



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 17, 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 may choose to wear face masks, maintain at least 3 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.

The meeting will also be made available to the public at the following livestream link:

<https://youtu.be/nNFtzWmJkmo>.

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agenda shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration.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. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Personnel

B. District Initiatives/Events

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Presenter: Daniel Escobar

A. The Americas High School Band Director will be recognized for earning the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Texas Bandmasters Association

B. The SISD Financial Services Department will be honored for earning the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International

C. The SISD Public Relations Department will be recognized for earning accolades in the National School Public Relations Association Awards Program

5. OPEN FORUM

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2021-2023 ESSER II Federal Grant Public Hearing

INFO: **The District is required to hold a public hearing on the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) federal grant entitlement and planned expenditures for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years. This public hearing is to be held prior to the District committing any grant funds and prior to submitting the ESSER II federal grant application to the Texas Education Agency. The deadline to submit the ESSER II application to TEA is September 2, 2021.

Presenter: Lucy Borrego and Dr. Adam Starke

B. Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rate Public Hearing

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 the said item. The public is invited to provide comment on the proposed tax rate.

Presenter: Tony Reza

7. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. 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

B. New School Name Recommendations

INFO: **A task force was formed over the summer to name the new elementary and middle schools being built under Bond 2017, to include two parents and two students who live in the area to be served by the new school along with two partners in education, two members of the Bond Accountability Committee, and district staff. The task force met four times to evaluate community nominations and develop its recommendations. As per policy, the name recommendation will be presented as information. The item will then be placed on the September 21, 2021 agenda for action.

Presenter: Daniel Escobar

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider approval of Board Meeting Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and August 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting

B. Consider approval of Employment of Personnel

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

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

1. Centro Cultural Mexicano Paso Del Norte, Inc. for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)

D. Consider approval of Budget Amendments

E. Consider approval of Awarding of Bids

1. Health Clinic & Pharmacy Equipment and Supplies - RFP No. E2211

INFO: **Solicitation to purchase equipment and supplies for the Socorro ISD Health Clinic and Pharmacy. (Maximum \$350,000)

2. Musical Instruments - RFP No. E2208

INFO: **Solicitation to purchase musical instruments and services as needed district wide. (Maximum \$450,000)

F. Consider approval of Contracts

1. Administration Agreement - Dealer Sponsored School Vocational Program, Peterbilt Motors Company

INFO: **The purpose of this agreement is to provide certain secondary vocational schools and High Schools that have collaborated with a Sponsoring Dealer for Peterbilt's Dealer Sponsored School Vocational Program, authorized access to service repair information to perform service technician training at the School's own educational locations. Peterbilt would like to partner with SISD CTE's Diesel Technology program. They are working with SISD and El Paso Community College to support the pathway to a level one and associate degree programs.

2. Agreement/s

- a. National Math and Science Initiative's Lone Star Computer Science Program
INFO: **The purpose of this agreement is to implement the National Math and Science Initiative's Lone Star Computer Science Program at Socorro ISD's campuses: Pebble Hills High School and El Dorado High School to increase Advanced Placement (AP) computer science enrollment and qualifying scores on AP Computer Science Principles (CSP) exams. These schools agree to ensure program success, take actions necessary to implement, achieve and maintain the strategies and goals set forth in this agreement. (Maximum \$3,500 per participant)
- b. Pharr-San Juan Alamo Independent School District, AccElluminate Software
INFO: **The purpose is to continue to provide access to the AccElluminate software to Socorro ISD in the area of Data Services via the internet to address the Language Professional Assessment Committee (LPAC) process at the campus level to host or provide elements to serve all ELL students effectively and in full compliance. PSJA ISD will also provide training, maintenance and support services. (Maximum \$114,609-3 year agreement plus travel expenses)
- c. Texas Workforce Commission Program Grant, Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Fiscal Agent (Ysleta ISD), Amendment #17
INFO: **The purpose of this renewal is for Socorro Independent School District's Community Education Department, as the lead organization for this grant proposal, continue using the Ysleta Independent School District's Division of Finance to act as the fiscal agent for the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Grant. This document constitutes the contract for the services to be provided by Ysleta Independent School District with respect to fiscal responsibilities. This contract allocates funds to reimburse Socorro ISD's Adult Education Department for AEL services for a total of \$812,470.00.
- d. YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region Proposal (After School Program Partnership)
INFO: **This is to renew the agreement for the existing partnership between SISD and YWCA El Paso del Norte Region. SISD currently serves over 700 children at campuses throughout the district. YWCA will continue to provide all necessary materials and equipment for site operations, and open and maintain operations at SISD sites that sustain a population of 15 children and assures State licensed daily After School programming to all elementary campuses on days in which school is in session from 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. SISD gives permission to operate on SISD campuses at no cost to the YWCA for the duration of the proposal. SISD teachers and staff will be eligible for a discounted rate for weekly after school care of their children on any campus that YWCA operates after school programming.
- e. YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region, Inc. After School Learning Centers and 21st Century Grant Coordination
INFO: **YWCA desires to continue providing appropriate staffing for specific after school learning centers to be administrated by SISD campus locations for students enrolled and participating in specific 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant funded programs and to make available better educational opportunities for SISD students. SISD shall provide a Project Director and Management point of contact for the program and provide teachers, as it deems appropriate for tutoring after school during the duration of the program. (Maximum \$957,000-21st Century Grant Funds)

3. Ground Facilities Lease - Region 19 Education Service Center (ESC19)

INFO: **This is for the purpose of leasing the property located at Hilley Elementary School, 693 N. Rio Vista, Socorro TX 79927 - Socorro Head Start Center (Land) and Options High School 12380 Pine Springs Dr., El Paso, TX 79928 - Options Head Start Center (Facilities) to provide the Socorro Head Start program.

4. Utilization of the BuyBoard #630-20 Purchasing Cooperative, Longhorn Bus Sales
INFO: **For the acquisition of ten (10) Special Education School Buses; buses are standard 54 passenger. (Maximum \$1,091,560-includes \$800 processing fee)

- G. Consider approval of Advanced Academy: Innovative Courses
INFO: **The Department of Secondary Education is requesting for board approval to use the Texas Education Agency approved listing of innovative course offerings. These courses would be used in support of instruction by linking to identical EPCC college courses, and for transcription of like courses for those students who enroll in SISD from out of state or out of country.
- H. Consider approval of New Job Description - Adult Education and Literacy Part-Time Instructor
INFO: **The primary duties of this employee are to provide instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE), and/or workforce training in compliance with federal, state, local regulations, and policies.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider approval of 2021-2022 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate
INFO: **In order to support the 2021-22 fiscal year budget, the administration recommends that the board adopt the 2021-22 Maintenance and Operations tax rate of **\$0.876500** per \$100 of valuation.
Presenter: Tony Reza
- B. Consider approval of 2021-2022 Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Rate
INFO: **In order to support the 2021-22 fiscal year budget, the administration recommends that the board adopt the 2021-22 Interest and Sinking fund tax rate of **\$0.398954** per \$100 of valuation.
Presenter: Tony Reza
- C. Consider approval of Resolution which officially levies the tax rate for the 2021-2022 School Year
INFO: **This Resolution officially levies the tax rate for the Socorro Independent School District for the 2021-22 school year.
Presenter: Tony Reza
- D. Consider approval of 2021-2022 District and Campus Improvement Plans
INFO: **Pursuant to Texas Education Code 11.251, the Board of Trustees of each independent school district shall ensure that a district improvement plan and improvement plans for each campus are developed, reviewed, and revised annually for the purpose of improving the performance of all students. The Board shall annually approve district and campus performance objectives.
Presenter: Dr. Adam Starke
- E. Consider approval of Redistricting of SISD Member Districts
INFO: **Administration is providing the Board of Trustees with a brief update on redistricting policies, protocols and proposed timeline. At this time, administration has received a proposed engagement letter from Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LL. The last time this work was completed, this same law firm handled the work. The administration requests for the governing board to provide direction on how to proceed.
Presenter: Marivel Macias
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding District wide face covering/mask policies and procedures to include possible presentation from City and or County health authorities to facilitate the discussion and provide necessary information for consideration and review by the Board
Presenter: Steve Blanco

G. Discussion and possible action regarding legal options (including possible or pending litigation) to address local government authority to require face covering/mask policies and procedures under Executive Order GA-38 issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott

Presenter: Steve Blanco

H. Discussion and possible action to nominate Armando Rodriguez to fill the vacancy on the Region 19, on the Texas Board of School Board (TASB) Board of Directors

INFO: **The term of this position is for three (3) years beginning at the close of the 2021 Annual TASA/TASB Convention and expiring after Convention 2024.

Presenter: Board President David Morales

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting is to be closed for consultation with legal counsel regarding Interlocal Agreement for the Purpose of Participation and Intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Proceeding PUC Docket No. 52195, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-2606, Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; for discussion regarding board operating procedures; and to consider administrative recommendations for Director of Special Education and for Assistant Principal position at Pebble Hills High School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

11. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Related to Entering into an Interlocal Agreement for the Purpose of Participation and Intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Proceeding PUC Docket No. 52195, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-2606, Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates

Presenter: Steve Blanco

B. Consider approval of administrative recommendations

Presenter: Marta C. Carmona, M.Ed.

1. Director of Special Education

2. Assistant Principal, Pebble Hills High School

12. ADJOURN

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.