



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
December 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Angelica Rodriguez, Board President; Gary Gandara, Board Secretary; Hector F. Gonzalez; Michael A. Najera; Cynthia A. Najera; Paul Guerra; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub, Board Vice President

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.

BOARD HONORS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- SISD students were recognized for receiving awards in the 14th Annual El Paso Community College K-12 Art Contest.
- SISD students were recognized for winning their respective categories in the 2015 SISD Winter Holiday Art Contest.
- Eastlake High School varsity football team was recognized for winning 2015 championships.
- The SISD Council of PTAs was recognized for earning the Texas Star Award, the Gold Level Award, and the Membership Increase Award from the Texas State PTA.

OPEN FORUM

None

FACILITIES REPORT

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2011 Bond program on the following construction projects: Pebble Hills HS 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.

REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS

As required by the *Texas Administrative Code* Chapter 61.1(j), Board President Angelica Rodriguez, announced the completed, deficient and exceeding Board training continuing education hours for each Trustee. No action is necessary for this agenda item.

All Board Members met requirements in Tier I, Update to 84th Legislative Session; Tier II, Teamwork; and exceeded requirements in Tier III, discretionary continuing education credit hours. *Congratulations Board of Trustees!*

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015 Board Workshop; November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting; December 1, 2015 Board Workshop; and December 7, 2015 Special Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Eastside Texans for the use of El Dorado High School Gymnasiums
 - El Paso Supers for the use of Americas High School Football Field
 - Heritage Baptist Ministries for the use of John Drugan School Cafeteria
 - Horizon City Youth Association (HCYA) for the use of John Ensor Middle School on (1) December 19, 2015 and on (2) January 16-March 26, 2016
 - National Cheerleaders Association for the use of Socorro High School PIT, Gym B, Choir and Band Rooms
 - San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church for the use of Ernesto Serna School Cafeteria and Gymnasium
 - Sun Bowl Association for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
 - Chemicals for the Aquatic Center – RFP No. 199-1201-E1638
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure chemicals and supplies as needed at the Aquatic Center. (Maximum \$50,000)
 - Glass Replacement Services – RFP No. 199-1201-E1647
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure glass replacement services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$70,000)
 - Medical Services for Athletic Events – RFP No. 199-1201-E1637
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure medical services for athletic events as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$52,500)
 - Musical Instruments – RFP No. 199-1105-E1633
Favorable prices and terms secured to procure musical instruments as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$500,000)
- Contracts
 - Affiliation Agreement Health Professions Academy Clinical Program – St. Giles Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
To establish an externship training for the Health Professions Academy at Socorro High School Practicum in Health Science I – Clinical Rotations class. This location has the appropriate facilities, equipment, services and preceptors to provide the necessary practical experience for the benefit of the students. (No cost to the District)
 - Interlocal Agreement – Region 17 West Texas Food Service Cooperative Third Quarter Purchase Order(s)
Agreement to process the purchase order(s) for the third quarter from 1/1/16 through 3/31/16. (Maximum \$4,337,500-Federal and USDA donated commodity and commercial dollars)

- Interlocal Agreement – Cooperative Purchasing with Tornillo ISD
School district routinely and frequently solicit bids and proposals for goods and services which are necessary for the operation of a school district. The school district making the purchase shall bear all costs and expenses related to the purchase of goods and services. (No cost to the District)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Project Vida Health Center
To set forth the terms and conditions of agreement between SISD and PVHS to implement the POWER 4-Uth (Providing Opportunities While Establishing Resiliency for Youth) to enhance youth leadership in school. This evidence-based curriculum has nationwide outcomes that improve the choices, behaviors and positive health outcomes for participants. (No cost to the District)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – ESC Region 19 for PEIMS Cooperative
To provide in-depth and timely information on critical issues, training, and networking opportunities for the school district PEIMS Coordinator and selected PEIMS related personnel. (Maximum \$750 for PEIMS Co-op Membership Fee)
- Purchasing Cooperative ESC Region 19 – City Fence and Pipe Company
Maintenance and Operations Department will procure services to install chain link fencing and materials from City Fence and Pipe Company through Region 19 Contract # 12-6839 for special and security projects district-wide. (Maximum \$175,000)
- Utilization of the ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Bid #14-7065 Segovia's Distributing Inc.
For the acquisition of produce for school cafeterias. The purchase orders for Segovia's Distributing Inc. is for the third quarter from 1/1/16 through 3/31/16. (Maximum \$300,000)
- Auction of Surplus Property
The Department of Maintenance and Operations has identified surplus property items. Upon Board approval, the Department of Facilities & Planning will proceed with selecting a date to conduct the sale.

PROPOSED MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR PURPLE HEART ATTENDANCE AREA

Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, concerning the proposed changes for the Purple Heart attendance area, a motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PEBBLE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS / FINANCE ACADEMY

Following a presentation by George Thomas, Director of Career and Technical Education and Troy Byrne, Principal of Pebble Hills HS, concerning the academy, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MASTER PLAN FOR PURPLE HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Following a presentation by Mr. Eyeington concerning the Leadership Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) criteria in accordance with the United States Green Building Council, a motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FACILITY ASSESSMENT, LAND ANALYSIS AND DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY – RFQ NO. 199-1021-E1633

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Michael Najera, to move this item to Executive Session for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:03 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; for discussion regarding the recommendation of administration to propose the termination of the Chapter 21 term contract of M.V. for good cause; to discuss pending litigation involving H. Hernandez v. SISD; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendation for Principal at SSG Manuel Puentes Middle School, Assistant Principal(s) at Bill Sybert PK-8 and Socorro High School; and to discuss the Facility Assessment, Land Analysis and Demographic Study RFQ No. 199-1021-E1633 under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

FACILITY ASSESSMENT, LAND ANALYSIS AND DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY – RFQ NO. 199-1021-E1633

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the Administrative Committee recommendations in the following order: 1) VLK Architects; 2) Parkhill Smith & Cooper; 3) JACOBS; 4) Architectural Research Consultants, Inc.; and 5) New Republic Architects. The motion carried unanimously.

TERMINATION OF TERM TEACHER CONTRACT

No action was taken on this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Monica Castro to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of SSG Manuel Puentes Middle School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Lorenza Gonzalez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Bill Sybert PK-8. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Daniel Delgado to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Socorro High School. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Marcy Sparks to assume all roles and responsibilities as Library Services Coordinator. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 19, 2016.