



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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eduardo Mena, Board President; David O. Morales, Board Secretary; Paul Guerra; Cynthia A. Najera; Michael A. Najera; and Nate Carman, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pablo Barrera, Board Vice President; and Ricardo O. Castellano

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President Eduardo Mena. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Carman announced new personnel and reported on district initiatives/events.

BOARD HONORS

- Students and employees were honored for winning the 2022 SISD Print Those Pics Photography Contest.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Employees were honored for winning the 2022 SISD Employee Art Show.
- Employees who are retiring from the district were honored for their service in Team SISD.

GENERATION TEXAS MONTH PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2022

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

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 27-31, 2022

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

TEXAS EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCES DAY RESOLUTION, OCTOBER 12, 2022

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

OPEN FORUM

The following individual(s) addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent:

- Tommy Hill regarding compensation and years of service pay.

DISTRICT INTRUDER DETECTION AUDIT REPORT FINDINGS

Administration reported that an Intruder Detection Audit was conducted in the district by Region 19 ESC. Findings will be shared with the District School Safety and Security Committee, and the Board of Trustees. A plan of action is in place and will be shared with the Board of Trustees. No action was taken on this agenda item.

FACILITIES REPORT

Administration provided a presentation of the 2017 Bond Program and other construction projects. No action was taken on this agenda item.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Administration provided a presentation of the quarterly investment report in accordance with Board Policy CDA (Local) and the Public Fund Investment Act (PFIA). No action was taken on this agenda item.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

Administration provided a presentation on the annual investment report for fiscal year 2021-2022 in accordance with Board Policy CDA (Local) “Other Revenues, Investments,” and the Public Fund Investment Act (PFIA). Administration has received all the pertinent information from the investment pools, Wells Fargo, and TCG Advisors. No action was taken on this agenda item.

UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

An update concerning the Strategic Plan Development Process was provided for the Board of Trustees. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Board Meeting Minutes
 - September 20, 2022 Board Workshop
 - September 20, 2022 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
 - September 21, 2022 Special Board Meeting
 - September 26, 2022 Board Workshop
 - September 27, 2022 Board Workshop
- Request for Use of School Facilities
 1. Cross Point Lutheran Church for the use of Montwood High School Parking Lot
 2. Manna Church for the use of Hurshel Antwine Middle School
 3. New World Montessori School for the use of Americas High School Theater
 4. Protege Dance Co. for the use of Pebble Hills High School
- Budget Amendments
- Awarding of Bids
 1. Athletic Equipment and Supplies – RFP No. E2327
Solicitation to purchase athletic equipment and supplies as needed district wide. (Maximum \$900,000-General Fund Budget and Special Revenue)
 2. Custodial Chemical Management System – RFP No. E2310
Solicitation to provide Maintenance and Operations Department with the ability to purchase custodial chemical management systems as needed district wide. (Maximum \$350,000-General Fund Budget)
 3. Library Books – RFP No. E2326
Solicitation to purchase library books as needed district wide. (Maximum \$750,000-General Fund Budget and Special Revenue)
 4. Requests for Extension
 - Landscaping, Xeriscaping and Masonry Services – RFP No. E2117
To extend bid for an additional year, through February 19, 2024, which is the first possible extension. The current annual amount is \$200,000.

- PA Audio Equipment – RFP No. E2221
To extend bid for an additional year, through November 24, 2023, which is the first possible extension. The current annual amount is \$300,000.

▪ **Contracts**

1. **Affiliation Agreement - The University of Texas Permian Basin**

Both parties have a mutual desire to continue their existing relationship and foster a collaborative spirit to develop and advance training opportunities, and to exchange expertise on patient care and staff development matters.

- Provide clinical experience
- Improve the overall education program by providing opportunities for learning
- Increase contacts between academic and clinical faculties
- Establish and operate a clinical education program of the first order

2. **Agreement - Graduation Alliance Inc. Texas Student Reengagement Program**

The purpose is to provide educational opportunities for eligible students who are working toward course credits which can be converted to high school credits through the program, which operates in accordance with the requirements of Texas Education Code Section 29.081 (e-2). Individuals under the age of 26 years and who have not yet earned their high school diploma are eligible for the program if they meet the criteria listed on this agreement.

3. **Amendment - Department of the Army: Army Youth Programs in Your Neighborhood (AYPYN)**

This ongoing agreement provides support AYPYN after school program operated by IMCOM G-9, Family and MWR Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS). Amendment is due to NAFI exercising the fourth and final option period. Due to COVID-19 for the school year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, funding was not fully utilized by the Socorro ISD, available balance is \$121,211.17. Should additional funding be required to complete the Fourth Option Period, a separate modification will be issued by the Office to obligate the required funding. All other terms and conditions of the Base Contract and Modifications remain in full force and effect.

4. **Interlocal Cooperative Agreement - Education Service Center, Region 19 Head Start Program**
This collaborative agreement defines the responsibilities of the Head Start, Program Manager, and the District liaison with regards to children with disabilities and services provided.

5. **Memorandum of Agreement - El Paso Community College Emergency Medical Technician Program**

This program will continue to provide entry level Emergency Medical Technology courses at the high school level and provide the opportunity to participate as dual credit or articulated credit students. The EMT course(s) will be taught at Socorro High School. (Maximum \$39,104-to be made in four (4) installments of \$9,776-Carl Perkins, Career and Technical Education)

6. **Memorandums of Understanding**

a. **The University of Texas at El Paso Upward Bound Articulation Agreement**

The purpose is to increase the rate at which participants graduate high school and enroll in and graduate from postsecondary education institutions. Upward Bound provides fundamental academic support and college preparation services to its participants free of charge and will offer both in-person and online services to its participants. (Maximum \$10,000-General and State Funds)

b. **Youth Service America (YSA) Afterschool Grant**

YSA supports its activation campaigns with grants for partner organizations and youth-led projects, resources and training, and recognition and storytelling programs for young

people. SISD agrees to implement the service or service-learning activities. YSA will give SISD \$500.00 to engage at least 50 students in a service-learning project prioritizing in engaging middle-school students and high-school-aged youth and youth from low-income, underserved communities. All grant funds must be used by May 31, 2023.

7. Purchasing Cooperative - Region 19 #22-7428 Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) Equipment, Supplies, Materials - Plumbing Supplies
For the acquisition of supplies, materials, services, and related products in the amount of up to \$300,000 as needed district wide for the 2022-2023 school year. (Maximum \$300,000-General Fund)
 - Consider approval of payment to El Paso Central Appraisal District
This is for the payment in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for school district property taxes. (General Funds)

SCHOOL NAME MODIFICATION FOR BEN NARBUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by David Morales, to approve the name change to Colonel Ben Narbuth Elementary School in recognition of his Military Achievement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,760.00 TO FINISH THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL AS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY OF EL PASO ALONG BOB HOPE DRIVE, AIRCOUPE WAY AND SKYBLAZER PLACE

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

FINAL CONTRACT SUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,918,876.91 FOR THE SUPPORT AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

A motion was made by David Morales, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the final payment in the amount of \$97,167.12 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,107,335.80 FOR THE BUILD OUT OF ALTERNATE #1 FOR BEN NARBUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A motion was made by David Morales, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the change order to complete the eleven (11) classrooms due to the growth as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR REGION 19, ON THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARD (TASB) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to nominate Cynthia Najera to fill the vacancy for R19 on the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to receive letters regarding Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings for Helen Ball Elementary School and Socorro Middle School; discussion on appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal of or complaint against an employee under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.076.

The meeting reconvened at 8:29 pm.

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ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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