann, Public Relations Director; Gracie Tovar, Administrative Specialist II, Rafael Hernando.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda East, Co-Chairperson; Dolores Acosta, Member; David Amaya, Member; Christy Guereque, Member; Betty Vigil, Member; Amelda Hermosillo, Member; Robert Valles, Member; Keenan Greseth, Member;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mr. Herb De La Rosa, Co-Chairperson.

Mr. Eyeington introduced Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson, Superintendent of Schools and the Cabinet Members. The Cabinet Members consist of Pat O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Mary Benham, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, Cynthia Lopez, Assistant Superintendent for Socorro H.S. Feeder, Lisa Banegas-Peña, Assistant Superintendent for Americas H.S. Feeder, Holly Fields, Assistant Superintendent for El Dorado H.S. Feeder, Rebecca O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Montwood H.S. Feeder and Minerva Baumann, Public Relation Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee approved the minutes for the Citizen's Oversight Committee Meeting held on May 9, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE BOND REFERENDUM

Mr. Eyeington provided the Committee a booklet which included the following:

1. Facilities Study Executive Study
2. Total Deficiency Costs by School & Priority
3. Cost Summary by School & Discipline
4. Task Group Cross Tab Summary
5. 5-Year Enrollment Projections by Campus
6. 10-Year District Enrollment Projections by Campus
7. Tentative 2007 Bond Projections

Mr. Eyeington gave the Committee a brief explanation of the documentation provided.

APPOINT NEW CHAIRPERSON

Due to Ms. Linda East medical problem, Mr. Eyeington believes that Mr. Herb De La Rosa needs some help and support with the Citizen's Oversight Committee. Dr. Atkinson mentioned that some of the duties need to be shared and provided some of the information to the other Committees.

Mr. De La Rosa asked for any volunteers. He asked Mr. Hector Muñoz if he would be interested in becoming the co-chair. Mr. Muñoz responded that he believes that the co-chair would need to be someone who is more experienced. He added that he already participates in several other Committees.

Mr. De La Rosa asked Ms. Enedina Serna if she would be interested in becoming the co-chairs. Ms. Serna responded that her schedule was not flexible.

Mr. De La Rosa asked the committee members to think about it and someone would be elected in the next Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Mr. Eyeington asked Dr. Atkinson if she would like to address the possibility of some new appointees for the new Board Members. Dr. Atkinson mentioned that Mr. Eyeington brought to our attention the fact that the Citizen's Oversight Committee was basically about fourteen members and the regular attendance was about six to seven members. The idea that there is a possibility that we could have our Board Members nominate one or two persons, it would be very advantageous for the District to have three to four per Board Member and maybe have the Committee be a larger group. In speaking to some of the Board Members, they are very much in favor of being able to expand the Citizen's Oversight Committee. Especially as the District starts looking into having to divide some of the duties and responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

At the last Citizen's Oversight Committee a copy of the by-laws for El Paso and Ysleta Independent School District were presented. Based on the copies, Mr. De La Rosa has come up with a draft of the by-laws for Socorro ISD Citizen's Oversight Committee to look at and get input for everyone. He added that in the draft copy he addressed a little bit about attendance and membership. He asked that the members take the draft copy home and look at it so that way their input could be taken into consideration for the next meeting.

REQUEST FOR NEXT MEETING

Our next Citizen's Oversight Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2007 @ District Service Center @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: 7:35 P.M.