



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
October 27, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Gandara, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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.

A moment of silence was observed for Sgt. Jose Carrasco.

BOARD HONORS

- SISD students were recognized for participating in the Education in Action’s 2015 Lone Star Leadership Academy.
- El Dorado and Eastlake High School students were recognized for participating in the El Paso’s Annual Chalk the Block Art Festival.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the district’s Celebrate Freedom Week Essay and Poster Contests.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The El Dorado principal and SPC. Rafael Hernando assistant principal were recognized for earning the 2015 TASSP Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year and Outstanding Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year Awards.
- A Paso Del Norte School counselor was recognized for being named the TSCA 2015-16 Texas Middle School Counselor of the Year.
- SISD employees were recognized for 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service.

OPEN FORUM

Well Fargo Representatives awarded SISD with a \$5,000 Cyber Grant for Father/Son and Mother/Daughter Conferences.

Amy Marcus addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent concerning the reinstatement of Pebble Hills HS boys basketball coach.

Irma Escontrias Sanchez addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent concerning the reinstatement of Peter Morales at Pebble Hills HS.

Nnamdi Ezenwa addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent concerning Pebble Hills HS Coach.

Jeremy and Amy Brown addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent concerning Coach Morales.

Rudy Carrillo addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent concerning Pebble Hills HS Coach Morales.

Charles L. Jones, Jr. addressed the Board of Trustees Superintendent concerning Coach Morales from Pebble Hills HS.

GENERATION TEXAS MONTH PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 2015

Following a presentation by Tammi Mackeben, Director of Guidance and Counseling, regarding the higher education campaign, Generation TX, which is a statewide movement focused on creating a culture of college and career readiness that leads to the most successful generation in Texas history, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 26-30, 2015

Following a brief presentation by Ms. Mackeben regarding Red Ribbon Week and how the district recognizes Kiki Camarena and assists students in taking a stand against drug abuse and instead living a healthy lifestyle, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CIGNA HEALTH PLAN UTILIZATION AND COST UPDATE

Cigna Representatives provided an update concerning Cigna's plan utilization and cost on key findings, historical perspective of year over year medical PMPY plan spend/membership and health advocacy program summary. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of E10-Request for Increase for Athletic Equipment, Supplies and Apparel RFP No. 199-0902-E1523; and F1-Interlocal Agreement with EPCC. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Dream League Youth Football for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)
 - Greater El Paso Football Showcase for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)
 - Socorro Youth Sports Association for the use of Socorro Middle School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
 - Contracted Services for Food Service Equipment, Repair Parts and Materials – RFP No. 199-0911-E1625

- Favorable prices and terms secured to procure contracted services for food service equipment, repair parts and materials as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$162,000)
 - Football Equipment Repair – RFP No. 199-0828-E1613
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure repairs on football equipment as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$65,000)
 - Janitorial Supplies – RFP No. 199-0911-E1624
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure janitorial supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$700,000)
 - Library Services – RFP No. 199-0911-E1627
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure library supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$50,000)
 - Locksmith Supplies – RFP No. 199-0911-E1609
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure locksmith supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$94,000)
 - Miscellaneous Operational Supplies – RFP No. 199-0918-E1621
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure miscellaneous operational supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$400,000)
 - Musical Instruments Repairs – RFP No. 199-0911-E1611
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure musical instrument repairs as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$50,000)
 - PA Audio Equipment – RFP No. 199-0911-E1606
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure PA audio equipment as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$150,000)
 - Sewing and Embroidery Machines, Repairs and Parts – RFP No. 199-0828-E1604
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure sewing machines, repairs and parts as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$60,000)
- Contracts
 - Interlocal Agreement – Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with Ysleta Independent School District
The purpose of the interlocal agreement is for the establishment and operation of the JJAEP, for the students, school districts, and the juvenile board in El Paso County. (No cost to the District)
 - Interlocal Agreement(s) – Region 19 Head Start
Socorro ISD prepares meals for children and adults served by Region 19 Head Start Program housed at H.D. Hilley Elementary School. (No cost to the District)
 - Meals for Children in Head Start Program – Children’s meals are reimbursed at rates established and published annually by TDHS.
 - Meals for Adults in Head Start Program – Adults meals are reimbursed at a rate of \$3.60
- Impact Aid Indian Policies and Procedures Resolution for the 2015-2016 School Year
The Impact Aid Program regulations require an annual review of Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs). The Impact Aid Program recommends that the language be modified slightly, adding the phrase “including the frequency, location, and time of meetings”.

BID: REQUEST FOR INCREASE FOR ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND APPAREL, RFP NO. 199-0902-E1525

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Cynthia Najera for discussion. Following a discussion concerning the funding for athletic equipment, supplies and apparel, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the new award amount of \$1,200,000 per year, due to the

equipment demand for the transition of El Dorado 9th Grade Center becoming Pebble Hills High School as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO COMMUNITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE RAMS EARLY COLLEGE

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with El Paso Community College for the operation of the Rams Early College as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

TASB UPDATE 102 AND LOCAL POLICY

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the revisions to the following policies from TASB Update 102: CDA, FNC and FO; and Local Policy: DIA, FFH and FNE as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:44 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to receive information regarding recommendation of hearing officer in Level III Appeal of T. Cintron; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal(s) for Horizon Heights Elementary School, O'Shea Keleher Elementary School and Eastlake High School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Edith Flores-Carrillo to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Horizon Heights 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 Maritza Fernandez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of O'Shea Keleher Elementary School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Edgar Ponce to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Eastlake High School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER 17, 2015.