



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
January 18, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pablo Barrera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President David O. Morales. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The SISD Board of Trustees were recognized in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S WEEK PROCLAMATION, FEBRUARY 7-11, 2022

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

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees and Interim Superintendent:

1. Angelica Soto regarding School Board Recognition Month
2. Darlene Sanchez-Renteria regarding School Board Appreciation
3. Tommy Hill regarding School Board Appreciation

PUBLIC HEARING 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Texas Education Code Chapter 39.306 requires each District's Board of Trustees to hold a public hearing to discuss the District's Annual Report.

At this time, the public was invited to provide input relative to the District's Annual Report. No input was provided. The Board proceeded to the next agenda item.

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 Cynthia Najera, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting; and January 6, 2022 Special Board Meeting

- Employment of Personnel
- Request for the Use of School Facilities
 - Knight Time Cheer for the use of Montwood HS Gyms and Band Room
- Budget Amendments
- Awarding of Bids
 - Fine Arts Private Lesson and Master Class Instruction, RFP No. E2232
Solicitation to provide fine arts private lesson and master class instruction as needed district wide. (Maximum \$550,000- ESSER, Federal and General Fund Budget)
 - Marching Band Uniforms and Accessories, RFP No. E2233
Solicitation to purchase marching band uniforms and accessories for high schools as needed district wide. (Maximum \$150,000)
 - Weight Room Equipment and Supplies, RFP No. E2222
Solicitation to purchase weight room equipment and supplies as needed district wide. (Maximum \$2,000,000-ESSER, Federal and Grant Fund Budget)
 - Request for Increase - Personal Protective Equipment and Accessories, RFP No. E2219
Administration is requesting approval to increase the total annual amount by \$756,000 for a new amount of \$1,056,000 for this current term and any remaining extended terms due to potential awarded grants. Administration will issue the multiple awarded vendors to accommodate for additional PPE orders. (Request for Increase of \$756,000-ESSER, Federal and General Fund Budget)
- Contracts
 - Agreement - El Paso County Hospital District dba University Medical Center Laboratory Services
The purpose is to continue providing laboratory services for students in the Health Professions Academy clinical rotation sites and to obtain Titer testing needed for clinical rotations. Socorro ISD agrees to pay UMC amounts for laboratory services at the rates set forth on this agreement and UMC will bill for services on a monthly basis. (Maximum \$8,000-CTE Funds)
 - Amendment Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - The University of Texas at Austin and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Advise TX Program
This MOU was originally approved on September 21, 2021, to implement the Advise TX Program at high schools throughout the state, including at a high school in SISD, El Dorado High School. This Amendment is to add a second high school, Socorro High School, to the original MOU. (Maximum \$10,000/Adviser)
 - Educational Experience Affiliation and Program Agreement (Pharmacy) University of Texas at El Paso
The parties agree to design an educational experience in the Doctorate Programs for university students. The duration of the program and the educational experience provided will be consistent with the curriculum requirements of university and with the standards of the accrediting entity for the school or division of university in which the students are enrolled. The program will be reviewed periodically by the Facility Liaison and University Representative and, when appropriate, will be revised to meet the University curriculum requirements and the standards of the accrediting entity.
 - National Evaluation - Comprehensive Literacy State Development Impact Study (CLSD)
The goal of the CLSD Impact Study is to understand implementation of CLSD and its impact on student literacy during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. About 20-25 districts from the 11 CLSD grantee states will participate, and Socorro ISD has been nominated as one of the study districts. The district will receive \$15,000 per participating elementary school. The study team will track students' academic achievement through 2026 using data obtained from the relevant state departments of education in order to evaluate the impact over the full grant

period. Districts and schools will have the opportunity to contribute to the knowledge about effective approaches to literacy instruction.

- Purchasing Cooperative - Personal Protective Equipment, Supplies and Materials
Administration recommends consideration and approval to utilize co-operative contracts for the purchase of personal protective equipment, supplies, and materials as needed in the amount of up to \$500,000 through June 2022.

2022-2023 AND 2023-2024 DISTRICT CALENDARS

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

LOCAL POLICY, CPAB

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:12 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding status of Rate 41 Group's Intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Proceeding PUC Docket No. 52195, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-2606, Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates; discussion regarding personal action concerning El Dorado HS Assistant Principal M.H.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Director of Construction Manager, Principal position at Ben Narbuth Elementary School, Coordinator of Emergency Management, Assistant Principal positions at Pebble Hills High School, KEYS Academy, Spec. Rafael Hernando III Middle School, Chester E. Jordan Elementary School, James P. Butler Elementary School, Loma Verde Elementary School, and Desert Wind School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

NEW EMPLOYMENT TERMS AND CONTRACT FOR EL DORADO H.S. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL M.H.

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Carmona reported that Administration was pulling the recommendation for the Director of Construction Manager. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Dr. Carmona recommended Fernando Miranda to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal at Ben Narbuth Elementary School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Ricardo Castellano, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carmona recommended James Nunn to assume all roles and responsibilities as Coordinator of Emergency Management. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote. Aye: Paul Guerra, Cynthia Najera, Eduardo Mena, and David Morales. Nay: Michael Najera, and Ricardo Castellano.

Dr. Carmona recommended Melissa Gardner to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Pebble Hills High School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carmona recommended Raquel Fraga to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of KEYS Academy. A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carmona recommended Lizette Rocha to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Spec. Rafael Hernando III Middle School. A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carmona recommended Rosa Serrato to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Chester E. Jordan Elementary School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carmona recommended Paul Figueroa to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of James P. Butler Elementary School. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carmona reported that Administration was pulling the recommendation for the Assistant Principal position at Loma Verde Elementary School. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Dr. Carmona reported that Administration was pulling the recommendation for the Assistant Principal position at Desert Wind PK8 School. No action was taken on this agenda item.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON February 15, 2022.