



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
September 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Hector F. Gonzalez

**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 recognized Superintendent Dr. Espinoza for his 3 year anniversary in SISD.

Mr. Ayub acknowledged Dr. Espinoza for his commitment to the students and community of SISD.

**BOARD HONORS**

- An El Dorado student was recognized for winning the national championship in javelin in the 2015 USATF Hershey’s National Track and Field Championship.
- An SISD student was recognized for winning the annual Peter Piper Pizza Calendar Art Contest.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- An Eastlake High School volunteer was recognized for winning the State Board of Education Hero for Children for District 1.

**TEXAS EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCES DAY RESOLUTION**

Following a presentation by Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer, regarding Governor Greg Abbot proclaiming October 14<sup>th</sup> as Texas Education Human Resources Day, a day set aside to recognize and honor the important contributions made by school personnel who work in human resources, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Angelica Soto, SEA President, presented a \$500 donation check for the SISD’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Father/Son Conference.

Alex Bonnet invited the Board of Trustees and Superintendent to attend “Join Us For Justice” event on September 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at UTEP.

Laura Castañeda addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent concerning cafeteria salaries.

#### **ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation of the annual investment report for fiscal year 2014-15 as required by policy CDA (LOCAL). All pertinent information from the investment pools and Wells Fargo was provided. No action was taken on this agenda item.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2011 Bond program on the following construction projects: Pebble Hills HS; Purple Heart ES; and on the three (3) HVAC upgrades at Sanchez, Slider and Socorro Middle Schools. 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**

Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services and Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations 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.

#### **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Hector Reyna, Chief Technology Officer, provided an update on technology services focusing on the E-Rate projects and network shutdowns. No action was taken on this agenda item.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of C7: Request for the Use of School Facilities submitted by Texas Ram Youth Sports League/AYF; E1: District Software Bid; E6: Sheet Metal Fabrication and Installation Bid; F3: Maintenance Agreement with Tyler Technologies; and F4: Memorandum of Understanding with Three Rivers Education Foundation, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and August 26, 2015 Special Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - El Paso Police Department for the use of Ensor Middle School
  - EP Fierce for the use of Montwood High School
  - Gospel Ministries to Children for the use of Horizon Heights Elementary School
  - Jehovah Witnesses Congregations for the use of Socorro High School Performing Arts Center
  - MT. Olympus Inc. for the use of Americas High School Theater
  - Region 22 for the use of Eastlake High School Theater
  - TxDOT for the use of Montwood High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)

- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
  - Energy Management Controls, OEM Parts and Equipment – RFP No. 199-0827-E15108RB  
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure energy management controls, OEM parts and equipment as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$300,000)
  - Fire Extinguishers Inspections and Maintenance – RFP No. 199-0827-E1608  
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure fire extinguishers inspections and maintenance as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$62,857)
  - New Baseball and Softball Fields for Paso Del Norte School – CSP No. 199-0826-1619  
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure new baseball and softball fields for Paso Del Norte School. (Maximum \$517,452)
  - Shade Structures – RFP No. 199-0827-E1607  
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure shade structures as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$175,000)
- Contracts
  - Amendment – Interlocal Agreement with Texas Policy Subdivisions Property/Casualty Self-Insurance Fund (TPS)  
For the purpose of providing coverage for property to add Purple Heart Elementary School to contract #15-F0497. This agreement is authorized pursuant with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The agreement would continue through June 30, 2016. (Maximum \$24,853; increase)
  - Interlocal Agreement – Region 17 West Texas Food Service Cooperative Second Quarter Purchase Order(s)  
The purpose of the interlocal agreement is to process the Purchase Order(s) to Region 17 ESC for the second quarter from 10/1/15 through 12/31/15. (Maximum \$4,337,500-Federal and USDA donated commodity and commercial dollars)
  - Purchasing Cooperative – Apple Inc.  
For the acquisition of technology equipment and accessories for Graphic Design and Media/Video industries classes utilizing TX DIR Contract #SDD-2068. The purchase is to establish three Apple/Mac Labs for the CTE program at Pebble Hills and Socorro High Schools. (Maximum \$256,137)
  - Utilization of the ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Bid #14-7065 Segovia’s Distributing Inc.  
For the acquisition of produce for school cafeterias. Segovia’s Distributing, Inc., is the sole bidder with HACCP Product Recall Program, Quality Control Program, Food Safety Program and Third Party Inspected (NSF). The Purchase Order to Segovia’s Distributing, Inc., for the second quarter from 10/1/15 through 12/31/15. (Maximum \$300,000)
- 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 that are used by the District’s Purchasing Department.
- Donations for fiscal year 2014-15  
A list of donations for fiscal year 2014-15 is being submitted for the Board’s consideration.
- Campus Attendance Committees  
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).

**REQUEST FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES SUBMITTED BY TEXAS RAM YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE/AYF**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Gary Gandara for separate consideration. The request submitted by Texas Ram Youth Sports League/AYF is for the use of the football fields at Americas, El Dorado, Pebble Hills and Socorro High School for the purpose of conducting youth football games in regular season play. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**BID: DISTRICT SOFTWARE RFP NO. 199-0821-E1601**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. Following a discussion regarding the software usage, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the bid proposal in the amount of \$1,500,000 using General Fund and Special Revenue Budgets as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**BID: SHEET METAL FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION RFP NO. 199-0827-E1615**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. Following a discussion regarding the ongoing HVAC upgrades, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the bid proposal in the amount of \$240,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT: MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TYLER TECHNOLOGIES**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. Following a discussion regarding the yearly maintenance fees, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the ongoing maintenance agreement for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$345,257.34 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. Following a discussion regarding the organization and grant proposal, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the MOU to ensure the implementation of the BHEP at no cost to the District. The motion carried unanimously. Cynthia Najera was not present at the time of the motion.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR A FACILITY ASSESSMENT**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the solicitation of an RFP for a Facility Assessment to include land analysis and demographic study for selected campuses and district facilities as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL FLASHER AGREEMENT – PURPLE HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the Traffic Signal Flasher Agreement with the City of El Paso to serve Purple Heart Elementary School; the agreement consists of the installation of four (4) school flasher traffic signals; ADA ramps and sidewalks; and striping and signage in the amount of \$65,854. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL FLASHER AGREEMENT – SUN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the Traffic Signal Flasher Agreement with the City of El Paso to serve Sun Ridge Middle School; the agreement consists of the installation of four (4) school flasher traffic signals in the amount of \$98,642. The motion carried unanimously.

**PURCHASING COOPERATIVE – TCPN PROGRAM VENDOR TRANE US INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TURNKEY PROJECT AT SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Gary Gandara, to postpone the item for further review by the Facilities Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:56 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel to receive an update on pending or threatened litigation and possible participation in El Paso Electric rate case with other Region 19 school districts; easement for Tract 1-F-1, Block 26, Socorro Grant, El Paso County, Texas, for a proposed sanitary sewer line which will connect at Passmore Rd.; and resolution of Level III Grievance of L.G.; and to discuss personnel and real estate matters under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC RATE CASE**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to join El Paso Electric rate case with other Region 19 School Districts and complete agreement necessary to intervene as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**EASEMENT FOR TRACT 1-F-1, BLOCK 26, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the easement for Tract 1-F-1, Block 26, Socorro Grant, El Paso County, Texas, for a proposed sanitary sewer line which will connect at Passmore Rd. as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**LEVEL III GRIEVANCE OF L.G.**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to deny the Level III Grievance of L.G. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OCTOBER 27, 2015.**