



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
July 21, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Angelica Rodriguez, Board President; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub, Board Vice President; Gary Gandara, Board Secretary; Hector F. Gonzalez; Cynthia A. Najera; Paul Guerra; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael A. Najera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President Angelica Rodriguez. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. Espinoza reported on personnel and district initiatives/events.

The Board of Trustees received a special recognition for being named the *2015 Region 19 Board of the Year*. This is the second time the SISD Board has won the award. *Congratulations!*

OPEN FORUM

None

FACILITIES REPORT

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2011 Bond program construction projects focusing on the newest school, Purple Heart Elementary School, which is scheduled to open July 28, 2015. No action was taken on this agenda item.

GRANTS REPORT

Ann Darnell, Grant Writer, provided an update on active discretionary grants for the District. No action was taken on this agenda item.

TEAM SISD SMART GOALS REPORTS

Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer and Hector Reyna, Chief Technology Officer, provided a presentation concerning their SMART Goal. Each member provided a brief overview of their department’s goal, data and steps used to accomplish goal, and its impact. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of F2-Facility Lease with Region 19 Head Start; F4-Interlocal Agreement with Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS); F5-Interlocal Agreement with El Paso Community College; F7-Letter of Intent with Region 19 ESC for Discovery’s United Streaming Service; and F8-

MOU with CREEED's Accelerator Certification Scholarship for ISD Teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Artistic Stylz Dance Studio for the use of El Dorado High School Theater
 - Eastside Texans for the use of El Dorado HS, Montwood HS and Socorro HS
 - SI Sports for the use of El Dorado High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
 - Elevator Maintenance Services – RFP No. 199-0528-E1547
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure elevator maintenance services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$130,000)
 - Energy Management Controls, OEM Parts and Equipment – RFP No. 199-0625-E15108
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure energy management controls, OEM parts and equipment as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$435,000)
 - Instructional Professional Development Services – RFP No. 199-0325-E1583
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure instructional professional development as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$300,000-General and Special Revenue Funds)
 - Paper Supplies – RFP No. 199-0625-E15106
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure paper supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$234,644)
 - PK-5 Teaching Assessment Tool – RFP No. 199-0616-E15104
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure a PK through 5th teaching assessment tool as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$200,000)
 - Staff Development Materials and Curriculum – RFP No. 199-0325-E1582
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure staff development materials and curriculum as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$250,000-General and Special Revenue Funds)
- Contracts
 - Agreement – Cinemark USA, Inc.
Agreement between Cinemark and Options HS, Socorro ISD Career and Technical Education Program for the purpose of providing Community Based Vocational Program. Agreement is agreed by both parties to be of mutual interest and advantage that students who receive special education support in a community based career education program will be allowed access to Cinemark as a clinical laboratory for educational purposes and the setting at the community based site will provide the students an opportunity to experience and perform meaningful career educational skills in a natural environment. The students will receive instruction by an assigned Options HS instructor in career education, functional academics and social/adaptive behavior skills in the community. (No cost to the District)
 - Insurance – Law Enforcement Liability Insurance
The purpose is to renew the Law Enforcement Liability Insurance with a policy limits of \$1,000,000 for the school year of 2015-2016. (Maximum \$27,650)
 - Interlocal Agreement – Ysleta Independent School District Contract #215041RFP Lead Your School

- Ysleta ISD Contract #215041RFP awarded vendor Lead Your School will provide combined campus staff development in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 during the FY 2015-2016 school year for all Socorro ISD campuses. (Maximum \$250,000)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Montwood High School and White Sands Missile Range
Socorro ISD's Partner in Education program promotes the importance of volunteerism, community service and connects the business to our students. The program will join the community and public education together to ensure success, a sense of commitment and dedication to the students, faculty, and staff. (No cost to the District)
 - Property Value Appeal Services Agreement Renewal – Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP
The purpose of the contract is for the administrative appeal and any judicial appeal of the property value study finding as conducted by the Comptroller's Office as of January 1, 2015 for the school year of 2016-2017. (Cost To Be Determined)

CONTRACT: FACILITY LEASE-REGION 19 HEAD START

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for separate consideration. The purpose is to continue the leasing of the property located at H.D. Hilley Elementary School, 693 N. Rio Vista, Socorro TX 79927 to provide the Socorro Head Start Program at no cost to the district and compensation of \$1.00 is received in advance. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Angelica Rodriguez abstained.

CONTRACT: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CLAIMS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC. (CAS)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Paul Guerra for discussion. Following a discussion concerning the term of the agreement, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the interlocal agreement for the purpose of providing a three (3) year fixed cost plan for Worker's Compensation Benefits for the employees of SISD and retain a third party administrator to provide professional services necessary to administer the plan at a maximum cost of \$561,136. The motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. The purpose of this agreement is for a Joint Responsibility for Formulation and Implementation of Emergency Operations Plan. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

CONTRACT: LETTER OF INTENT WITH REGION 19 ESC FOR DISCOVERY'S UNITED STREAMING SERVICE

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for separate consideration. The purpose of the letter of intent is to provide the license and access to United Streaming video content to all of the area schools at a maximum \$36,115. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Angelica Rodriguez abstained.

CONTRACT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CREEED'S ACCELERATOR CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR ISD TEACHERS

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Cynthia Najera for discussion. Following a discussion concerning targeted students and the process being used to track students, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the MOU with CREEED's Accelerator Certification Scholarship for SISD teachers in the form of scholarship funds specifically directed at providing financial assistance to cover the cost of tuition and expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

2015-16 DISTRICT AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMETN PLANS

Following a brief presentation by Jeanette Williams, Director of State and Federal Programs, on the process involved in the development of the District and Campus Improvement Plans, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AIR MONITORING SITE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AT HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Following a brief presentation by Mr. Eyeington concerning the setup of an air monitoring site in the valley, at Hueco Elementary School, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to receive and review recommendation of hearing officer in the Level III Grievance of L.C.; to hear presentation concerning SISD Emergency Operations Plan; to conduct evaluations of Internal Auditors: Curriculum & Instruction and Finance; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal(s) at Campestre Elementary School; Desert Wind PK-8; Ernesto Serna PK-8, El Dorado High School (2) and Pebble Hills High School under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 and 551.076.

The meeting reconvened at 10:02 p.m.

SISD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the SISD Emergency Operations Plan as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

EVALUATION FOR INTERNAL AUDITOR – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the evaluation for Internal Auditor for Curriculum and Instruction as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

EVALUATION FOR INTERNAL AUDITOR – FINANCE

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the evaluation for Internal Auditor for Finance as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Daisy Garcia to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Campestre Elementary School. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Michelle Andha to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Desert Wind PK-8 School. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Rolaura De Anda to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Ernesto Serna PK-8 School. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Valerie Hairston and Joanne Anguiano to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principals of El Dorado High School. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Juanita Gomez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Pebble Hills High School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 18, 2015.