



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
November 13, 2012 – 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael A. Najera, Board President; Cynthia A. Najera, Board Vice President; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Craig A. Patton; Gary Gandara; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub who arrived at 6:05 p.m.; Angelica Rodriguez; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President Michael Najera. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. Espinoza reported on the District’s Fall 2012 Community Meetings; congratulated the football teams for advancing to the state playoffs; 15th Annual Regional Parental Engagement Conference; Marchfest; congratulated Eastlake HS Volleyball Team for winning 2012 championships and Americas HS Volleyball Team for advancing to playoffs; District’s Harvest Fall Festivals; GED Graduation; Options HS Graduation; and Thanksgiving Break.

BOARD HONORS

- Students were honored for winning awards in the 2012 Chalk the Block Art Festival, Chamizal Art Show, and Peter Piper Pizza Annual School Calendar contests.
- High school bands were recognized for earning a Division 1 rating and advancing to area competition in the 2012 UIL Marching Band Contest.
- The Eastlake High School varsity volleyball team was recognized for winning 2012 championships.
- Socorro High School runner, Jocelyn Caro, was recognized for advancing to the 2012 State Cross Country meet.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- School counselors Monica Dominguez, Dr. Sue Shook Elementary School; and Esmeralda Armendariz, Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School; were recognized for being named Texas School Counselor Association (TSCA) Counselors of the Year.
- The members of the New Combo School Naming Committee were recognized for their service.
- Gonzalo Becerra-Weir, Organizational Development Specialist for the Texas State Teacher Association (TSTA), made a presentation on behalf of the Socorro Education Association (SEA).

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent to express their support of naming the new combo school after Missing In Action (MIA) Manuel Puentes: Leno Puentes; Carlos Dominguez; Eugene Trujillo; and Amy Lynn Truesdale.

On behalf of Walgreens Co., Robert Alvarez presented a contribution check to the SISD Foundation.

FACILITIES REPORT

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer for Facilities & Planning, provided an update on the following construction projects: Eastlake High School Phase III; new combo school no. 5; HVAC upgrades of Robert R. Rojas, Myrtle Cooper, O'Shea Keleher, Campestre, Hueco and Benito Martinez elementary schools. No action was taken on this agenda item.

NEW COMBO SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

Daniel Escobar, Director of Public Relations, provided the Board of Trustees with a summary report of the committee's actions and the final recommendation. The committee's name recommendations were finalized via consensus: *Piedras del Este; James Butler; Bruce Truesdale; and Dr. Jorge Descamps*. The Superintendent's recommendation will be presented for consideration at a future regularly scheduled Board meeting. No action was taken on this agenda item.

LEVEL III GRIEVANCE OF BENJAMIN REY

The meeting was closed at 7:17 p.m. to consider appeal of Level III Grievance by Benjamin Rey under *Texas Government Code* Section 551.078.

The meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Larry Baskind, School District Counsel, reported that the Board of Trustees completed the appeal process by reviewing the information packet.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to grant the grievance stating that all staff members are required to attend Sexual Harassment as instructed on the employee handbook and directing Dr. Espinoza to take appropriate disciplinary action on any and all employees that did not follow proper procedures in this matter. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote. Aye: Tony Ayub, Gary Gandara, Angelica Rodriguez, Cynthia Najera, Michael Najera, and Paul Guerra. Craig Patton abstained.

At 8:28 p.m., Mr. Gandara was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of 8D10-STAAR Item Test Bank Bid; 8F-Resolutions amending Authorized Representatives for investment pools; and 8G-TASB's Update 95 policy DFE (LOCAL). The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2012 Regular Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)

- Custodial Chemical Management System – CSP No. 199-1005-E1330
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure a proportioning chemical management system. (Maximum \$400,000)
- Dust Mops Service – CSP No. 199-1005-E1335RB
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure dust mops services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$30,000)
- Fuel – CSP No. 199-1005-E1322
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure bulk fuel as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$2,024,795)
- Instructional Materials Local – CSP No. 199-0831-E1323
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure miscellaneous instructional supplies from local sources as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$110,000)
- Instructional Materials National – CSP No. 199-0831-E1303
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure miscellaneous instructional supplies from national sources as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$1,000,000)
- Intrusion Alarm Upgrades and Maintenance – CSP No. 199-1005-E1327
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure parts to upgrade and maintain the intrusion alarms as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$75,000)
- Police, Attendance and Security Uniforms – CSP No. 199-1026-E1332
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure uniforms and accessories as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$43,000)
- Special Education Auditory Equipment – CSP No. 199-1026-E1338
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure special education auditory equipment as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$50,000)
- Tires – CSP No. 199-1005-E1333
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure tires as needed for district buses and vehicles. (Maximum \$50,000)
- Contracts (EXHIBIT D)
 - Agreement – UTEP GEAR UP SOAR
Socorro ISD has partnered with UTEP GEAR UP in a six (6) year partnership to increase academic readiness for post-secondary education; to increase awareness of post-secondary educational options, required courses, and the availability of financial aid to establish strong partnerships; and to enhance student achievements and increase access to higher education. (No cost to the District)
 - Interlocal Agreement – Cooperative Purchasing with Ysleta ISD
The purpose of the interlocal agreement with Ysleta ISD is to utilize the Socorro ISD contracts for Charter Bus Services and Career and Technology Supplies and Equipment bids. (No cost to the District)
 - Site License – Imagination Station (iStation) Reading Intervention (K-5)
Administration recommends renewal of the site license for the purpose of providing a consistent reading intervention program to all elementary and K-8 schools. (Maximum \$108,375-Title 1 Funds)
- Resolutions
These resolutions amend Authorized Representatives for the Lone Star, TexPool, Texas Term and Logic investment pools and ensures that the District has three (3) authorized representatives for each investment pool at all times.
- Local Policies endorsed by TASB's Update 95 and the Policy Committee
CVA; CVB; DFBB; DGBA; FNG; & GF.

BID: STAAR ITEM TEST BANK – CSP NO. 199-1109-E1342

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the STAAR modified test bank items and proposals received, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS FOR INVESTMENT POOLS

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the authorized representatives for the Lone Star, TexPool, Texas Term and Logic investment pools, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve amended Resolutions ensuring that the District has three (3) authorized representatives for each investment pool at all times. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICY DFE (LOCAL)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Cynthia Najera for discussion. Administration recommended that the policy be revised to specifically state that the Chief Human Resources Officer be authorized to accept a contracted employee's resignation submitted or effective at any other time.

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Following a brief presentation by Craig Gibson, the managing partner for the account firm of *Gibson, Ruddock, and Patterson LLC*, a motion was made by Craig Patton, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the Audit Report for fiscal year 2011-2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Board President Michael Najera recognized all staff members involved in the process for their support, dedication, and for earning a no findings/no recommendations audit rating.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Following a brief presentation by Tom Eyeington regarding a request to solicit proposals for professional services to re-roof six (6) elementary schools (Escontrias, H.D. Hilley, Horizon Heights, Vista Del Sol, Helen Ball, and Sierra Vista) under the 2011 Bond Program Phase II, a motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

LEASE WITH AT&T

Due to legal questions, the item was deliberated in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 9:06 p.m. for consultation with the school district's attorney, to discuss personnel and real estate matters, to consider Lease with AT&T for the installation of an antenna at 10150 Alameda, Socorro Texas; and recommendation for the Sun Bowl Association's use of the Student Activities Complex under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 10:04 p.m.

LEASE WITH AT&T

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to postpone the item until a future meeting to obtain additional information. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Aye: Tony Ayub, Paul Guerra, Craig Patton, Cynthia Najera, and Angelica Rodriguez. Michael Najera abstained.

SUN BOWL ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the request from the Sun Bowl Association for the use of the Student Activities Complex for practice on December 27, 28, and 29, 2012 for one of the visiting teams to include appropriate fees. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON DECEMBER 18, 2012.