



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
December 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David O. Morales, Board President; Ricardo O. Castellano, Board Vice President; Eduardo Mena, Board Secretary; Pablo Barrera; Paul Guerra; Cynthia A. Najera; Michael A. Najera; and Marta C. Carmona, M.Ed., Interim Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President David O. Morales. All members were present and a quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mrs. Carmona reported on personnel and district initiatives/events.

BOARD HONORS

- SISD students were recognized for placing in the 2021 El Paso Community College K-12 “Salute to the Arts” Contest.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the 2021 SISD Winter Holiday Art Contest.
- Eastlake High School Varsity Football Team was recognized for winning 2021 UIL Championship.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The Eastlake High School Varsity Soccer Coach was recognized for being inducted into the 2021 Texas Association of Soccer Coaches Hall of Honor.

SUPERINTENDENT’S SEARCH SUMMARY REPORT AND LEADERSHIP PROFILE

JG Consulting provided a summary report regarding the Superintendent’s search. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Ricardo Castellano, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

None

FACILITIES REPORT

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2017 Bond Program and other construction projects. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9A- Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- Employment of Personnel

- Request for the Use of School Facilities
 - Baker Dance School for the use of Pebble Hills High School Theater
 - Sun Bowl Association for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)
- Budget Amendments
- Awarding of Bids
 - Request for Increase – CTE Curriculum Equipment, Supplies and Services, RFP E2122
Administration recommends consideration and approval to increase the total annual awarded amount by \$1,000,000 for a new annual amount of \$2,500,000 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. Administration is pleased with the service awarded to multiple vendors and to accommodate the ordering of approved orders. (General Fund and Special Revenue)
- Contracts
 - Affiliation Agreements – Health Professions Academy Clinical Program
 - a. \$99 Braces - has agreed to undertake training activities and to make its facility available to identified students of Socorro High School Health Professions Academy for such purposes.
 - b. ASP Cares Pharmacy - has agreed to undertake training activities and to make its facility available to identified students of Socorro High School Health Professions Academy for such purposes.
 - c. Kids Dental & Orthodontics - has agreed to undertake training activities and to make its facility available to identified students of Socorro High School Health Professions Academy for such purposes.
 - Purchasing Cooperative – Texas DIR Contract TSO-3763 Dell Financial Services
The purchasing cooperative program for a lease of 4,000 laptops in the total amount of \$2,614,042.20 to include principal and interest. The lease agreement will be through Dell Financial Services for 4 (four) years with an annual payment of \$653,510.55, for the DNA 1:1 High School Program. (General Fund)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Pablo Barrera, to approve the minutes with the revisions as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2022-23 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND CALENDAR

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY OF EL PASO PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OF THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) NO. 68

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Ricardo Castellano, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

TERRACON FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING FOR SAC II FACILITY

All construction projects are required to have a third-party inspection company to conduct all testing throughout the construction of the project. Intertek (PSI) estimated cost for the services is \$338,600.00. HKS, Inc. Architect and Banes General Contractors, Inc., construction manager has reviewed Terracon scope of work and estimate of cost. A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

LAS VACA’S MEAT MARKET & KITCHEN REQUEST FOR A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & ZONING DIVISION CORRECTION NOTICE

A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Ricardo Castellano, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FAR WEST TEXAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to nominate Cynthia Najera as the representative and Eduardo Mena as the alternate for the FWTSBA Coordinating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:46 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding the status of *J. Hamilton v. SISD*, cause no. 2016DVC1566; to consider Level III Grievance Appeal filed by C.D.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendation for Assistant Principal position at Walter E. Clarke Middle School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

J. HAMILTON V. SISD, CAUSE NO. 2016DVC1566

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Ricardo Castellano, to approve the item as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

LEVEL III GRIEVANCE APPEAL FILED BY C.D.

A motion was made by Ricardo Castellano, seconded by Pablo Barrera, to allow an oral presentation to the Board of Trustees. The motion failed with a 2-5 vote. Aye: Ricardo Castellano, and Pablo Barrera. Nay: Paul Guerra, Eduardo Mena, David Morales, Cynthia Najera, and Michael Najera.

The Board did not take any action on this agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Mrs. Carmona recommended Marianne Torales to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Walter E. Clarke Middle School. A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 18, 2022.