



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
July 24, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub, Board Secretary; Hector F. Gonzalez; Gary Gandara; Paul Guerra; Michael A. Najera who arrived at 6:57 pm; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Diane Duncan, Assistant Principal at Socorro High School, was recognized for earning the 2017-2018 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year Award.
- Employees who are retiring from the district were recognized for their service in Team SISD.

**OPEN FORUM**

Robert F. Clark addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding use of facility fees for SISD approved programs.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION UPDATE – RELENTLESS PURSUIT FOR SUCCESS**

Administration provided an update on 2017-2018 Program Components and Highlights; and 2018-2019 Moving Forward-Projected Enrollment and New Implementation. No action was taken on this item.

**FACILITIES REPORT**

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2011 and 2017 Bond Programs and other district-wide construction projects. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE – SISD SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2018-2019**

The Safety and Security Committee members provided an update regarding Texas Governor Abbott’s Firearm and School Safety Action Plan. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Administration pulled item G-School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Bylaws for further review. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of item G. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting; June 26, 2018 and July 19, 2018 Special Board Meetings
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - Alchemy Karate Academy for the use of O’Shea Keleher Elementary School
  - City of El Paso for the use of Pebble Hills High School Theater
  - E-Z Driving School for the use of Pebble Hills, Eastlake and Montwood High Schools
  - Journey of Faith Community Church for the use of Sun Ridge Middle School
  - Las Tierras Community Church for the use of Paso Del Norte School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
  - Request for Increase – Catering Services RFP No. 199-0302-E1682  
Total annual awarded amount was increased by \$100,000; new total annual amount for this current term and any remaining extended terms would be \$350,000.
- Contracts
  - Affiliation Agreement – New Mexico State University (Social Work School Partnership)  
To establish and coordinate educational programs and guidelines for the education and training of students enrolled in social work programs at NMSU. (No cost to the District)
  - Participant Agreement – Grand Canyon University  
To define the relationship with Grand Canyon University (GCU) as it relates to the Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving (PLLS) program. (No cost to the District)
  - Cooperative Agreements Re-Approvals  
Re-approve the listed cooperative contracts (Maximum cost-Associated Cooperative Fees)
    - a. Region 4 (TCPN) Inter-Local Agreement – Executed April 10, 2002
    - b. Region 19 Inter-Local Agreement – Executed October 24, 2003
    - c. State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program – Executed March 2, 1999
    - d. US Communities Intergovernmental Agreement – Presented April 12, 2006
  - Interlocal Cooperation Contract – University of Texas at El Paso Academic Technologies and Technology Support  
For students at SISD to access Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) skills development in support of longer-term social mobility for K-12 students (Maximum \$141,500-IMA Funds and General Funds)
  - Interlocal Cooperation Contract – University of Texas at Austin for Credit by Exam  
To obtain the services of UT Austin which includes purchasing Credit by Exams to administer to students of levels Kinder to 12<sup>th</sup> as the State Board rule school district must offer examination for acceleration/credit by exam. This contract includes receiving exams and the scoring after the proctoring. (Maximum \$30,000)

**2018-19 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the local modifications as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL POLICY**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve revisions to local policies DCE and DEA as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYEE ONSITE HEALTH CLINIC TO INCLUDE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR CLINIC STAFF AND OPTIONS FOR LOCATION AND FINANCING**

Angie Soto signed up to speak to this agenda item.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote. Hector Gonzalez voted nay.

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARD (TASB) BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGION 19 VACANCY CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT**

Armando Rodriguez and Alfonso Velarde signed up to speak to this agenda item.

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to endorse Armando Rodriguez to fill the vacancy for Region 19 as presented. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote. Angelica Rodriguez abstained.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 8:17 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel to receive and review Level 3 grievance appeal filed by employee A.C.; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Principal position at William D. Slider Middle School and Assistant Principal positions at Bill Sybert School, Desert Wind School and Sun Ridge Middle School; and to conduct the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 10:51 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Manuel Brandon Rios to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal at William D. Slider Middle School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Administration pulled the recommendation for Assistant Principal at Desert Wind School. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Kertrenia Wright to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Sun Ridge Middle School. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL EVALUATION**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 21, 2018.**