



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
February 19, 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; Paul Guerra; Michael A. Najera; 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 A. Najera. All members were present and 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 being named to All-State Choir and Band Ensembles.
- SISD students were recognized for competing at the State UIL Congress Contest.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The SISD Purchasing Department was recognized for earning the 2019 Texas Association of School Business Officials Award of Merit for Purchasing & Operations.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK - MARCH 4-8, 2019

Following a presentation by Shelley D. Chenausky, Director of Child Nutrition Services, regarding National School Breakfast Week being celebrated March 4-8, 2019, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent:

1. Willis Maxwell regarding administrative disciplinary actions.
2. Heather Debee regarding a previous grievance.
3. Daniela Vidaurri regarding attendance and staying in school.
4. Diego Garcia regarding attendance and staying in school.

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

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9B-Employment of Personnel; 9C9-Request for the Use of School Facility submitted by Southwood Entertainment Group; 9E4-Request for Increase for Irrigation Supplies Bid; 9E6-Request for Increase for Medical Supplies Bid; and 9F5-Memorandum of Understanding for Project Vida Health Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and February 4, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - El Paso Tabernacle Christian Church for the use of Americas High School
 - Eastlake Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for the use of Dr. Sue Shook Elementary School
 - Alamo City Hoops for the use of Eastlake High School
 - Eastlake Band/Flag Booster Club for the use of Eastlake High School
 - Texan Envy Youth Cheerleading Squad for the use of Eastlake High School
 - Sierra Vista Congregation for the use of El Dorado High School
 - Jehovah's Witnesses Zaragoza Congregation for the use of Escontrias Elementary School
 - EP Broncos Youth Football for the use of Montwood High School
 - Del Valle HS Dance Program for the use of Socorro High School
 - San Felipe De Jesus for the use of Socorro Middle School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - ASO Group Medical, Rx, Stop Loss, FSA and HAS – RFP No. 1935
For ASO Group Medical, Pharmacy (Rx), Stop Loss and HAS services district-wide.
 - District Network Electronics – RFP No. E1931
To procure network electronics district-wide. (Maximum \$4,000,000-General Fund Budget/E-Rate Schools and Libraries Division Reimbursement)
 - Request for Increase – Electrical Parts and Supplies – RFP No. 199-1028-E1710
To increase the total annual awarded amount by \$125,000 due to upgrades and additional needs for the Maintenance and Operations Department. The new total annual amount of \$325,000 would be for this current term and any remaining extended terms.
 - Request for Increase – District Projectors and Accessories – RFP No. 199-0830-E1818
To increase the total annual awarded amount by \$200,000 due to recommendations from the Technology Department for replacements and upgrades to improve the quality of projector equipment being used at each campus. The new total annual amount of \$650,000 would be for this current term and any remaining extended terms.
- Contracts
 - Cooperative Agreements – 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) and National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company dba OMNIA Partners
To participate in the listed cooperative purchasing programs.
 - Educational Experience Affiliation and Program Agreement – University of Texas at El Paso
To continue with roles and responsibilities of the established program of exchange and collaboration for the purpose of placement of Nursing students for study and observation.
 - Interlocal Agreement – Region 17 West Texas Food Service Cooperative
The district utilizes the cooperative for commodity entitlement, food expenditure, and paper goods. (Maximum \$17,500,000-Federal and USDA donated commodity and commercial dollars)

- Interlocal Agreement – City of El Paso Joint Election on May 4, 2019
To allow the City and SISD to hold a joint election on May 4, 2019, pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, and to share those common polling places that serve the voters of both jurisdictions. (Estimated \$57,600)
- Purchasing Cooperative – Furniture and equipment for Montwood Feeder pattern and portables
To purchase furniture and equipment as needed; multiple vendors will be used via SISD approved co-operative contracts. (Maximum \$650,000-General, Child Nutrition Services Fund)

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL (EXHIBIT A)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Gary Gandara for discussion. Following a discussion regarding Administration's recommendation for Socorro High School, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 4-3 vote. Aye: Tony Ayub, Paul Guerra, Hector Gonzalez and Cynthia Najera. Nay: Gary Gandara, Angelica Rodriguez and Michael Najera.

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES SUBMITTED BY SOUTHWOOD ENTERTAINMENT GROUP FOR THE USE OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMPLEX

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for presentation. Following a brief presentation regarding the purpose of the event, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR INCREASE – IRRIGATION SUPPLIES RFP NO. 199-1128-E1704

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub to correct the bid number. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item with correction of bid number to 199-1128-E1823. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR INCREASE – MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR RFP NO. 199-0314-E1824

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for separate consideration. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote. Tony Ayub abstained.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – PROJECT VIDA HEALTH CENTER

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to postpone the item for further review. The motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF SEPARATION INCENTIVE

Following a presentation by Celina Stiles, Director of Human Resources, regarding the separation incentive in the amount of \$500 to the first seventy-five (75) classroom teachers, administrators, or other professional exempt staff assigned to a school site, who submit a Notice of Voluntary Separation effective at the end of the 2018-2019 contract year to the Department of Human Resources on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED SOCORRO ISD BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, regarding the amendment to the proposed boundary adjustments to the Eastlake Feeder Pattern for the

2019-2020 school year, a motion was made by Hector Gonzalez, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL POLICY

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve revisions to local policy FDB and FMG as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL FLASHERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EL PASO AT EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL – EDGEMERE BLVD. AND TIERRA NEVADA DRIVE (THE COST FOR INSTALLATION IS ESTIMATED AT \$60,050)

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

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FREIGHT EXCHANGE OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC FOR CERTAIN DISTRICT PROPERTY AND TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT (FEB 1, 2019 THROUGH JAN 31, 2021) TO INCLUDE MONTHLY RENTAL CHARGES (\$11,000)

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

UTILIZE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE REGION 8 TIPS/TAPS - ARIES BUILDING SYSTEMS LLC TO PURCHASE 16-CLASSROOM MODULAR WING BUILDINGS (\$763,401- INCLUDES DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION)

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 7:30 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendation for Assistant Principal position at Socorro High School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MARCH 26, 2019.