



Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Socorro ISD

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held March 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Service Center Board Room, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928. All persons in physical attendance must wear face masks, maintain at least 6 feet of social distance from one another, and remain in compliance with any other state and local public health orders issued in connection with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

This public notice relies on Governor Abbott's Order Suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to protect public health during the Covid-19 pandemic without sacrificing transparency. The board meeting will be conducted in-person in the Board Room of the District Service Center, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928, by remote participation, or a combination of both with some board members participating in-person, and others participating remotely either by videoconference or teleconference, as may become necessary due to the pandemic. In either case, the public may access the meeting remotely or by teleconference as provided below. The public may provide public comment remotely as provided below or provide public comment in person at the meeting location noted above.

The teleconference audio can be accessed at the following toll-free number: 1-866-899-4679 using the access code 381-373-757 and through an audio feed located at <https://youtu.be/SDd7hhbyMjU>. 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.

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_2021-03-23.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agenda shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration.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. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
 - A. Personnel
 - B. District Initiatives/Events
4. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT
5. BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS
 - A. Consider approval of Month of the Military Child Proclamation
INFO: **The Proclamation recognizes the month of April as "Month of the Military Child" and April 15, 2021 will be "Purple-Up Day" recognizing all sacrifices our military-connected parents and their children have made.
Presenter: Marivel Macias

B. Consider approval of School Library Month Proclamation

INFO: **This April, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will observe the 36th Anniversary of School Library Month (SLM). School Library Month is celebrated in conjunction with National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021. Every April school librarians are encouraged to create activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. The theme for National Library Week in 2021 “Welcome to Your Library.” It was chosen to promote the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and during the pandemic, libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding resources and continuing to meet the needs of their students.

Presenter: Marcy Sparks

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider approval of Board Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, February 23, 2021, and March 9, 2021 Special Board Meetings

B. Consider approval of Employment of Personnel

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

C. Consider approval of Budget Amendments

D. Consider approval of Awarding of Bids

1. Annual Financial Audit - RFQ No. E2116

INFO: **Solicitation to provide the Financial Services Department the ability to procure a public accounting firm to perform the annual audit for the school district. (Cost to be negotiated once awarded)

2. Identification System Equipment & Supplies - RFP No. E2123

INFO: **Solicitation to purchase identification system equipment and supplies as needed district wide. (Maximum \$650,000-General Fund Budget and Special Revenue)

3. Paper Supplies - RFP No. E2128

INFO: **Solicitation to provide the Maintenance and Operations with the ability to purchase paper supplies as needed district wide. (Maximum \$300,000)

4. Request for Increase - Instructional Materials, Supplies, and Services RFP No. E1915

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval to increase the total annual awarded amount by \$1,500,000 for a new total annual amount for this current term and any remaining extended terms would be \$4,000,000. (Maximum \$1,500,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)

E. Consider approval of Contracts

1. Addendum #3 - Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant, Ysleta ISD Fiscal Agent

INFO: **The purpose of Addendum #3 is to increase the amount of the SISD Adult Education and Literacy contract by \$13,419 in federal funds from the original amount award of \$815,808 for a new total of \$829,227.

2. Affiliation Agreement - University of St. Thomas-Houston, School Counseling Program

INFO: **The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which students at University of St. Thomas-Houston may participate in School Counseling Student Internships, Practicum and Observations at the schools located in

the Socorro ISD. Socorro ISD School authorizes University to assign Students to Field Experience work assignments at School's facility to obtain learning experiences in School Counseling practice under the Program.

3. Memorandum of Understanding - Digital Promise Global, Inclusive Innovation for Adolescent Writing Project

INFO: **This MOU provides an outline of how both parties will work together to implement Inclusive Innovation for Adolescent Writing, The Project. Supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Digital Promise will be working with three League of Innovative School Districts and their communities on a national initiative to tackle pressing challenges in adolescent writing for priority students through an equity-centered R&D process-Digital Promise's Inclusive Innovation framework.

4. Memorandum of Understanding and Collaboration - Grand Canyon University, Tuition Sponsorship Program

INFO: ** The purpose of this agreement is to define the relationship as it relates to the SISD Tuition Sponsorship Program. In accordance with SISD policies and procedures, SISD shall select GCU students who have met all prerequisites for admission into GCU and their corresponding educational program to participate in the SISD Tuition Sponsorship Program and receive a scholarship from SISD for their educational expenses at GCU.

5. Purchasing Cooperative - Track Resurfacing Projects

INFO: **For the acquisition of services for the track resurfacing projects as needed district wide in the amount up to \$350,000 through June 2021. (Maximum \$350,000)

F. Consider approval of TEA "Other" Waiver: Switch to Remote Learning 2.15.21

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval for the submission of a TEA "Other" Waiver: Switch to Remote Learning on February 15, 2021 due to Inclement Weather as presented.

G. Consider approval of Campus Attendance Committees Update

INFO: **In accordance with TEC25.092, the Board shall appoint one or more attendance committee(s) to hear petitions for class credit by students who have not met the 90 percent rule and have not earned class credit by completing a principal's plan. Classroom teachers shall comprise a majority of the attendance committee(s).

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider approval of Administrator Certified and Non-Certified Contract Recommendations for 2021-2022 School Year

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of the item as presented.

Presenter: Rudy Campoya

B. Consider approval of Professional Services fees for the New SISD Maintenance Facility

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of the Professional Services fees for the New SISD Maintenance Facility with MNK Architects as presented.

Presenter: Tom Eyeington

C. Consider approval of SISD Support and Technology Building for Retractable Seating RFP No. E2127

INFO: **Solicitation to purchase retractable seating for the new Technology Building.

Presenter: Tom Eyeington

- D. Consider approval of Memorandum of Agreement with 528th Hospital Center, Fort Bliss, TX (Partnership in Education Program, PIE)

INFO: **PIE is a joint project to help foster education excellence and support the local schools' Campus Improvement Plan. This MOU is intended to and shall apply to Purple Heart Elementary School. Fort Bliss will provide resources to assist and supplement school district educational programs. To foster partnerships between educators and Fort Bliss personnel enabling the best education for all students.

Presenter: Marivel Macias

- E. Consider approval of Local Policy

INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of the revisions to local policy BQ, BQA, BQB, CHG, DBA, EHAC, EHDE and FMH as presented.

Presenter: Marivel Macias

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting is to be closed for discussion with legal counsel to receive and discuss the recommendation of administration to propose termination of the term contract of A.L.M. teacher at Ernesto Serna K8 Campus, for good cause; to receive and consider level III grievance appealed filed by A.D.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

9. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation of administration to propose termination of the term contract of A.L.M. teacher at Ernesto Serna K8 Campus, for good cause

Presenter: Steve Blanco

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding Level III Grievance Appeal filed by A.D.

Presenter: Steve Blanco

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.