



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
August 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Angelica Rodriguez

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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.

**BOARD HONORS**

- Winners of the 2016 Smile Team SISD; Superintendent’s Photo Contest were recognized.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the Annual Peter Piper Pizza Calendar Art Contest.
- The El Dorado and Montwood High School Robotics Teams were recognized for advancing to the 2016 UIL State Competition.
- A Sgt. Roberto Ituarte student was recognized for earning fourth place in Turbo Javeline at the 2016 National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships.
- Students at Eastlake High School were recognized for winning the 2016 Housing Authority of El Paso “Changing the Face of Public Housing” Art Contest.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- An SISD employee was recognized for earning the Team SISD 2016 Wall of Honor Award.

**OPEN FORUM**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2016-17 TAX RATE**

Following a presentation by Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, regarding the proposed 2016-17 Tax Rate of \$1.274794 per \$100 valuation, the public was invited to comment on the adoption of the tax rate. No one came forward to address the Board. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**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.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Administration pulled Consent Agenda item 9H for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Michael Najera, 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 July 26, 2016 Regular Meeting and August 10, 2016 Special Meeting
- Employment of Personnel  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - Basketball El Paso for the use of Montwood High School Gymnasium
  - Harvest Christian Center Church for the use of Eastlake High School Gymnasium and three (3) classrooms
  - New Heights Baptist Church for the use of Montwood High School Gymnasium
  - River's Edge Church for the use of Pebble Hills High School Cafeteria
  - Socorro Youth Sports Association for the use of Socorro Middle School Gymnasium
  - SrA Danny Ray Sanchez Foundation for the use of Montwood High School Parking Lot
  - Street Cred Sports for the use of Pebble Hills High School Gymnasium
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
  - Linen Supplies – RFP No. 199-0801-E1711  
Solicitation to purchase linen supplies and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$66,790)
  - Paper Supplies-Part II – RFP No. 199-0801-E1717  
Solicitation to purchase bathroom tissue and paper towel rolls as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$307,450)
- Contracts
  - Agreement – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Empowerment Department  
The purpose of this agreement is to continue the ability to provide a parent of Native American child and a student to serve on campus School Improvement Team committees. The Department will be given opportunities to provide career and scholarships available to its members. (No cost to the District)
  - Agency Request for Affiliation Agreement – Department of Social Work University of Texas at El Paso  
The purpose of this agreement is to implement the provisions of such Affiliation Agreement by providing students enrolled in the University's College of Health Science with educational experience utilizing the personnel, equipment, and facilities of Socorro ISD in support of high school students who are experiencing homelessness within the District. (No cost to the District)
  - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Education Service Center Region 19  
The purpose of this MOU is for OnDataSuite Software to provide LEA administrators and staff the ability to collect, analyze, and share PEIMS/TSDS data and academic performance data concerning students and/or staff who have or who are now attending or employed by the LEA Institution as well as ensure the confidentiality of records and their consistency with

- FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) guidelines, and providing technical assistance to Socorro ISD. (Maximum \$24,407)
- Purchasing Cooperative Utilization – Region 8 TIPS/TAPS Blackboard Inc.  
The purpose is to continue the services from Blackboard Inc. for Mass Notification, App Integration and Social Media Manager, Centricity Software subscription and Server Maintenance utilizing TIPS/TAPS Contract's # 2092613 & 4022516. (Maximum \$113,713)
- 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 used by the Socorro ISD Purchasing Department.

**NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMPLEX FACILITIES AND MARKETING COORDINATOR; JOB TITLE CHANGE TO MARKETING/SALES COORDINATOR**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Administration for separate consideration. Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, regarding a job title change to clarify the purpose of this position, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the new job description with title change as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-2017 DISTRICT AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Following a brief presentation by Jeanette Williams, Director of State and Federal Programs, on the process involved in the development of the District and Campus Improvement Plans, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-2017 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX RATE**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to adopt the 2016-17 Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$0.976140 per \$100 valuation in order to support the 2016-17 fiscal year budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-2017 INTEREST AND SINKING FUND TAX RATE**

A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to adopt the 2016-17 Interest and Sinking fund tax rate of \$0.298654 per \$100 of valuation in order to support the 2016-17 fiscal year budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION WHICH OFFICIALLY LEVIES THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the Resolution which officially levies the tax rate for the Socorro Independent School District for the 2016-17 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJUST COMPRESSED TAX RATE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the district's participation to adjust compressed tax rate for additional state funding and to submit the written notification to the Texas Education Agency prior to September 1. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LOCAL POLICY**

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the revisions to local policy FFAC as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EASEMENT AT THE EDUCATIO CENTER**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the easement to provide access to the developer property located behind the existing Education Center as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **UTILIZATION OF REGION 19 PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #14-7072 TO JORDAN FOSTER CONSTRUCTION**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the utilization of Region 19 Purchasing Cooperative to provide labor, material and equipment to refurbish slide towers, re-plaster pools, replace in pool play structure, and new water treatment/re-circulation system utilizing contract #14-7072 in the amount of \$706,200 to Jordan Foster Construction using Committed Funds as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:12 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel regarding status of the proposal to terminate the term contract of A.O. from SPC Rafael Hernando School for good cause; recommendation of administration to propose termination of probationary contract(s) of R.H. from Paso Del Norte School and S.R. from Montwood High School for good cause; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal(s) at Eastlake High School and Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School, Instructional Officer for Secondary Social Studies, and Coordinator of Advanced Academics under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

#### **TERMINATE CONTRACT OF A.O. FROM SPC RAFAEL HERNANDO SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the proposal to terminate the term contract of A.O. from SPC Rafael Hernando School for good cause. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY CONTRACT OF R.H. FROM PASO DEL NORTE SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the administration's recommendation to propose termination of probationary contract of R.H. from Paso Del Norte School for good cause. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY CONTRACT OF S.R. FROM MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

No action was required for this agenda item.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Administration pulled Eastlake High School Assistant Principal recommendation. No action was taken on this item.

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Dr. Espinoza recommended Melissa Martinez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Administration pulled Instructional Officer for Secondary Social Studies recommendation. No action was taken on this item.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Nancy Torres to assume all roles and responsibilities as Coordinator of Advanced Academics. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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