



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
November 13, 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 who arrived at 6:34pm; Michael A. Najera; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Paul Guerra

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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.

**BOARD HONORS**

- El Dorado High School students were recognized for winning the 2018 Chalk the Block Art Contest.
- Eastlake High School students were recognized for winning the 2018 El Paso Police Department Art Contest.
- Eastlake High School students were recognized for qualifying and competing at the UIL State Cross Country Meet.
- Americas High School Boys Cross Country Team was recognized for winning the 6A District Championship and qualifying for the UIL State Competition.
- El Dorado and Montwood High School Varsity Volleyball Teams were recognized for winning UIL Championships.
- Pebble Hills High School’s Marching Band was recognized for advancing to the UIL Class 6A State Contest.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- SISD Counseling Teams were recognized for being 2018-2019 Lone Star State School Counselor Association Award Recipients.
- SISD Employees were recognized for their 25+ years of service.

**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 2017-2018 financial rating under the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

(FIRST). This report covers 2017 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.

### **AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

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 Hector Gonzalez, to accept the Audit Report for fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADVANCED COURSE ENROLLMENT DATA**

Administration provided a presentation on Advanced Course Enrollment for Grades 9-12. No action was taken on this agenda item.

### **FACILITIES REPORT**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Administration pulled item 9G1-New Job Description for Child Nutrition Services Assistant Manager/Cashier from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9F5-Membership-National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and November 7, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - AYF Badlands for the use of Pebble Hills High School
  - Imagine Dance Academy for the use of Pebble Hills High School
  - Just For You Daycare Center for the use of Montwood High School
  - Protégé Dance Company for the use of Pebble Hills High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
  - Glass Replacement Services – RFP No. E1912  
Solicitation to provide Maintenance and Operations Department with the ability to contract services for glass replacement and to purchase materials as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$80,000)
  - Medical Staff Recruitment Services – RFP No. E1926  
Solicitation for medical staff recruitment services as needed for the Socorro ISD Employee Health Clinic. (Maximum \$130,400 fee plus travel expenses)
  - Pest Control Services – RFP No. E1913  
To provide Maintenance and Operations Department with the ability to contract pest control services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$72,000)
  - Request for Increase – District Awards RFP No. 199-0817-E1703  
Total annual increase in the amount of \$20,000; for a new total annual awarded amount of \$130,000 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. (Maximum \$20,000)

- 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
  - Agreement – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Nation Department of Tribal Empowerment  
To continue the ability to provide a parent of Native American child and a member of the Department to serve on campus School Improvement Team committees. (No cost to the District)
  - Contract – Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant Notice of Grant Award – Fiscal Agent (Ysleta ISD)  
To work with Ysleta ISD in its efforts to implement a regional consortium that coordinates the delivery of adult education activities. This contract allocates funds to reimburse Socorro ISD’s Adult Education Department for AEL services for a total of \$753,542.
  - First Amendment Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – City of El Paso for Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)  
To extend the current MOU as defined in the parameters to continue the ongoing working relationships, and mutual responsibilities related to placement by the Sponsoring Agency of Foster Grandparent volunteers with Socorro ISD. (No cost to the District)
  - Master Lease Agreement No. 8060 – Insight Investment, LLC (RFP # 199-0604-E14109)  
To terminate the lease with a Fair Market Value Purchase Option as per established RFP 199-0604-E14109, in the amount of \$294,400 to Insight Investment LLC (Insight Financial Services)
  - Memorandum of Agreement – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Socorro Middle School After School Student Training  
The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo will collaborate with Socorro Middle School to promote drug-free communities, safe schools, and healthy, drug-free families and youth throughout this tri-county region. (No cost to the District)

**CONTRACT: MEMBERSHIP-NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS (NALEO)**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Michael Najera for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the membership concept, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item with clarification that this is an individual membership at a \$100 fee to provide unique professional development opportunities. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. Hector Gonzalez abstained.

**NEW SCHOOL NAME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 30**

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve naming elementary school no. 30 as *Cactus Trails* (Mascot: Diamondbacks; School Colors: Gray, Teal & White). The motion carried with a 5-1 vote. Gary Gandara voted nay.

**PROPOSED SOCORRO ISD BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

**PERMISSION FOR WATER DRAINAGE AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY QUALITY SUPPLY**

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 8:29 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to discuss Permission for Water Drainage Agreement submitted by Quality Supply under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

**PERMISSION FOR WATER DRAINAGE AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY QUALITY SUPPLY**

No action was taken on this agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON DECEMBER 18, 2018.**