



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
September 19, 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; Angelica Rodriguez; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael A. Najera

**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**

- An Americas High School student was recognized for earning top honors with her science project at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition after being nominated by the Water Environment Association of Texas.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- An Ernesto Serna School Volunteer was recognized for earning the 2016 Heroes for Children Award from the Texas Board of Education.
- Montwood Middle School Principal Sylvia Esparza and Montwood Middle School Assistant Principal Renee King were recognized for earning the 2016-2017 Region 19 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Middle School Principal of the Year and Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year, respectively.
- SISD Bond Accountability Committee members were recognized for their service in overseeing the completion of Bond 2011 Projects.

**SISD FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Following a presentation by Steve Hambric, SISD Foundation Vice President, regarding the vacancy on the SISD Foundation Board of Directors, a motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve Paul Garcia to fill the vacancy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK PROCLAMATION – OCTOBER 17-21, 2016**

Following a presentation by Shelley Chenausky, Director of Child Nutrition Services, regarding the National School Lunch Program being recognized the week of October 17-21, 2016, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **TEXAS EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCES DAY RESOLUTION**

Following a presentation by Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer, regarding October 12<sup>th</sup> being proclaimed by Governor Greg Abbot as Texas Education Human Resources Day, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **OPEN FORUM**

None

### **ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation of the annual investment report for fiscal year 2015-2016 as required by policy CDA (LOCAL). No action was taken on this agenda item.

### **BOND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Bond Accountability Committee provided its final report on the implementation of Bond 2011, which has been completed as advertised - *Promises Made, Promises Kept!* The hard work and fidelity of all involved with the implementation of Bond 2011 resulted in some \$37 million in project savings. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Dr. Espinoza, Trustees Paul Guerra and Tony Ayub commended the Bond Accountability Committee for their service and dedication to deliver Bond 2011 with Promises Made, Promises Kept.

### **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.

### **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Hector Reyna, Chief Technology Officer, provided a presentation on the District's technology services focusing on the following projects: District Radio and Security Cameras. No action was taken on this agenda item.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9F6-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and El Paso Community College (EPCC). The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and August 24, 2016 Board Workshop
- Employment of Personnel  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - Community en Accion for the use of Eastlake High School Theater
  - Destiny Family Christian Center for the use of:
    - a. Montwood High School Basketball Courts

- b. William D. Slider Middle School Cafeteria
  - El Paso Flames for the use of Dr. Sue Shook Elementary School Field
  - Socorro Youth Sports Association for the use of Socorro Middle School Gymnasium
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
  - Athletic Equipment and Supplies – RFP No. 199-0817-E1716  
Solicitation to purchase athletic equipment and supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$900,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
  - Cafeteria Supplies – RFP No. 199-0817-E1718  
Solicitation to purchase cafeteria supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$750,000-General Fund Budget and National School Lunch Program)
  - Custodial Chemical Management System – RFP No. 199-0817-E1709  
Solicitation to purchase custodial chemical management systems as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$400,000)
  - District Advertising Materials and Services – RFP No. 199-0817-E1720  
Solicitation to purchase advertising materials and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$200,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
  - Fine Arts Uniforms – RFP No. 199-0817-E1719  
Solicitation to purchase fine arts uniforms, mariachi uniforms and accessories as needed district-wide. (75,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
  - Landscaping Materials – RFP No. 199-0801-E1705  
Solicitation to purchase landscaping materials as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$200,000)
  - Paper Supplies – RFP No. 199-0801-E1708  
Solicitation to purchase paper supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$271,990)
  - Plumbing Materials – RFP No. 199-0801-E1708  
Solicitation to purchase plumbing materials as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$375,000)
  - Project Lead the Way Technology Equipment and Supplies – RFP No. 199-0817-E1721  
Solicitation to purchase PLW technology equipment and supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$250,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
- Contracts
  - Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – The Far West Adult Education Consortium and Workforce Solutions Borderplex  
This contract was previously approved by the Board on May 17, 2016. The amendment for which approval is being requested is required by the governed agency, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), to change the end date from August 31, 2016 to August 31, 2017. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the parties and to set forth the relative responsibilities of the parties insofar as they relate to the delivery of adult education and job skills development in the Workforce Solutions Borderplex Development Area. (No cost to the District)
  - Food Distribution Program – Department of Defense Fresh Fruits and Vegetables  
The purpose is to continue participation with the Department of Defense (Defense, Finance and Accounting) in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program for the procurement of produce for all Socorro ISD cafeterias. (Maximum \$354,684-Commodity Dollars)
  - Interlocal Agreements (2) – Region 19 Head Start
    - a. Meals for Adults in Head Start Program  
Adult meals are reimbursed at a rate of \$3.62. Commence performance of this Agreement on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2016 and complete performance no later than August 31, 2017.
    - b. Meals for Children in Head Start Program

Children’s meals are reimbursed at rates established and published annually by TDHS. Commence performance of this Agreement on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2016 and complete performance no later than September 30, 2017.

- Interlocal Agreement – Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with Ysleta ISD  
This agreement is between El Paso County Juvenile Board, the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) and other Districts that join. The agreement will serve to combine into one system the operational, programmatic and educational standards for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program. (No cost to the District)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Fabens Independent School District  
The purpose of this agreement is to continue the understanding between Fabens ISD and the School District regarding the commute for students at Cotton Valley Early College High School. Students will commute in the same buses with SISD students from Mission Early College High School to UTEP. Districts will be sharing SISD buses to include expenses. Fabens ISD will be responsible for ensuring that students are transported to Mission Early College High School in time for departure to UTEP along with students from Mission Early College High School. (No cost to the District)
- Utilization of the ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Bid # 14-7065 – Segovia’s Distributing Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Segovia’s Distributing, Inc., is the sole bidder with a 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 10/1/16 through 12/31/16. (Maximum \$300,000-CNS Federal Funds)
- Donations for fiscal year 2015-2016  
A list of donations for fiscal year 2015-2016 was 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).

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO (UTEP) AND EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (EPCC)**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the MOU where SISD is to organize a cohort of administrators/faculty to pursue and obtain a Masters and Doctoral Degrees in the fields of education/administration at no cost to the District. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

**TASB UPDATE 105 AND LOCAL POLICY**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve revisions to policies from TASB Update 105: BJCF, CLE, CPC, DBA, DFBB, DFFA, DFFB and local policy DC as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**DELIVERY METHOD FOR A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve Construction Manager @ Risk as the Delivery Method and have Administration solicit for Request for Proposals (RFP) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINAL CONTRACT SUM FOR PEBBLE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to accept the work on Pebble Hills High School and to approve the final contract sum of \$56,444,061.35 and final payment of \$50,000.14 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**FLUID SYSTEMS, INC. TO DESIGN HVAC UPGRADES AT SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND MEDIA CENTER**

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve Fluid Systems, Inc. to start the design for the upgrades in the amount of \$98,860 as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1. Paul Guerra abstained.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR A NEW ELEMETNARY SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to authorize the Solicitation for Professional Services for a new elementary school to accommodate current enrollment and to approve the new elementary school to be a prototypical design based on Purple Heart Elementary School as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:06 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel regarding status of the proposal to terminate the probationary contract of R.H. from Paso Del Norte School for good cause; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendations for Principal at Mission Ridge Elementary School, Assistant Principals at Mission Early College High School, Paso Del Norte School, Purple Heart Elementary School, Socorro Middle School and Special Education Physical Therapist under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Jesus Mendez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of Mission Ridge 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 Leslie Goldman to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Mission Early College High School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Hazel Valverde to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Paso Del Norte 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 Claudia Ruiz to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Purple Heart 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 Irma Ojeda to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Socorro Middle School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Espinoza recommended Lucia Esparza to assume all roles and responsibilities as Special Education Physical Therapist. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OCTOBER 18, 2016.**