



Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Socorro ISD

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held September 21, 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 comply with current state and local public health orders, including those regarding face masks/coverings, 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/2cFYrcG--8U>.

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agenda shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration.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. BOARD HONORS
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
 - A. Students and employees who won the 2021 SISD Print Those Pics cell phone photography conference will be recognized
5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
 - A. An SISD volunteer will be recognized for earning the 2021 Heroes for Children Award from the State Board of Education
 - B. Members of the SISD New School Naming Task Force will be recognized for their service
6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS
 - A. Consider approval of the Texas Education Human Resources Day Resolution, October 13, 2021
INFO: **Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed October 13, 2021, as Texas Education Human Resources Day, a day set aside to recognize and honor the important contributions made by school staff who work in human resources.
Presenter: Thomas Redlinger
7. OPEN FORUM

8. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Annual Investment Report for fiscal year 2020-2021

INFO: **A presentation of the annual investment report for fiscal year 2020-2021 will be provided for the Board of Trustees.

Presenter: Rene Vargas

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 for August 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and August 31, 2021 Special Board Meeting

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. Employee Benefit Consulting Services - RFP No. E2135

INFO: **Solicitation to provide the Human Resources Department the ability to procure a benefits, actuarial consulting firm to assist administration with strategic planning, plan management, vendor renewals and procurement, financial management, budgeting, compliance and benefit delivery for health, employee health, clinic/pharmacy and wellness benefit programs provided to active employees and their eligible dependents on an as needed basis. (Maximum \$63,000)

2. Plumbing Services and Materials - RFP No. E2206

INFO: **Solicitation to provide Operation Services Department with plumbing services and materials as needed district wide. (Maximum \$300,000)

3. Sheet Metal Fabrication and Installation - RFP No. E2204

INFO: **Solicitation to provide Operation Services Department with sheet metal fabrication and installation services as needed district wide. (Maximum \$200,000)

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

INFO: **Administration is recommending approval to increase the total annual awarded amount by \$500,000 for a new total annual amount of \$4,500,000 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. The increase is to accommodate the ordering of approved ESSER II funding. (Maximum \$500,000 General Fund and Special Revenue)

5. Request for Increase - Musical Instruments, RFP No. E2208

INFO: **Administration is recommending approval to increase the total annual awarded amount by \$2,800,000 for a new total annual amount of \$3,250,000 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. The increase is to accommodate the ordering of approved ESSER II funding. (Maximum \$2,800,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)

E. Consider approval of Contracts

1. Agreement - Adopt-a-Highway Program, Americas High School NJROTC

INFO: **The Texas Department of Transportation and Americas High School recognize the need and desirability of litter-free highways and are entering into this

Agreement to permit Americas High School to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free highways. The Department agrees to erect a 4' x 4' sign at each end of the adopted section with the Group's name or acronym displayed; provide fold-down traffic control signs, safety vests, trash bags and safety literature and remove the filled trash bags the first workday after the cleanup.

2. Cooperative Program Agreement - Western Technical College (Western Tech), Dual Credit

INFO: **This is to continue with the implementation of an Articulated/Dual Credit relationship allowing students the opportunity to be concurrently enrolled at SISD and Western Tech. Programs made available to SISD under this agreement will henceforth be referred to as "Western Tech High School" program(s). SISD is free to choose which programs they wish to participate in. SISD will provide daily transportation between SISD and Western Tech Plaza Circle campus. Western Tech agrees to provide instruction to SISD students at the agreed upon rate of \$2,000 per student per year plus applicable materials and resource costs. Student tuition and resources will not exceed \$3,500 per student. (CTE/PIC-22)

3. Interlocal Agreement – The University of Texas at Austin OnRamps Program

INFO: **This is to continue offering eligible high school students the opportunity to enroll in college courses while attending high school and receive simultaneous academic credits from UT Austin and their SISD high school. OnRamps offers the opportunity to earn high school credits from SISD and college credits from UT Austin through a distance education course. SISD's annual program fees for each student enrolled in an OnRamps course for the 2021-2022 academic year is up to \$249 per student, per course. The cost for teacher training for the summer institute will be \$850 for new teachers and \$550 for returning teachers. (Maximum \$60,000)

4. Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

- a. Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with Ysleta ISD, Fiscal Agent - This is for the continuation and operation of a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), for the students, school districts, and the juvenile board in El Paso County. This agreement is between El Paso County Juvenile Board, the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD - Fiscal Agent) and Socorro ISD. The agreement will serve to combine into one system the operational, programmatic and educational standards for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.
- b. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Advise TX Program - Advise TX is administered by the THECB which implements the College Advising Corps ("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. THECB has awarded funds to UT-Austin for the 2021-2022 academic year to implement the Advise TX program at high schools throughout the state, including at a high school in SISD (El Dorado High School). An advisor will be appointed from the Advise TX College Advising Corps to each of the Socorro ISD high schools. (Maximum \$10,000-High School Allotment)
- c. The University of Texas at El Paso Collaboration Program - The purpose of this MOU is to establish a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions and establish a research-practice partnership (RPP) that is long-term and mutually beneficial that will ultimately enhance student outcomes.

5. Purchasing Cooperatives
 - a. BuyBoard #630-20 Blue Star Bus Sales, LTD - For the acquisition of 45 Conventional School Buses in the amount of \$ 5,040,755-ESSER Funding
 - b. BuyBoard #619-20 MakeMusic Inc. - For the acquisition of SmartMusic software licenses for teacher and students to include all music disciplines, grade levels and group session for all music classrooms learning programs in the amount of \$136,305-ESSER Funding
 - c. Region 19 #19-7346 Proximity Learning - For the acquisition of software licenses for the remote conferencing learning program in the amount of \$414,258 (7-month fee)-ESSER Funding
 - d. Region 19 Allied State Cooperative, Temporary Services #17-7266 – To utilize all available vendors by the way of the Allied States Cooperative contract for Temporary Services for Nurses and Medical Assistant-Certified individuals will be assigned to assist all campuses through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (Maximum \$650,000-ESSER Funds)
6. Tyler Technologies - Additional Software and Related Services
INFO: **To purchase additional software and related services to the Maintenance agreement with Tyler Technologies for the Tyler SIS (Student Information Systems) and the Tyler Munis System for the 2021-2022 school year. (Maximum \$74,684; 8-month fee)
- F. Consider approval of Cooperative Purchasing Organization Report
INFO: **Cooperative Purchasing Organization Report - Section 44.0331 of the Education Code requires that a written report be presented to the Board of Trustees detailing cooperative purchasing organizations used by the Socorro ISD Purchasing Department. During the 2020-2021 school year listed are the management and contract related fees associated with cooperative purchasing organizations.
- G. Consider approval of Donations for fiscal year 2020-2021
INFO: **A list of donations is being submitted for the Board's consideration.
- H. Consider approval of Campus Attendance Committee
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).
- I. Consider approval of revisions to the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct
INFO: **Recommended revisions to the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct consist of revisions to comply with legislative bills from the 87th Legislative Session.
- J. Consider approval of New Job Descriptions
 - a. Certified Medical Assistant, Lead - The purpose of this position is to help patients by providing clinical and business office assistance. Assists with the greeting, rooming, examinations, and treatment of patients under the direction of a Physician or Physician's Assistant/Nurse Practitioner
 - b. Coordinator of Loss of Credit and Promotion - The primary purpose of this position is to coordinate and support the district stakeholders in the area of Administrative Services for Socorro ISD
 - c. Director of Attendance, Promotion, Placement and Retention - The primary purpose of this position is to provide leadership in the district's Attendance and Promotion, Placement and Retention program and to develop, implement, and administer the program to meet the needs of all eligible students

- d. Fine Arts Communication Specialist - The primary purpose of this position is to provide assistance, expertise, and support to the Fine Arts Department with public relation and design skills, while recruiting and retaining students and promoting all SISD Fine Arts programs
- e. Literacy Coach - The primary purpose of this position is to provide students with appropriate learning activities and experiences in the subject area(s) assigned to help them fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth. Enable students to develop competencies and skills to function successfully in society and be college ready. In addition to regular classroom duties, serve as a mentor, and lead member of support team for respective content area teachers/resident(s) as assigned by principal

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider approval of New Combo School Name Recommendations
INFO: **As per Policy CW (Local) the Board will consider the recommended names for the new combo elementary and middle schools being built in the Eastlake area as part of Bond 2017.
Presenter: Marta C. Carmona, M.Ed.
- B. Consider approval of Renaming Montwood High School Gymnasium after Coach Marian L. Bennett
INFO: ** As per Policy CW (Local), the district shall accept recommendations for naming or dedicating a portion of an existing facility or an area within an existing facility. The campus site-based advisory committee or the Superintendent's designee shall consider recommendations. The final recommendation shall be presented by the Superintendent or designee at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Approval must be secured by a vote of the Board during a duly called meeting.
Presenter: Daniel Escobar
- C. Consider approval of TASB Update 117 and Local Policy
INFO: **Administration recommends consideration and approval of the revisions to the following policies from TASB Update 117: CH, CV, and DEC; local policy: BED, CR and FL; and for your information only: BBD (EXHIBIT) and BED (EXHIBIT) as presented.
Presenter: Marivel Macias
- D. Consider approval of final contract sum for the New Auxiliary Gyms at Benito Martinez, Elfida Chavez, Helen Ball, Lujan Chavez, O'Shea Keleher and Sgt. Roberto Ituarte Elementary Schools - Bid Package 1 (BP-1)
INFO: **The Department of Facilities and Planning has completed their due diligence on the New Auxiliary Gyms-Bid Package 1 (BP-1) and will present the contract sum, deductive change order, final contract sum and the final payment for the Board's consideration.
Presenter: Tom Eyeington
- E. Consider approval of Change Order to Americas High School Improvements for the cafeteria furniture/graphics from Edu-Source Corporation in the amount of \$377,978.34
INFO: **The 2017 Bond Program has allowed for fixture, furniture, and equipment (FF&E) for all campuses. Edu-Source has completed a similar project for Montwood High School Improvements and currently working on Socorro High School.
Presenter: Tom Eyeington

- F. Consider approval of Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Terracon) for construction material testing for Socorro High School Improvements Phase II
INFO: **All construction projects are required to have a third-party inspection company to conduct all testing throughout the construction of the project.
Presenter: Tom Eyeington
- G. Consider approval of SISD Bus Canopy Structure - CSP No. 2216
INFO: **Solicitation to provide all labor and materials for the construction of SISD Bus Canopy Structure project. (Maximum \$398,400-2017 Bond Funds)
Presenter: Tom Eyeington
- H. Discussion and possible board action of proposals for the redistricting of SISD Member Districts
INFO: **At this time, administration has received proposal letters from the listed firms. The administration requests for the governing board to review and select the firm to provide the redistricting services required as stated in Texas Education Code 11.052(i).
Presenter: Steve Blanco

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting is to be closed for consultation with legal counsel; to receive and consider the Level III Grievance Appeal filed by D.E.; to review Board Operating Procedures; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendations for Principal positions at Pebble Hills High School and Col. John O. Ensor Middle School, Assistant Principal positions at Eastlake High School, Socorro High School and Sgt. Jose F. Carrasco Elementary School, and Employee Health Clinic Physician Assistant under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

12. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the Level III Grievance Appeal filed by D.E.
Presenter: Steve Blanco
- B. Consider approval of administrative recommendation
Presenter: Marta C. Carmona, M.Ed.
 - 1. Principal
 - a. Pebble Hills High School
 - b. Col. John O. Ensor Middle School
 - 2. Assistant Principal
 - a. Eastlake High School
 - b. Socorro High School
 - c. Sgt. Jose F. Carrasco Elementary School
 - 3. Employee Health Clinic Physician Assistant

13. 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.