



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
June 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President Paul Guerra. 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

- An SPC. Rafael Hernando Middle School student was recognized for winning the National 180 Student Award for reading.
- An El Dorado High School student was recognized for winning the El Paso Young Designers Competition.
- Three Team SISD students were recognized for winning the Laws of Life Ethics Essay and Art Contest.
- The Eastlake varsity softball team was recognized for winning the 2017 district championship.
- The Montwood, Socorro and Eastlake varsity baseball teams were recognized for winning 2017 championships.

OPEN FORUM

None

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2017-2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

Following a presentation by Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, regarding the development of the 2017-2018 School District Budget and the proposed tax rate, the public was invited to comment on the adoption of the budget and proposed tax rate. No one came forward to address the public hearing. No action was taken on this 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of items 8E6d-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the El Paso Community College District and University of Texas at El Paso; 8E7a-NJPA Co-op with Zonar Systems, Inc.; and 8E8-Teacher Professional Development Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Texas at Austin Students Partnering for Undergraduate Rhetoric Success (SPURS). The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and June 6, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Journey of Faith Community Church for the use of Sun Ridge Middle School
 - New Heights Church for the use of Montwood High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Contracts
 - Affiliation Agreement – New Mexico State University College of Education’s Counseling & Educational Psychology Department
For the provision of clinical experiences for students involved in the School Psychology Program. (No cost to the District)
 - Interlocal Agreement – Texas Political Subdivisions Property/Casualty Self-Insurance Funds (TPS) and Ysleta ISD Interlocal Purchasing
To provide coverage for liability, property, automobile physical damage and law enforcement. (Maximum \$1.7M)
 - Internship Agreement – Western Technical College
To provide Interns an opportunity to learn about work in a realistic setting and thereby help the transition from school to work in the community. (No cost to the District)
 - Letter of Agreement – Region 19 ESC for Discovery’s United Streaming Services
For the purpose of providing SISD a license and access to United Streaming video content. (Maximum \$41,175)
 - Maintenance Agreement – Tyler Technologies
Annual maintenance for Tyler SIS, Tyler Munis Finance System and for OSDBA (Operating System Data Base Administration). (Maximum \$403,651)
 - Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)
 - Education Service Center Head Start – Birth to Four Early Education Program
Improve availability and the quality of services for preschool children and their families within the El Paso and Hudspeth Counties and support children’s optimal development and readiness for school, such as homeless, migrant, or non-English speaking families. (No cost to the District)
 - Education Service Center R19 – OnDataSuite Software
To provide LEA administrators and staff the ability to collect, analyze, and share PEIMS/TSDS and academic performance data. (Maximum \$22,964)
 - Texas Student Data Systems (TSDS) Support Cooperative with Education Service Center Region 19 – Year 2
To continue providing in-depth and timely information on critical issues, training, and networking opportunities for the PEIMS Coordinator and selected PEIMS related personnel. (Maximum \$2,000)

- The Texas Juvenile Justice Department – Schaeffer House
To continue educational services for the residents of the Schaeffer Halfway House to comply with federal guidelines. (No cost to the District)
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal Empowerment Department
To continue the ability to provide a Parent of Native American Child and a Student to serve on campus School Improvement Team committees. (No cost to the District)
- Purchasing Cooperative Utilization (2)
 - Region 8 TIPS/TAPS – Blackboard Inc.
To continue the services from Blackboard Inc. (Maximum \$148,482)

CONTRACT: THE EL PASO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the contract to provide courses in college preparatory mathematics, and English language arts, in accordance with House Bill 5, Section 10 of the 83rd Legislature (HB5) as presented. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

CONTRACT: PURCHASING COOPERATIVE UTILIZATION-NJPA CO-OP ZONAR SYSTEMS, INC.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Administration for further review. No action was taken.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT PARTNERING FOR UNDERGRADUATE RHETORIC SUCCESS (SPURS)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Cynthia Najera for discussion. Following a discussion regarding the costs, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote. Hector Gonzalez voted nay.

2017-2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Following a presentation by Mr. Reza regarding the proposed 2017-2018 school district budget, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the budget by Fund and Function of \$448,400,000 for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DE-COMMITMENT OF FUND BALANCE FROM THE DISTRICT INTERNAL FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE

A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve a resolution requesting approval to de-commit \$180,000 of the District Internal Funds fund balance to the General Fund Balance. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL POLICY

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve revisions to local policy FDB with language as stated by legal counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

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

AIR MONITORING SITE AGREEMENT 582-17-74527 WITH TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AT HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Gary Gandara, to renew the site agreement to continue monitoring air quality for another five (5) years. The motion carried unanimously.

2017-2018 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR AND AGENDA CYCLE

As in the past, the Board meeting calendar was developed using the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month for the Regular Board meetings with the exception of July 2017, we are proposing the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month due to Summer Break; November 2017, we are proposing the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month due to Thanksgiving Break; December 2017, we are proposing the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month due to Winter Break; and March 2018, we are proposing the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month due to Spring Intersession. These meetings have been scheduled accordingly. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE TASA/TASB CONVENTION DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Gary Gandara, to nominate Cynthia Najera as the Delegate and Angelica Rodriguez as the Alternate for the TASA/TASB Convention Delegate Assembly. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:17 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to receive Level III Appeal of H.Y. and M.T.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal positions at various campuses; and to conduct the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 10:39 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Frenda Serda-Gerardo to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Areli Meza-Jessiman to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Chester E. Jordan Elementary School. A motion was made by Cynthia Najera, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Luz Dively Arellano to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Desert Wind School. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Stephen Fernandez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at El Dorado High School. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Belen Castillo to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Lujan-Chavez Elementary School. A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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Administration pulled recommendations for Montwood High School, Myrtle Cooper Elementary School and Socorro High School. No action was taken.

SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL EVALUATION

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 25, 2017.