



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
October 27, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Paul Guerra, Board Vice President and Angelica Rodriguez

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Board President Gary Gandara. A quorum was established.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS”**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve Order authorizing the issuance of “Socorro Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds,” in one or more series, for the purpose of refunding certain existing bonds of the District for debt service savings; and resolving other matters incident and related to such Bonds, including establishing parameters and delegating certain matters to authorized District official as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO FOR ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGIES AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract to create a pilot program for a technology program for students in the Socorro ISD which will be heavily focused on current and developing technologies to provide participating students an engaging head start in technology innovation before they reach their college programs and the project will be named Students WIN with Tech-E (Project) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED EASEMENT REQUEST FROM PASO DEL ESTE MUD 1 (PDE MUD1) AT THE ED CENTER**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RFQ NO. 199-1013-E1729**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the top four (4) responses 1) VLK Architects, Inc.; 2) MNK Architects, Inc.; 3) GA Architecture Inc.; and 4) Carl Daniel Architects as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve two Requests for the Use of School Facilities submitted by Basketball Shorts for the use of the gymnasiums at Desert Wind School and Eastlake High School for a basketball tournament as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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**SOCORRO ISD ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY UPDATES WITH ENROLLMENT PROJECTS  
FROM TEMPLETON DEMOGRAPHICS**

The Board received proposed district boundary recommendation for review that included updated enrollment projections for purposes of long range facility planning from Templeton Demographics. No action was taken on this agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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