



MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
August 13, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Gandara, Board Secretary; and Cynthia A. Najera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Board President Angelica Rodriguez. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 6:07 p.m. to receive oral argument and consider recommendation of hearing officer in the matter of Socorro ISD, Petitioner and Linda Cortez, Respondent (an additional closed session to receive advice from legal counsel was conducted); and to consider administrative recommendations for Principal at Elfida Chavez Elementary School and Hueco Elementary School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.074 and 551.071.

The meeting reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION OF HEARING OFFICER IN THE MATTER OF SOCORRO ISD, PETITIONER AND LINDA CORTEZ, RESPONDENT

A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Michael Najera, to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law set forth in the Recommendation of the Independent Hearing Examiner dated July 29, 2015, and uphold the Administration’s recommended non-renewal of the 2014-2015 term contract of Linda Cortez. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Rosemary Yates to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of Elfida Chavez Elementary School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Angelica Herrera to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of Hueco Elementary School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015.