



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
January 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

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 6:04 p.m.; 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.

BOARD HONORS

- SISD students were recognized for winning the District’s Annual Robocom Competition.
- Team SISD students were recognized for winning the 2018-2019 Volunteer After School Sports Program Soccer Championships.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Montwood Middle School Team Members were recognized for their quick response in assisting a Team SISD student during a medical emergency.
- The SISD Board of Trustees were recognized in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR’S WEEK PROCLAMATION

Following a presentation by Tammi Mackeben, Director of Guidance and Counseling, regarding National School Counselor’s Week being held February 4-8, 2019, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Veronica Hernandez, Socorro AFT President, provided information regarding Lobby Day.

Patricia Ivey-Flores and Nicholas Flores addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding Pebble Hills High School baseball field and coach.

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TARP 2017-2018

The Texas Education Code 39.306 requires each district’s Board of Trustees to publish an annual report that include the TAPR, district accreditation status, campus performance objectives, information on violent or criminal incidents, and information on the performance of the previous year’s graduates in their first year of college, as reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

At this time, the public was invited to make comments relative to the Annual Performance Report TAPR 2017-2018. No one came forward. The Board proceeded to the next agenda item.

DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY

Lucy Borrego, Chief Academic Officer, reported that SISD Dual Language Academies will provide the necessary resources and skills for students to be academically successful in both English and Spanish through rigorous instruction. 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.

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE – *KEEP SISD SAFE 2018-2019*

The Safety and Security Committee members provided an update to the SISD School Board regarding Texas Governor Abbott's Firearm and School Safety Action Plan. 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 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and January 16, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- 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
 - Miss Black El Paso Pageant for the use of Montwood High School
 - Pebble Hills Band Boosters for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - a. February 9-10, 2019
 - b. March 29, 2019
 - Texan Envy Youth Cheerleading Squad for the use of Montwood High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Painting Materials – RFP No. E1920
Solicitation to provide Maintenance and Operations Department with the ability to procure painting materials and supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$220,000)
- Contracts
 - Purchasing Cooperative – Furniture and Equipment for Cactus Tails Elementary School
The purpose of the use of cooperative contracts is to purchase furniture and equipment. (Maximum \$970,000-General, Child Nutrition Services and Bond Funds)

FY2019-2020 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND CALENDAR

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented for inclusion of the listed priorities in the FY2019-2020 General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR SPORTS LIGHTING PACKAGE AT MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve proposal established by Buford-Thompson Company in the amount of \$1,173,502.00 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION - MAY 4, 2019

Following a presentation regarding the Order and Notice of Election to be held on May 4, 2019, for the purpose of electing three (3) positions on the Board of Trustees, Trustee District Number 1 and two At-Large positions for full four year terms ending in May 2023, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:51 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel regarding pending litigation; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal positions at various campuses; and to hear Superintendent mid-cycle formal evaluation update under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Miguel Reveles to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Mission Ridge Elementary 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 Ana Carroll to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Paso Del Norte School. A motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Janet Carrillo to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at El Dorado High School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Administration pulled the recommendations for Assistant Principal at Socorro High School. No action was taken on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019.