



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
October 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hector F. Gonzalez and Michael A. Najera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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

- SISD students were recognized for being named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students and National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars.
- Elementary, middle and high school students were recognized for winning the 2016 SISD Olweus Challenge Awards for chants, posters, and videos.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A Dr. Sue Shook Elementary counselor was recognized for earning the 2016 Trans-Pecos Counseling Association Community Award.
- SISD employees were recognized for 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service.

GENERATION TEXAS MONTH PROCLAMATION, NOVEMBER 2016

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 Cynthia Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 24-28, 2016

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 Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Laura Lopez signed up to address the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding proposed boundary adjustments for John Drugan School.

Jesus DeAvila signed up to address the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding proposed boundary adjustments for John Drugan School.

Lynn Hardiman signed up to address the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding Literary Anthology stipends.

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 9E7-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University of Texas at El Paso for Academic Technologies and Technology Support Tech-E for further review. The item will be brought back for Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9E1-Agency Affiliation Agreement with El Paso Community College Health Career & Technical Education, Math and Science Division; 9E2-Interlocal Agreement with El Paso Community College for the Operation of the Trailblazers Early College; and 9E5-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with El Paso Community College for Emergency Medical Technician Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting
- Employment of Personnel
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
 - District Awards – RFP No. 199-0817-E1703
Solicitation to purchase awards to include medals, ribbons, trophies, plaques, certificates, and frames as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$110,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
 - Janitorial Supplies – RFP No. 199-0187-E1706
Solicitation to purchase janitorial supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$700,000)
 - Library Books – RFP No. 199-0919-E1702
Solicitation to purchase library books as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$500,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
- Contracts
 - Letter of Agreement – Region 19 ESC for Discovery's United Streaming Service
Region 19 Education Service Center provides Socorro Independent School District with license and access to United Streaming video content. The premise of this consortium is to offer economy of scale for high quality video products to all of the area schools. (Maximum \$37,178)
 - License Agreement – GECU Pebble Hills HS Branch

GECU and SISD are committed to supporting a high quality educational program for Pebble Hills High School students and have each determined that offering on-site credit union services tied directly to a course on financial literacy will enhance the education program for participating students through an authentic experiential learning opportunity for both students and their families. (No cost to the District)

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Advise TX College Advising Corps
The Advise TX program is housed at chapter public and private colleges and universities across the state, including at UT-Austin. Advise TX is administered by the THECB which implements the CAC program model of placing recent college graduates as full-time “near-peer” advisors in targeted Texas high schools. Through grant funding provided by THECB, the university employs advisers and project staff to carry out the project. (No cost to the District)

AGENCY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT – EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEALTH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MATH AND SCIENCE DIVISION

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 Agency Affiliation Agreement with El Paso Community College Health Career and Technical Education, Math and Science Division to provide the benefit of educational facilities and resources for practical experience in clinical service and procedure at no cost to the District. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TRAILBLAZERS EARLY COLLEGE

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 Interlocal Agreement with El Paso Community College for the operation of the Trailblazers Early College. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

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 Memorandum of Agreement with El Paso Community College for Emergency Medical Technician program to provide students in the EMT instructional services at the high school level for Health Occupation the opportunity to participate as dual credit students. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

TASB UPDATES 105 AND 106

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve revisions to policies from TASB Update 105: CLB and TASB Update 106: EHBAF as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:16 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding status of litigation involving Emergency Services District No. 1 v. Socorro ISD; CAUSE NO. 2015-DCV1004 and possible settlement; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consideration administrative recommendations for Director of Bilingual Education, Assistant Principal/s at Sierra Vista Elementary School and SSG Manuel Puentes Middle School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

**LITIGATION INVOLVING EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 V. SOCORRO ISD;
CAUSE NO. 2015-DCV1004 AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT**

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Karina Silva Schulte to assume all roles and responsibilities as Director of Bilingual Education. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Porsche Jackson to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of Sierra Vista Elementary 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 Jessica Estrada to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of SSG Manuel Puentes Middle School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER 15,
2016.**