



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
October 16, 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; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael A. Najera

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President Cynthia A. Najera. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- The SISD Special Education Department provided a presentation in honor of Disability Awareness Month.
- Members of the SISD new elementary school naming committee were recognized for their service.
- Mission Early College High School Administrators were recognized for being designated a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

**RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 23-31, 2018**

Following a presentation by Tammi Mackeben, Director of Guidance and Counseling, regarding Red Ribbon Week and how the district recognizes Kiki Camarena and assists students in taking a stand against drug abuse and instead living a healthy lifestyle, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Rene Rodriguez addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding bus routes.

**FACILITIES REPORT AND NEW SCHOOL NAME RECOMMENDATIONS**

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2017 Bond Programs and other district-wide construction projects. Also, Daniel Escobar, Chief Communications Officer, provided a summary report of the New School Name Committee recommendations. The committee’s name recommendations were finalized via consensus: *Cactus Trails Elementary*, *Freedom Elementary*, and *Desert Point Elementary*. No action was taken on this agenda item.

### **EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL BLUEPRINT**

Frank Clark, Advanced Academics Coordinator, provided a presentation on Early College High School Blueprint as required by the Texas Education Agency. No action was taken on this agenda item.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 8F4-Memorandum of Understanding-El Paso Community College (AHA Training Courses). The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and September 20, 2018 Board Workshop
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department for the use of Montwood High School
  - El Paso Christmas Light Show for the use of Montwood High School
  - El Paso Winds for the use of Eastlake High School
    - a. January 2019
    - b. April 2019
  - E.P.M.P.O.A. for the use of Col. John O. Ensor Middle School
  - Girl Scouts Indian Summer Service Unit for the use of Purple Heart Elementary School
  - Living Water Church for the use of Montwood High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
  - District Theater Advertising Services – RFP No. E1917  
Solicitation for local theater advertising services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$50,000)
  - Fire Extinguishers Inspections and Maintenance – RFP No. E1911  
To provide Maintenance and Operations Department with the ability to contract services for inspections of the fire extinguishers as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$75,000)
  - Instructional Materials, Supplies and Services – RFP No. E1915  
Solicitation to purchase instructional materials, supplies and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$2,500,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
  - Miscellaneous Operational Supplies – RFP No. E1916  
Solicitation to purchase miscellaneous operational supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$400,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
  - Sewing & Embroidery Machines, Repairs and Parts – RFP No. E1902  
Solicitation to purchase sewing and embroidery machines, repairs and parts as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$50,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)
- Contracts
  - Affiliation Agreement – Texas Tech University Health Science Center of El Paso  
The purpose of the contract is to provide the students a clinical experience as part of the educational process and give students of the TTUHSC EP the opportunity to utilize the programs and services. (No cost to the District)
  - Agreement – Stars Scholarship Fund  
To support scholarship efforts within the Socorro ISD community. (Maximum \$3,000)

- First Amendment – Memorandum of Understanding with The University of Texas at El Paso  
This amendment will extend the current MOU as defined in the parameters by which partner schools are selected, student teachers are placed within those partner schools and how schools will be selected and utilized as Professional Development Schools. (No cost to the District)
- Interlocal Agreement – Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with Ysleta Independent School District – Fiscal Agent  
This is for the continuation and operation of a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), for the students, school districts, and the juvenile board in El Paso County. (No cost to the District)
- New Job Description – Teacher on Special Assignment/Adult Education Program  
The role of the Teacher on Special Assignment for the Adult Education Department is to provide leadership in the area of Adult Education, prescribing techniques and procedures to assure that the Texas Adult Education and Literacy Content Standards shall be in compliance with the requirements set forth through state policies and guidelines.
- Targeted Improvement Plan for Options HS  
As required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for campuses under Comprehensive Support Status. TEA will provide \$125,000 to implement this plan.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (AHA TRAINING COURSES)**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

**LOCAL POLICY – EHDC TO INCLUDE RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve revisions to local policy EHDC to include Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel for discussion regarding status and settlement demand in the matter of J. Doe v. Socorro ISD; for discussion regarding acquisition of real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Principal positions at various campuses and Director of Bilingual Education under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

**STATUS AND SETTLEMENT DEMAND IN THE MATTER OF J. DOE V. SOCORRO ISD**

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

**REAL PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the purchase of Real Estate from Hunt Mission Ridge, LLC or Assignee as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the purchase of Real Estate from Jose Antonio Perez and Maria Esperanza Villanueva Perez as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the acquisition of Real Estate to and from El Paso Water Utilities as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Cynthia Retana to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Cynthia Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Tania Vega to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at El Dorado High 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 Erika Cabral to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Hurshel Antwine School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Veronica Reyes to assume all roles and responsibilities as Director of Bilingual Education. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER 13, 2018.**