



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
July 25, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board Vice President; Michael A. Najera, Board Secretary; Hector F. Gonzalez; Antonio 'Tony' Ayub; Angelica Rodriguez; Gary Gandara; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Guerra, Board President

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board Vice President Cynthia Najera. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Espinoza reported on personnel and district initiatives/events.

BOARD HONORS

- An El Dorado High School student was recognized for winning the El Paso Young Designers Competition.
- The El Dorado High School robotics team was recognized for advancing to the UIL state competition.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The Sun Ridge Middle School Principal and a Montwood High School Assistant Principal were recognized for being named the Region 19 TASSP Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year, respectively.
- Eastlake and Americas High Schools were recognized for winning the 2017 America's Best Urban Schools silver and bronze awards, respectively, from the National Center for Urban School Transformation.
- Employees who retired from the district were honored for their service in Team SISD.

OPEN FORUM

None

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.

FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Robert Alvarez, FAC Chair, provided an update on the committee's activities to the Board of Trustees. No action was taken on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and July 12, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Maranatha Eastside Bible Fellowship for the use of Walter E. Clarke Middle School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Energy Management Controls, OEM Parts and Equipment – RFP No. 199-0531-E1763
Solicitation to purchase energy management controls, OEM parts and equipment as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$300,000)
 - Radio Communications, Equipment, Installations and Support – RFP No. 199-0712-E1804
Solicitation to purchase radio communications, equipment, installation and support as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$140,000)
 - Rock, Sand and Gravel Materials – RFP No. 199-0712-E1806
Solicitation to purchase rock, sand and gravel materials as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$100,000)
- Contracts
 - Agreement – University of Texas at El Paso Tuition
The University will allow admitted SISD teachers through a Dual Credit Scholarship Program to enroll at the University and will direct bill SISD for tuition, fees and related charges subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement. (Maximum \$500,000)
 - Agreement for Services – YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region
This is to establish an agreement for the existing partnership, SISD currently serves over 700 children at seventeen (17) sites throughout the district. YWCA assures State licensed daily After School programming to all elementary campuses from 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., provide all necessary materials and equipment for site operations, and open and maintain operations at sites that sustain a population of 15 children attending. (No cost to the District)
 - Education Service Center Region 19 – 17/18 TEKS Resources System
The TEKS Resource System (TRS) is a curriculum support system for K-12. This system is designed to provide a common language, process and structure for curriculum development. (Maximum \$307,594-IMA Funds)
 - Interlocal Cooperation Contract – Academic Technologies and Technology Support and University of Texas at El Paso
This technology program for kids will be heavily focused on current and developing technologies to allow camp participants an engaging real-world head start in technology innovation before they reach college programs. The program will expose SISD WIN students to better prepare them and engage them in academic programs, technical jobs, and STEAM related fields. (Maximum \$87,142-IMA Funds and General)
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Raise Your Hand Texas Leadership Program (Sgt. Roberto Ituarte Elementary School)
The purpose of the Raise Your Hand Leadership Program is to select and invest in the development of Texas school leaders that exhibit the potential to affect significant change at

their campus, within their district, and across their region, and a commitment to participating in ongoing professional learning opportunities sponsored by Raise Your Hand. (All expenses paid by leadership program; except ground transportation)

- Statement of Grant Award (SOGA) – Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program
The project requirements for condition of funding for the Office of the Governor Grant applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must submit a resolution.

BANES GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR PHASE I – EARTHWORK PACKAGE FOR THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE PEBBLE HILLS AREA

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to discuss to move this item to Executive Session for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel for discussion regarding status and possible resolution of OCR matter involving P.D.L.; discussion and review of Level III Appeal filed by H.Y. and M.T.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to conduct evaluations of Internal Auditors: Curriculum and Instruction and Finance; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal positions at Hurshel Antwine School, Myrtle Cooper Elementary School and Socorro High School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

BANES GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR PHASE I – EARTHWORK PACKAGE FOR THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE PEBBLE HILLS AREA

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

RESOLUTION OCR MATTER INVOLVING P.D.L.

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Michael Najera, to allow legal counsel to continue discussion on revised terms as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

LEVEL III APPEAL FILED BY H.Y.

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to grant the grievance in part with removal of memorandum. The motion carried unanimously.

LEVEL III APPEAL FILED BY M.T.

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to deny the appeal. The motion carried unanimously.

EVALUATION OF INTERNAL AUDITOR – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the evaluation as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

EVALUATION OF INTERNAL AUDITOR – FINANCE

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the evaluation as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Elida Gamez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Hurshel Antwine School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Nora Macias to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Myrtle Cooper Elementary School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 15, 2017.