



Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Socorro ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held April 21, 2015, beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Service Center Board Room, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

All items on the consent agenda shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
 - A. Personnel
 - B. District Initiatives/Events
4. BOARD HONORS
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
 - A. An El Dorado High School student will be recognized for passing the CompTIA Security+ and CompTIA A+ Technology Certification Exams
 - B. An El Dorado High School student will be recognized for being accepted to the 2015 NASA High School Aerospace Scholars On-site Summer Experience
 - C. SISD students will be recognized for advancing as semifinalists in the 2015 El Paso Do the Write Thing Writing Challenge
 - D. A Socorro High School student will be recognized for winning first place Texas State Winner in the SIFMA Foundation's InvestWrite® Essay Competition
 - E. Socorro High School students will be recognized for winning the SUBIENDO Academy Scholarship through the McCombs School of Business at UT Austin
 - F. Montwood High School student trainers will be recognized for being Sun City Student Athletic Trainer Champions
 - G. SISD boys and girls soccer teams will be recognized for winning 2014-2015 championships
5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
 - A. The SISD Special Education Department will present in honor of Autism Awareness Month
 - B. An El Dorado High School art teacher will be recognized for being selected to the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for Teachers and for earning certification to be an International Baccalaureate Art Examiner
 - C. El Paso Community College and President Dr. William Serrata will be recognized for their partnership and support in opening Socorro Early College

6. OPEN FORUM

7. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Facilities Report

INFO: **A presentation of the 2011 Bond program construction projects will be provided for the Board of Trustees.

Presenter: Tom Eyeington

B. Grants Report

INFO: **A presentation on active discretionary grants will be provided for the Board of Trustees.

Presenter: Anthony Fraga

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, March 26, 2015 Board Workshop and April 1, 2015 Board Workshop

B. Consider approval of Employment of Personnel

INFO: **New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.

C. Consider approval of Requests for the Use of School Facilities

1. LAT Studio for the use of Socorro High School Performing Arts Center

2. The Ysleta and Clint ISDs for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)

D. Consider approval of Budget Amendments

E. Consider approval of Awarding of Bids

1. Identification System Equipment & Supplies - RFP No. 199-0325-E1586

INFO: **Favorable prices and terms secured to procure identification system equipment and supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$125,000)

2. Miscellaneous Professional Services District Wide - RFQ No. 199-0319-E1579

INFO: **Establish a pool of pre-qualified firms for miscellaneous professional services as needed for district-wide projects. (Cost to be determined)

3. Pump and Motor Services and Repairs - RFP No. 199-0227-E1578

INFO: **Favorable prices and terms secured to procure pump and motor services and repairs as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$100,000)

4. Sheet Music - RFP No. 199-0227-E1564

INFO: **Favorable prices and terms secured to procure sheet music as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$70,000)

5. Used Charter Buses - RFP No. 199-0408-E1591

INFO: **Favorable prices and terms secured to procure used charter buses as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$975,000)

F. Consider approval of Contracts

1. AVID Center Agreement - Summer Institute

INFO: **This ongoing agreement provides a program to increase district wide learning and performance to ensure that all students will become educated, responsible participants and leaders in our society and for professional materials, training, and membership fees for 70 Socorro district employees and curriculum libraries for 11 campuses. (Maximum \$154,000-General Budget and Title I, State and Federal)

G. Consider approval of Submission of Grants

1. Department of Defense Education Activity Grant

INFO: **New funding opportunity for military-connected LEAs with a minimum 25% military-connected (in at least half of schools proposed). Supports research-based programs to increase student achievement and ease the challenges that military children face due to their parents' military service.

H. Consider approval of Instructional Materials Allotments and TEKS Certification

INFO: **Districts and open-enrollment charter schools are required to certify annually to the State Board of Education and the commissioner that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

I. Consider approval of TEA Low Attendance Waiver

INFO: **The Texas Education Agency allows school districts that have experienced a significant drop in attendance to apply for a waiver application for low attendance days. This will allow the district to request that campuses that have attendance at least ten (10) percentage points below the last school year's average attendance due to safety issues be excluded from ADA calculations for the current year. Due to the safety-related issue that occurred at El Dorado High School on January 9, 2014; the District qualifies for this waiver.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider approval of Proclamation for National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2015

INFO: **Proclamation for National School Nurse Day acknowledges the accomplishments of the Socorro Independent School District school nurses in meeting the needs of today's students by improving the effective delivery of health care in our schools.

Presenter: Marivel Macias

B. Consider approval of Administrator Certified Contract Recommendations for 2015-2016 School Year

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of Administrator Certified Term and Probationary Contracts for 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Presenter: Rudy Campoya

C. Consider approval of Professional Contract Recommendations for 2015-2016 School Year

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of the 2014-2015 Professional Contract Recommendations for Teachers, Librarians, Nurses, Counselors, Speech Therapists and Educational Diagnosticians as presented.

Presenter: Rudy Campoya

D. Consider approval of Order Authorizing the Issuance of the District's Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, taxable or tax exempt, to achieve debt service savings for the District

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and adoption of an order authorizing the issuance and sale of Socorro Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, and establishing parameters and delegating certain matters to an authorized official of the District related to the issuance and sale of such bonds as presented.

Presenter: Tony Reza

E. Consider approval of revisions to TASB Update 101 and local policy

Administration recommends consideration and approval of the revisions to the following policies as presented: BE, CH, DGBA, EB, EI, FFG, FNG and GF.

Presenter: Marivel Macias

F. Consider approval of Superintendent of the Year Nomination

INFO: ** The Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District will present a resolution in support of its nomination of Superintendent Dr. José Espinoza for the Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year award.

Presenter: Board President Paul Guerra

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting is to be closed for discussion with legal counsel regarding pending litigation with Emergency Services District #1; to receive and discuss the recommendation of administration to non-renew the term contracts of an administrator at ED9, a teacher at Community Ed, a teacher at William Slider MS and recommendation of administration to terminate the term contract of a teacher at Salvador Sanchez MS for good cause; to receive and discuss the recommendation of administration to terminate the probationary contract of a teacher employed at Montwood MS and a teacher employed at Eastlake HS; discussion regarding authorization of administration and legal counsel to proceed with negotiations for access to Ed Center property; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendation for Assistant Principal at Jane A. Hambric School under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

11. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of administration to non-renew the term contract of an administrator at ED9

Presenter: Steve Blanco

B. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of administration to non-renew the term contract of a teacher at Community Ed

Presenter: Steve Blanco

C. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of administration to non-renew the term contract of a teacher at William Slider MS

Presenter: Steve Blanco

D. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation of administration to terminate the term contract of a teacher at Salvador Sanchez MS for good cause

Presenter: Steve Blanco

E. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation of administration to terminate the probationary contract of a teacher employed at Montwood HS

Presenter: Steve Blanco

F. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation of administration to terminate the probationary contract of a teacher employed at Eastlake HS

Presenter: Steve Blanco

G. Discussion and possible action regarding authorization of administration and legal counsel to proceed with negotiations for access to Ed Center property

Presenter: Steve Blanco and Tom Eyeington

H. Consider approval of administrative recommendation

Presenter: Dr. Jose Espinoza

1. Assistant Principal, Jane A. Hambric School

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any items on the agenda is required to be held in a closed meeting, the Board shall conduct a closed meeting as to that item in accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act.