



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
March 26, 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 (6:17 pm); and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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

- Elementary students were recognized for winning the Fourth Annual SISD Math Bee.
- Escontrias Elementary students were recognized for winning the Fourth Annual Battle of the Bluebonnets Reading Competition.
- A Benito Martinez Elementary student was honored for being selected to present the Texas Bluebonnet Award to the author at the Texas Library Association Conference.
- A Pebble Hills High School student was recognized for winning the TCEQ Take Care of Texas Video Contest.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the Housing Authority of El Paso Art Contest.
- Team SISD students were recognized for winning the citywide 2019 Black History Art Contest.
- SISD students were recognized for advancing to state in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event Competition.
- An SISD Adult Education student was recognized for winning the 2019 TALAE ESL Persistence Adult Learner of the Year Award.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the 2019 UTEP Athletic Department Flo Hyman Awards.
- SISD Wrestlers were recognized for advancing to the UIL State Competition and an SISD Wrestling Coach will be honored for earning the 2019 Texas High School Wrestling Association Coach of the Year Award.
- SISD Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams were recognized for winning 2018-2019 UIL Championships.
- SISD Mariachi Groups were recognized for advancing to the 2019 UIL State Mariachi Festival.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- An El Dorado High School teacher was recognized for earning the 2019 Environmental Educator of the Year Award in the TCEQ Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Program.

- The SISD Public Relations Department was recognized for earning awards from the Texas School Public Relations Association.

PROCLAMATION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH – APRIL 2019

Following a presentation by Marcy Sparks, Library Services Coordinator, regarding National Library Week being celebrated April 7-13, 2019, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

The following individual addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent:

1. Veronica Hernandez from Socorro AFT regarding First Book Distribution event.

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 Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 9E2-District Technology Computer RFP No. E1922; and 9FH-Proclamation 2019 Textbook Adoption Results. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and March 4, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Advanced Soccer Academy for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - Champion Studio for the use of Socorro High School
 - Gateway City Church for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - Girl Scouts of the Dessert SW Indian for the use of Hernando Middle School
 - Imagine Dance Academy for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - LAT Studios for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - Pebble Hills Girls Basketball for the use of Pebble Hills High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Backflow Preventers – RFP No. E1922
To provide the District Operations Department with the ability to procure backflow preventers, supplies, materials and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$90,000)
 - Letter Jackets
To purchase letter jackets for athletics, fine arts and other departments as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$75,000)
 - Musical Instruments – RFP No. E1930
To purchase musical instruments and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$250,000)
 - Network Cabling and Components – RFP No. E1918
To purchase and provide network cabling, components, and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$1,200,000)
 - Paper Supplies – RFP No. E1929
To purchase paper supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$300,000-General and Federal Budget Funds)

- Physical Education Supplies – RFP No. E1934
To purchase physical education supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$80,000-General and Special Revenue Fund Budgets)
- Professional Services for Multipurpose Rooms – RFP No. E1943
To provide pre-qualification firms for geotechnical, construction material testing and surveying services for sixteen (16) campuses district-wide. (Cost to be determined as needed)
- Contracts
 - First Amendment – Interlocal Cooperation Contract University of Texas at El Paso
To amend the contract for attendance, students taking courses at UTEP during the district approved attendance-taking time will take their own attendance using a fingerprint biometric scanner. The fingerprint scanner will be placed at a central location on the UTEP campus. (Maximum \$3,000 est. per unit)
 - Extending Depository Contract Board Resolution
To extend the depository contract with Wells Fargo Bank for an additional two-year term.
- 2019-2020 Staff Development Waiver
This waiver allows the district to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction.
- Resolution to appoint Investment Officers
The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires the district to appoint one or more employees to serve as investment officers. These investment officers are required to receive eight (8) hours of training no less than once in a two (2) year period. New officers are required to receive ten (10) hours of initial training within the first 12 months.
- Resolutions amending Authorized Representatives for the Lone Star, TexPool, Texas Term and Logic Investment Pools
These resolutions will ensure that the District has three (3) authorized representatives for each investment pool at all times.
- Statements of Impact
 - Harmony Science Academy – loss of additional State Funding of approximately \$9,885,440 per year due to opening of two new campuses (i.e. 1,600 maximum enrollment) affecting budget, staffing and facilities which will be in addition to current revenue loss of \$4,267,621 due to existing campuses
 - IDEA Public Schools – loss of additional State Funding of approximately \$9,650,661 per year due to opening of two new campuses (i.e. 1,562 maximum enrollment) affecting budget, staffing, and facilities which will be in addition to current revenue loss of \$1,810,271 due to existing campuses within Socorro ISD Boundaries
 - Texas College Preparatory Academies – loss of State Funding of approximately \$2,471,360 per year due to the opening of a K-12 Campus (i.e. 400 maximum enrollment) within the El Paso Area affecting budget, staffing and facilities

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMPUTERS – RFP NO. E1933

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the solicitation to purchase standardized desktops, laptops, tablets, servers and related technology equipment, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION 2019 TEXTBOOK ADOPTION RESULTS

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the procedures followed for the adoption of instructional materials as outlined in Administration Regulation EFA, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Tony Ayub, to

approve the Proclamation 2019 Textbook Adoption Results that focuses on K-8 ELAR, K-5 Handwriting, K-5 Spelling and Financial Literacy in Social Studies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED 2019-2020 STUDENT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Following a presentation by Alisa Zapata-Farmer, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, regarding the amended calendar to include instructional minutes, removal of early release days, addition of staff developments days and beginning of nine week date in October 2019, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED SOCORRO ISD HEALTH PLAN DESIGN CHANGES FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, PHASE III

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

ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

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

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

Following a presentation by Shelley D. Chenausky, Director of Child Nutrition Services, regarding the establishment of 14 more schools to the CEP program, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FINAL CONTRACT SUM FOR EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL – PRESS BOX

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the final contract sum and payment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDER AND SELECTION OPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL SITE FOR COMBINATION MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR EASTLAKE FEEDER PATTERN AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT RFQ AND RFP

Following a presentation regarding the existing approved proposals and new proposal recommendations for RFQs and RFPs for new combination school for Eastlake Feeder, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to terminate existing approved proposals as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to advertise for new RFQs and RFPs for new combination school for Eastlake Feeder as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 8:22 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider rescinding resignation of Marcus O. Graham under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

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RESCINDING RESIGNATION OF MARCUS O. GRAHAM

This item was pulled from agenda. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON APRIL 16, 2019.