



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
July 26, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael A. Najera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Gary Gandara. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Employees who are retiring from the district were honored for their service in Team SISD.

OPEN FORUM

None

FACILITIES REPORT

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2011 Bond Program and other district-wide construction projects. 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.

SISD HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, provided a presentation on a campaign partnership between all SISD health and wellness stakeholders to ensure SISD students are provided with healthy, nutritious meals that enable them to be physically prepared to excel academically. No action was taken on this agenda item.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Hector Reyna, Chief Technology Officer, provided a presentation on the District's technology services focusing on online registration services for the 2016-2017 school year. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 7B-Employment of Personnel and 7F2b-Amendment to Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant-El Paso Community College (EPCC) Service Provider. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2016 Regular Meeting and July 13, 2016 Special Meeting
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Alchemy Karate Academy for the use of O’Shea Keleher Elementary School Cafeteria (Aug 27; Sept 24; and Dec 10)
 - Alchemy Karate Academy for the use of O’Shea Keleher Eleentary School Parking Log (Oct 22)
 - El Paso Performing Arts Dance Studio for the use of Americas High School Theater (Aug 19 & 20)
 - Las Tierras Community Church for the use of Paso Del Norte School Cafeteria (Every Sunday during the 2016-2017 school year)
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
 - Gifted & Talented Materials, Supplies and Services – RFP No. 199-0622-E1712
Solicitation to purchase gifted and talented materials, supplies, and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$125,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
 - College Preparatory Materials and Services – RFP No. 199-0622-E1714
Solicitation to purchase college preparatory materials and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$450,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
- Contracts
 - Amendment(s) to Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant Contract(s)
 - Amendment to Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant Contract for Year 3 – Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) Fiscal Agent
The amendment is to continue with Year 3 from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for a total grant award of \$2,669,128. The Socorro ISD’s Community Education Department, as the lead organization for this grant, proposes to use the Ysleta ISD’s Division of Finance to act as the fiscal agent for the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Adult Education and Literacy (AEL). Socorro ISD has committed to work with Ysleta ISD in its efforts to implement a regional consortium that coordinates the delivery of adult education activities. (No cost to the District)
 - Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) – Service Provider
This amendment is to fund YISD \$887,348 for Year 3 to service 1,164 students. The contract is for the services to be provided by Ysleta ISD to its population of adult learners located within the school district boundaries and for those individuals requesting adult education services. (No cost to the District)
 - El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) – Service Provider
This amendment is to fund EPISD \$972,887 for Year 3 to service 1,232 students. The contract is for the services to be provided by El Paso ISD to its population of adult learners located within the school district boundaries and for those individuals requesting adult education services. (No cost to the District)

- Presidio Independent School District (PISD) – Service Provider
The Presidio ISD’s adult education program has strived to produce a quality classroom environment in which both the diversity and the uniqueness of individuals are recognized and celebrated. With the continued funding through the consortium it will make it possible for the program to deliver and provide part-time as well as full-time services to interested individuals. (No cost to the District)
- Texas Workforce Commission Career Pathway Navigator
 - Ysleta Independent School District – Fiscal Agent
This grant award began February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for a total grant award of \$95,872. The Socorro ISD’s Community Education Department, as the lead organization for this grant, proposes to use the Ysleta ISD’s Division of Finance to act as the fiscal agent for the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Career Pathway Navigator. SISD has committed to work with YISD in its efforts to implement a regional consortium that coordinates the delivery of adult education activities. (No cost to the District)
- Revised Job Description due to Job Reclassification
This position was approved for reclassification. Therefore, positions that change pay grade require Board approval.
 1. Coordinator of Facilities/Construction

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL (EXHIBIT A)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Administration for separate consideration. Following a presentation by Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer, regarding a revised list of Employment of Personnel contracts, a motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the revised list as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT – EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (EPCC) SERVICE PROVIDER

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, and seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the amendment to change the end date from September 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and to allocate \$86,824 to reimburse EPCC for Career Pathway Navigator at no cost to the District. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Following a presentation by Shelley Chenausky, Director of Child Nutrition Services, regarding the option to offer free school meals to all children with high percentages of low-income population without collecting meal applications, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the following seven (7) qualifying schools: Campestre, Mission Ridge, KEYS Elementary, Socorro MS, Desert Wind, Escontrias ES, and Rojas as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL POLICY

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the revisions to local policy FB as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:05 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel to discuss personnel and real estate matters; for discussion regarding parent Level III complaint filed by H.D.; to conduct evaluations of Internal Auditors: Curriculum & Instruction and Finance; to consider administrative recommendations for Director of Human Resources Employee Benefits/Risk Management, Principal at Socorro Middle

School, Assistant Principal(s) at Eastlake High School (2) and Pebble Hills High School, and STEM Career and Technology Education Facilitator under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

LEVEL III COMPLAINT FILED BY H.D.

No action was taken on this matter.

EVALUATION OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the evaluation of Internal Auditor for Curriculum and Instruction as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the evaluation of Internal Auditor for Finance as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Mario Carmona to assume all roles and responsibilities as the Director of Human Resources Employee Benefits/Risk Management. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Nadia De La Rosa to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of Socorro Middle School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Alfredo Gomez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Eastlake High 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 David Herrera to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Pebble Hills High School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Orlando Hairston to assume all roles and responsibilities as STEM Career and Technical Education Facilitator. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

THESE WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 16, 2016.