



Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Socorro ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held August 18, 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agenda shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration.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. Nine SISD students will be recognized for winning the annual Peter Piper Pizza Calendar Art Contest
 - B. A John Drugan School student will be honored for winning the National Dance Title Champion 2015 in the Talent on Parade Competition
 - C. Winners of the 2015 Smile Team SISD: Superintendent's Photo Contest will be recognized
5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
 - A. Two SISD bus drivers will be recognized for winning the Region 19 School Bus Road-
eo Competition and advancing to the state competition
 - B. Montwood High School Principal Rosemary Mireles-Menchaca and El Dorado High
School Principal Cynthia Retana will be recognized for being selected to attend the
Principal's Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
6. OPEN FORUM
7. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Proposed 2015-16 Tax Rate
INFO: **The Board of Trustees is required to have conducted a public hearing for the
purpose of discussing the proposed tax rate before the adoption of said item. At this
time, the public is invited to comment on the adoption of the tax rate.
Presenter: Tony Reza

8. 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: Ann Darnell

C. Internal Audit Reports

INFO: **A presentation of completed and in-progress audit projects will be provided for the Board of Trustees.

Presenter: Marta Carmona and Joe San Miguel

D. Team SISD SMART Goals Reports

INFO: **Team members of Cabinet will provide a presentation for the Board of Trustees.

Presenter: Alisa Zapata-Farmer, Lucia Borrego, Daniel Escobar and Tony Reza

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

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. Basketball El Paso for the use of Montwood High School
2. El Paso Performing Arts Dance Studio for the use of Americas High School Theater
3. Race El Paso for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC) and Aquatic Center

D. Consider approval of Budget Amendments

E. Consider approval of Awarding of Bids

1. Cafeteria Supplies - RFP No. 199-0805-E1602

INFO: **Favorable prices and terms secured to procure cafeteria supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$772,322-General Fund and National School Lunch Program)

2. Paper Supplies-Part II - RFP No. 199-0805-E1614

INFO: **Favorable prices and terms secured to procure paper supply products as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$349,209)

F. Consider approval of Contracts

1. Contract - Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant with The Presidio Independent School District (Service Provider)

INFO: **The Socorro Independent School District's Community Education Department as the lead organization for this grant proposes to provide the Presidio Independent School District's Adult Education Program with resources to act as a service provider for the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Grant as specified in the Notice of Grant Award (TWC Contract

Number 1014AEL000). (No cost to the District)

2. Interlocal Agreement - Ysleta Independent School District Contract #212041CSP Medicaid SHARS Special Education Management System
INFO: **Ysleta ISD Contract #212041CSP Awarded to ESPED.COM, Inc. will provide SISD with reimbursement for services provided to students identified with special needs who have an IEP with billable SHARS services. (Pricing structure for Socorro ISD: 5.5% chargeback from billable services)
3. Letter of Agreement with ESC Region 19-Eduphoria Aware/TEKSbank
INFO: **The curriculum support system is designed to provide and continue with the current initiative for test bank and student data management. The Licensing Fee for the Eduphoria Suite is \$86,160.00 (48 @ \$1,795.00). The TEKSbank Fee is \$3,000. (Maximum \$89,160-State and Federal Funding)
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Advise TX
INFO: **Advise TX is administered by the THECB which implements the CAC program model of placing recent college graduates as full-time “near-peer” advisors in targeted Texas high schools. Through grant funding provided by THECB, the University employs advisers and project staff to carry out the project. Advise TX is an education program as defined in 34 CFR § 99.3. THECB has awarded funds to UT-Austin for the 2015-2016 academic year to implement the Advise TX program at high schools throughout the state, including at high schools in SISD (Socorro High School, Americas High School and El Dorado High School). (No cost to the District)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Three Rivers Education Foundation, Inc.
INFO: **The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the implementation of the Borderland High School Equivalency Program (BHEP) among students and schools within in the District. This MOU is intended to ensure implementation of the BHEP with the Socorro Independent School District Consortium, establish a process for the identification and provision of appropriate professional development needs within the Consortium based on project objectives and scope, and ensure dissemination of BHEP information among the SISD personnel and among stakeholders within the Consortium. (No cost to the District)
6. Utilization of Purchasing Cooperative US Communities - GameTime
INFO: ** Administration recommends consideration and approval to utilize the purchasing cooperative utilizing US Communities Contract #110179 up to \$140,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school year for the acquisition of playground equipment, services and supplies from GameTime. The first transaction is to purchase equipment for John Drugan School, Vista Del Sol Elementary, Jane Hambric School, Horizon Heights Elementary and Hueco Elementary. (Maximum \$140,000)
7. Utilization of Purchasing Cooperative - The BuyBoard
INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of utilizing The BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative for the acquisition of two (2) double-wide portable classrooms. Ramtech Building Systems is an approved vendor with The BuyBoard under contract #463-14. The two portables classrooms will be place at John Drugan K-8th School in the amount of \$121,720. (Maximum \$121,720)

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider approval of the 2015-16 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate
INFO: ** In order to support the 2015-16 fiscal year budget, the administration recommends that the board adopt the 2015-16 Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$0.976140 per \$100 of valuation.
Presenter: Tony Reza
- B. Consider adoption of the 2015-16 Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Rate
INFO: ** In order to support the 2015-16 fiscal year budget, the administration recommends that the board adopt the 2015-16 Interest and Sinking fund tax rate of \$0.298654 per \$100 of valuation.
Presenter: Tony Reza
- C. Consider adoption of Resolution which officially levies the tax rate for the 2015-16 school year
INFO: **The Resolution officially levies the tax rate for the Socorro Independent School District for the 2015-16 school year.
Presenter: Tony Reza
- D. Consider approval of request to Adjust Compressed Tax Rate for Additional State Funding
INFO: ** The administration estimates that by converting “copper” pennies to Tier I pennies, the district will realize an additional \$1.3M in state funding. If a school district chooses to participate, they would be required to notify the commissioner of education in writing no later than September 1st of the affected year. This agenda item seeks approval from the governing board to submit the written notification to the Texas Education Agency prior to September 1st.
Presenter: Tony Reza

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting is to be closed for consultation with legal counsel; to receive and review the recommendation of the hearing officer in the Level III Grievance of I.S.C. and L.G.; to discuss resolution of Level III Grievance of L.C.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendation for Assistant Principal at Desert Wind PK-8 School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

12. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- A. Discussion and possible action on the Level III Grievance Appeal of L.C.
Presenter: Steve Blanco
- B. Consider approval of administrative recommendation
Presenter: Dr. Jose Espinoza
 - 1. Assistant Principal at Desert Wind PK-8

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.