



# Agenda of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Socorro ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held January 19, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be held by teleconference. The teleconference audio can be accessed at the following toll-free number: 1-877-309-2073 using the access code 727-175-293 and through an audio feed located at <https://youtu.be/ysPWBmJKvGs>. Any member of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item can send the comments to the following email address [board-questions@sisd.net](mailto:board-questions@sisd.net).

All backup and materials for the meeting can be accessed at the following link:  
[https://www.sisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001452/Centricity/Domain/68/boardbook\\_2021-01-19.pdf](https://www.sisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001452/Centricity/Domain/68/boardbook_2021-01-19.pdf).

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agenda shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration.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. SUPERINTENENT'S COMMENTS
  - A. Personnel
  - B. District Initiatives/Events
4. RECOGNITION  
Board recognition in honor for past employee(s)  
Presenter: Board President Cynthia Najera
5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
  - A. The SISD Board of Trustees will be recognized in honor of School Board Recognition Month
6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS
  - A. Consider approval of National School Counselor's Week Proclamation  
INFO: \*\*The American School Counselor Association honors school counselors every year. This year National School Counselor's Week will be held February 1-5, 2021.  
Presenter: Tammi Mackeben
7. PUBLIC HEARING
  - A. 2020 Annual Report  
INFO: \*\*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.  
Presenter: Kelly McBain

## 8. DISTRICT REPORTS

### A. Current Federal and State Legislative Updates

INFO: \*\*Administration will provide updates on current federal and state legislative actions that will have a fiscal impact on funding for the District.

Presenter: Tony Reza and Dr. Adam Starke

### B. Facilities Report

INFO: \*\*A presentation of the 2017 Bond Program and other construction projects will be provided for the Board of Trustees.

Presenter: Tom Eyeington

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Consider approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

### B. Consider approval of Budget Amendments

### C. Consider approval of Awarding of Bids

#### 1. Request for Increase – District Instructional Curriculum, RFP No. 199-0331-E1753

INFO: \*\* Administration is recommending approval to increase the total annual awarded amount by \$2,000,000.00 for a new amount of \$7,200,000.00 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. (Maximum \$2,000,000.00-General and Federal Funds)

### D. Consider approval of Contracts

#### 1. Articulation Agreement/s – Western Technical College (Western Tech)

##### a. Computer Maintenance and Repair Course

INFO: \*\*Participating students from the SISD Community Education Department may receive course credit toward the completion of the Associate in Applied Science in Information Systems

##### b. Office and Administration Program

INFO: \*\*Participating students from the SISD Community Education Department may receive course credit toward the completion of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration Program at Western Tech

#### 2. Amendment/s

##### a. Department of the Army – Army Youth Programs in Your Neighborhood (AYPYN)

INFO: \*\*This ongoing agreement provides support for the AYPYN after school program operated by IMCOM G-9, Family and MWR Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS). Amendment is due to the change to the National Defense Authorization Act. The Army is being required to implement Section 889-Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications Equipment. This contract modification implements this for our AYPYN grant. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

##### b. Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP – Property Value Appeal Services Agreement Renewal

INFO: \*\*The purpose is for the administrative appeal and any judicial appeal of the property value study finding as conducted by the Comptroller's Office. The district agrees to pay as compensation for services a contingent fee equal to ten percent

(10%) of the additional State aid that the District qualifies for in the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as a result of the administrative or judicial appeal. This will include the 2020-2021 school year in the original contract which was Board Approved on January 21, 2020.

3. Memorandum of Understanding – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso-Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing

INFO: \*\* The Board approved the use of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (TTUHSC EP) a public institution of higher education in the State of Texas on behalf of the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing (GGHSON) at the June 18, 2019 Board Meeting to operate the GGHSON, an accredited School of Nursing in El Paso. SISD desired to affiliate with TTUHSC EP in furtherance of its objective to increase the number of El Paso area high school graduates completing a college education in the fields of healthcare and encourage students enrolled at Socorro High School to transfer to TTUHSC GGHSON to complete a baccalaureate in nursing degree. The purpose of this MOU is to provide the following changes: Board approved Term: August, 2019 ending May, 2023; and New Term: October 1, 2020 ending June 30, 2024.

4. Purchasing Cooperative

a. ESC Region 19 Allied State Cooperative, Temporary Services #17-7266

INFO: \*\*For the purpose of providing Medical Assistant-Certified individuals who will be assigned to assist all campuses through the remainder of the 20-21 school year. (Maximum \$646,000.00-General Fund)

b. Furniture and Equipment for Remodeling Construction Projects

INFO: \*\* To utilize all available vendors for the purchase of furniture and equipment for all remodeling construction projects in the areas of classrooms, science labs, administrative, counselor, nurse, library, cafeteria, all-purpose rooms, fine arts, CTE labs, gymnasium and all other areas using multiple vendor(s) via SISD approved purchasing co-operatives contracts. (Maximum \$950,000.00-General and Bond Fund)

5. Request for Increase – Purchasing Cooperative, Texas DIR Contracts

INFO: \*\* Administration recommends consideration and approval to increase the total annual awarded amount by \$6,000,000.00 to utilize the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for a new total amount of \$29,400,000.00 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. This is to purchase technology equipment and accessories related to desktop computers, laptops, tablets, servers, software and network appliances through June 30, 2021. (Maximum \$6,000,000.00-General and Federal Funds)

F. Consider approval to conduct an auction of surplus property to dispose of unusable property

INFO: \*\* The Department of Maintenance & Operations and Technology Services have identified the surplus property items. Attached is a list of the items being submitted for the Board of Trustees to declare as surplus property. Upon approval, the Department of Facilities & Planning will proceed with selecting a date to conduct the sale.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider approval of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

INFO: \*\* The managing partner in charge of the audit for the accounting firm of *Gibson*,

*Ruddock, and Patterson LLC*, Mr. Craig Gibson, will present the audit report. Also presenting will be partner Mrs. Vanessa Alarcon and Lead Auditor Sonja Sanchez.  
Presenter: Tony Reza

- B. Consider approval of FY2021-22 Budget Priorities and Calendar  
INFO: \*\* The Administration is presenting for the Board's approval the FY2021-22 Budget Priorities and Calendar. The Administration's intent is to ensure inclusion of the listed priorities in the FY2021-22 General Fund Budget. The Administration has presented these priorities and the calendar to the various board committees for review and discussion and now presents them to the full Board for approval.  
Presenter: Tony Reza
- C. Consider approval of Resolution of the Socorro Independent School District Board Regarding its Local Extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave for the Remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year  
INFO: \*\*Administration recommends consideration and approval of the item as presented.  
Presenter: Rudy Campoya
- D. Consider approval of Request for TEA Waiver for the 2020-2021 Educator Appraisals  
INFO: \*\* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, administration is requesting approval to submit a Waiver to TEA for the 2020-2021 Educator Appraisals. According to TEA, Waivers will be reviewed and approved, pursuant to the Commissioner's general waiver authority under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.056, for school districts and charter schools that are unable to meet the requirements of TEC, §21.351 and §21.352, §21.354 or TEC, §21.3541, and the applicable rules in Title 19, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 150, for teacher appraisal, principal appraisal, and campus administrator appraisal due to circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Presenter: Angelica Herrera
- E. Consider approval of Local Policy  
INFO: \*\*Administration recommends consideration and approval of the revisions to local policy EHDC as presented.  
Presenter: Marivel Macias
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve Order calling for General Trustee Election on May 1, 2021, and other matters incident thereto.  
INFO: \*\*For the purpose of electing four (4) positions on the Board of Trustees; Trustee District Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 for full four-year terms ending in May 2025.  
Presenter: Steve Blanco
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve Contract for Election Services with El Paso County for the May 1, 2021 Trustee Election  
Presenter: Steve Blanco
- H. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution related to petition for exclusion of land from Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District  
Presenter: Steve Blanco
- I. Discussion regarding postponing face to face instruction until the vaccination of SISD staff is completed  
Presenter: Board President Cynthia Najera

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting is to be closed for consultation with legal counsel regarding pending real estate

transaction between SISD and GFA Limited Partnership regarding Gateway Estates and SISD and Northtowne Village regarding Emerald Estates developments; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal positions at various campuses; and to hear Superintendent mid-cycle formal evaluation update under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

12. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Discussion and possible action to approve resolutions and contracts for pending real estate transactions between SISD and GFA Limited Partnership regarding Gateway Estates and SISD and Northtowne Village regarding Emerald Estates developments  
Presenter: Steve Blanco

B. Consider approval of administrative recommendations  
Presenter: Jose Espinoza, Ed.D.

1. Assistant Principal, James P. Butler School

2. Assistant Principal, Montwood Middle 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.*