



**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
November 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

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; Angelica Rodriguez; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President Gary Gandara. All members were present and 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 placing in the El Paso’s Annual Chalk the Block Art Festival.
- SISD high school students were recognized for qualifying for the 2016 UIL Cross Country State Competition.
- Eastlake and El Dorado High School varsity volleyball teams were recognized for winning 2016 Championships.
- Americas High School band students were recognized for advancing to state competition in the 2016 UIL Marching Band Contest.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The El Paso Combined Search and Rescue Team was recognized for rescuing Socorro Middle students from the top of the aerial tramway.

OPEN FORUM

None

PUBLIC HEARING – FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS (FIRST)

Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the District attained a Superior Achievement performance for the 2015-2016 financial rating under the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). This report covers 2015 data. Also, in the Financial Services website, information relative to the Superintendent’s contract and Board of Trustees’ reimbursements are posted for the public’s review.

At this item, the public was invited to comment on the District’s 2015-2016 financial rating. There being no comments, the Board proceeded to the next 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.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF REPORT

Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided a report detailing the status of all instructional employees in relation to Highly Qualified standards. Currently, Socorro ISD continues to maintain 100% Highly Qualified status for both teachers and paraprofessionals. 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 Mobile Device Initiative. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of E1-District Interactive Projectors Bid-RFP No. 199-1028-E1728. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and October 27, 2016 Special Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
 - Fuel – RF No. 199-1028-E1726
Solicitation to purchase fuel as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$2,500,000)
 - Intrusion Alarm Upgrades and Maintenance – RFP No. 199-1028-E1725
Solicitation to purchase services and materials for the intrusion alarm upgrades as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$250,000)
- Submission of Grants
 - Texas Workforce Commission's Job and Education for Texans Grant Program
The program will be to provide students with the necessary dual credit courses to be able to attain an Associate's Degree in Applied Sciences within a year after high school graduation. Three (3) certifications (Comptia A+, Net+, and Security+) can be successfully earned by the time all CTE participants graduate.
- New Job Description: DoDEA Military Liaison

BID: DISTRICT INTERACTIVE PROJECTORS – RFP NO. 199-1028-E1728 (\$750,000)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for discussion. Following a discussion concerning the purpose of the proposal, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented.

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Following a brief presentation by Craig Gibson, the managing partner for the account firm of *Gibson, Ruddock, and Patterson LLC*, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to accept the Audit Report for fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SOCORRO ISD BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, regarding the proposed district boundary recommendations, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (ARCHITECT) CONTRACT WITH VLK ARCHITECTS

Following a presentation by Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, regarding the professional services contract with VLK Architects for the new elementary school prototypical design, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve a 6% fee for new construction and 1% fee for LEED Design and Documentation with a 3.75% fee for future Site Adapt of VLK Design (Prototype) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITATION FOR AN RFP CONSTRUCTION MANAGER @ RISK

Following a presentation by Mr. Eyeington regarding the solicitation request for proposal (RFP) Construction Manager @ Risk for the new elementary school prototypical design, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EASEMENT/DRAINAGE REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to take the item back to the City of Socorro for further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 8:23 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to receive parent Level III Grievance appeal filed by R.M.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument and Timeline; and to consider administrative recommendation for Principal at Mission Early College High School, Assistant Principal(s) at James P. Butler School and SPEC Rafael Hernando Middle School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION INSTRUMENT AND TIMELINE

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Carlos Guerra to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal of Mission Early College High School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Administration pulled recommendation for Assistant Principal at James P. Butler School. No action was taken on this item.

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Dr. Espinoza recommended Patricia Pedroza to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal of SPEC Rafael Hernando 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 9:29 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON DECEMBER 13, 2016.