MEMBERS PRESENT
Antonio “Tony” Ayub, Board President; Michael A. Najera, Board Vice President; Craig A. Patton; Gary Gandara; Cynthia Ann Najera; Paul Guerra who arrived at 6:16 p.m.; and Dr. Xavier De La Torre, Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT
Angelica Rodriguez, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President Tony Ayub. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
Dr. De La Torre’s comments included 2012 Elite 8 TOY Reception; Escontrias Elementary School’s 25th Anniversary Celebration-Time Capsule Opening; Desert Wind School’s Gymnasium Dedication to Mr. Jose Pedroza; O’Shea Keleher Elementary School’s 25th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for February 24; and 2012 Spring Community Forums.

BOARD HONORS
- Samanthi Makeswaran, student at Americas High School, was recognized for being selected as a National Merit Scholar.
- Jocelyn Smith, student at Americas High School, was recognized for being selected as an honorable mention for the National Hispanic Merit Scholarship program.
- Juan Carlos Rodriguez, student at Americas High School, was recognized for being named a 2011-12 All-State Bass Clarinet player.
- Briana Sepulveda, student at Socorro Middle School, was recognized as the winner of the 2012 UTEP Flo Hyman Award.
- The Americas High School orchestra was recognized for being one of only two groups nationwide selected to perform at Carnegie Hall in March.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- Four school counseling teams were recognized for being selected as Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) winners.
- Mission Early College High School was recognized for being nominated for the 2012 High Performing National Blue Ribbon School Award.
- The District’s Read Across America Coordinator made a presentation about this year’s events.

RESIGNATION - PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mr. Antonio “Tony” Ayub presented his resignation from the position of President of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Ayub will continue to serve as Trustee.
A motion was made by Gary Gandara and seconded by Cynthia Najera to accept Mr. Ayub’s resignation. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Mr. Najera, as the new Board President.

**RECOGNITION**
Dr. De La Torre recognized Trustee Ayub for his service to the students and community of Socorro ISD during his tenure as President of the Board.

Board President Najera acknowledged Mr. Ayub’s governance as Board President and thanked him for his support and dedication throughout his tenure.

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**
Mr. Najera opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President. A motion was made by Gary Gandara and seconded by Paul Guerra to nominate Cynthia Najera for Board Vice President. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote. Aye: Gary Gandara, Paul Guerra, Michael Najera, Tony Ayub, Craig Patton and Cynthia Najera.

**OPEN FORUM**
Gonzalo Becerra addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding Black History Month Youth El Paso Signers’ performance which was sponsored by SEA/TSTA/NEA.

**FACILITIES REPORT**
Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer for Facilities & Planning, reported on pending and/or complete construction projects with an emphasis on Americas High School’s weight and training room; hail damage 2009 roof repairs; Eastlake High School Phase III; new combination school; HVAC upgrades for Robert R. Rojas, Myrtle Cooper, O’Shea Keleher, Campestre, Hueco and Benito Martinez elementary schools.

No action was taken on this item.

**CONSENT AGENDA**
A motion was made by Cynthia Najera and seconded by Paul Guerra to approve all items under the Consent Agenda excluding item E6-Medical Services for Athletic Events bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:
- Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and February 7, 2012 Special Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- New Hire contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - ABA/INBA/PNBA Headquarters for the use of Eastlake High School
  - Horizon City Lions Club for the use of Eastlake High School
  - Zaragoza Spanish Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses for the use of Escontrias Early Childhood Center
  - Vallarta Spanish Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses for the use of Escontrias Elementary School
  - Rio Vista Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses for the use of H.D. Hilley Elementary School
- Reaching Your Generations for the use of Hurshel Antwine School
- Alchemy Karate Academy for the use of O’Shea Keleher Elementary School
- Jehovah’s Witnesses for the use of Socorro High School-Performing Arts Center
- Southwest Shootout for the use of Americas, Eastlake, and Montwood high school gymnasiums

- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
  - Annual PM Program for Mechanical Water Treatment Systems – CSP No. 199-0126-E1237
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure annual preventive maintenance program for mechanical water treatment systems district-wide. (Maximum $75,000)
  - Components to Support Cabling Installations – CSP No. 199-1213-E1253
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure components to support cabling installations. (Maximum $125,600 E-Rate funding)
  - Distance Learning System Video Codec – CSP No. 199-1213-E1249
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure distance learning system video codec. (Maximum $1,549,400 E-Rate funding)
  - District Wide VoIP Installation – CSP No. 199-1213-E1247
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure district-wide VoIP installation. (Maximum $999,877 E-Rate funding)
  - Employee Uniforms for District Operations – CSP No. 199-0126-E1238
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure employee uniforms for the Department of District Operations. (Maximum $50,000)
  - Miscellaneous Reprographic Services – CSP No. 199-0126-E1254
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure a variety of reprographic services as needed for upcoming construction and renovation projects. (Maximum $75,000)
  - Network Electronics and Cabling for New Schools – CSP No. 199-1208-E1244
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure network electronics and cabling for new schools. (Maximum $3,989,022 E-Rate funding)
  - Network Electronics for Existing Campuses – CSP No. 199-1213-E1251
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure network electronics for existing campuses. (Maximum $3,989,022 E-Rate funding)
  - Network Electronics for Central Site – CSP No. 199-1213-E1250
    Favorable process and terms secured to procure network equipment for central site. (Maximum $174,010 E-Rate funding)
  - Replacement of the Uninterruptible Power Supply – CSP No. 199-0131-E1271
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure the replacement of the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) at the District’s network operations center. (Maximum $139,881)
  - Request for increase for the Metropolitan Area Network – CSP No. 199-1213-8029
    Administration recommends consideration and approval of an increase in the amount awarded to time Warner Cable for the Metropolitan Area Network proposal. (Maximum $422,400)
  - Video Broadcast System – CSP No. 199-1213-E1248
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure a video broadcast system. (Maximum $526,535 E-Rate funding)
  - Video Security Equipment, Materials and Installation – CSP No. 199-0104-E1229
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure video security equipment, materials, and installation services as needed district-wide. (Maximum $150,000)
Contracts
- Interlocal Agreement with El Paso Independent School District for the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf
  Administration recommends consideration and approval to enter into an interlocal agreement for services to our students who attend the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf in El Paso ISD. (Maximum $250,000)

Surplus Property Auction
- Administration recommends consideration and approval to conduct an auction of surplus property to dispose of unusable property.

Revisions to local policies
- Administration recommends consideration and approval of the revisions to the following local policies as endorsed by the Policy Committee: CW (LOCAL); DC (LOCAL); and DFBB (LOCAL).

MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS – CSP NO. 199-0131-E1272
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Favorable prices and terms secured to procure EMT services for any athletic event as needed district-wide; maximum $44,100. Mr. Ayub stated that he is familiar with a company that responded to the bid process; therefore, he wanted to abstain from the motion.

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera and seconded by Paul Guerra to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1. Mr. Ayub abstained.

2012-2013 SOCORRO ISD CALENDAR
Rebecca O’Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, presented the 2012-2013 Socorro ISD Calendar to include a waiver for three (3) additional staff development days and six (6) early release days for the Board’s consideration. The calendar accommodates assessment dates per TEA; provides staff development in summer or early release. The calendar has been previewed by EPAC and Leadership.

A motion was made by Paul Guerra and seconded by Gary Gandara to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REPLACEMENT OF HRA WITH A HDHP/HSA OPTION
Mr. Martinez presented information relative to the replacement of the HRA Health Plan with a HDHP/HSA Option for the Board’s consideration.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera and seconded by Tony Ayub to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL PHASE III
Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, presented an Amendment to Construction Management Agreement with Buford Thompson Company to establish Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Eastlake High School Phase III (excluding Bid Package 5.001-Structural Steel) in the amount of $42,142,495 for the Board’s consideration.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub and seconded by Cynthia Najera to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
AMENDMENT – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR NEW COMBO SCHOOL NO. 5
Mr. Eyeington presented an Amendment to Construction Management Agreement with Sundt Construction to establish Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for new Combo School No. 5 in the amount of $35,233,589 for the Board’s consideration.

A motion was made by Paul Guerra and seconded by Tony Ayub to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

THIRD AMENDMENT – AGREEMENT TO OWNER AND ARCHITECT EL DORADO 9TH GRADE ACADEMY PHASE IV
Mr. Eyeington presented a Third Amendment to Agreement to Owner and Architect with Parkhill Smith & Cooper for the Board’s consideration. The approval of the Third Amendment to Agreement Between Owner and Architect with Parkhill Smith & Cooper dated January 16, 2007 for the El Dorado 9th Grade Academy conversion to Pebble Hills High School will provide professional services for Phase IV as described in the B141-1997 Standard Form of Agreement for a fee equal to 5.6% of the Phase IV total construction cost as defined in paragraph 1.3.1 COST OF THE WORK.

A motion was made by Paul Guerra and seconded by Gary Gandara to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ALLOCATION OF PORTION OF 2004 BOND SAVINGS
Mr. Eyeington provided information relative to the re-allocation of $250,000 from the 2004 Bond savings to provide new bleachers for Socorro High School’s gymnasium. The Department of Facilities & Planning continues to close out the 2004 Bond Program, with only two (2) projects remaining. The bleachers at Socorro High School have continued to be a maintenance issue. The existing wooden bleachers are heavy to move back and forth for various activities. The new bleachers will consist of aluminum and plastic construction reducing the weight and making the units easier to move.

A motion was made by Gary Gandara and seconded by Tony Ayub to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
Mr. Eyeington provided information relative to the proposed capital improvement projects for the Board’s consideration and requested authorization to commence the procurement process for professional and construction services. Staff will solicit, assess and use fund balance, not to exceed $2.8M, to procure the necessary professional services; contracted services; and, supplies and materials to complete the capital improvement projects at the following locations: Student Activities Complex; Transportation Facility; Horizon Heights Elementary School; Sun Country Drive Project; Fine Arts Master Plan; School Furniture Replacement; and Compliance.

Mr. Guerra asked questions relevant to the furniture replacement project. Administration responded that campus Administration and staff of the Department of Facilities and Planning will work together to select the vendors.

A motion was made by Gary Gandara and seconded by Cynthia Najera to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION – FUND BALANCE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Resolution to commit $2,800,000 of unassigned fund balance for capital improvement projects district-wide for the Board’s consideration.

A motion was made by Craig Patton and seconded by Paul Guerra to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The meeting was closed at 7:05 p.m. for consultation with the school district’s attorney, to discuss personnel and real estate matters, the Montwood Wellness Center, Notice of Separation Incentive, and Amendment to the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor with Arrow building Corporation and Banes General Contractors under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

NOTICE OF SEPARATION INCENTIVE
Dr. De La Torre presented the Notice of Separation Incentive plan for the Board’s consideration. The plan offers the first fifty (50) certified professional employees assigned to a school site, a sum equivalent to two percent (2%) of their base salary if they submit the Notice of Voluntary Separation to the Human Resources Department by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 2, 2012. The incentive, however, is not retroactive to those employees that have already submitted their notice.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub and seconded by Paul Guerra to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT – STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS CONSTRUCTOR
Mr. Eyeington presented information relative to an Amendment to the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor with Arrow Building Corporation and Banes General Contractors for the Board’s consideration. The Department of Facilities & Planning requests the amendment of the contract with the District to purchase package roof top unit equipment. The purchase of 281 units will generate savings associated with general mark up from the vendors. It will allow the District to purchase the equipment based on the consultants’ design and to expedite the project schedule by installing the units during the summer intersession.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub and seconded by Paul Guerra to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MARCH 20, 2012.