



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
April 16, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub, Board Secretary; Gary Gandara; Paul Guerra; Michael A. Najera; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; and Hector F. Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board Vice President Angelica Rodriguez. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

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

BOARD HONORS

- The SISD Special Education Department presented in honor of Autism Awareness Month.
- A Pebble Hills High School student was recognized for winning the TCEQ Take Care of Texas Video Contest.
- SISD students were recognized for placing in the 2019 Do the Write Thing Essay Writing Challenge.
- SISD students were recognized for advancing to the 2019 Texas Science and Engineering Fair.
- SISD boys and girls varsity soccer teams were recognized for winning 2018-2019 UIL Championships.

2020 CENSUS RESOLUTION

Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, regarding the partnership with U.S. Census Bureau and Local Community Organizations to support the goals and ideas for the 2020 Census, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD PROCLAMATION

Following a presentation by Ms. Macias regarding the recognition of the month of April as “Month of the Military Child” and April 16th as “Purple-Up Day”, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY, MAY 8, 2019

Following a presentation by Rebecca Madrid, Nurse Manager, regarding the acknowledgement and accomplishments of the school nurses in meeting the needs of today’s students by improving the effective delivery of health care in our schools, 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 individual addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent:

1. Sandra O. Castro regarding Global Youth Service.
2. Health Deebee regarding follow up to February board statement.

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.

FY2019-2020 BUDGET PROCESS AND UPDATE ON HOUSE BILL 3

Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the current budget process for fiscal year 2019-2020 and an update on changes to House Bill 3. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 8F1b-Project SEARCH at The Hospitals of Providence East Campus. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and March 28, 2019 Board Workshop
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Americas Volleyball Booster Club for the use of Americas High School
 - Deucher Sports Association DBA El Paso Sharks for the use of HD Hilley Elementary School
 - Just For You Daycare Center and Preschool for the use of Montwood High School
 - Little Darlings Dance Team for the use of Montwood High School
 - Sky's the Limit Football Academy for the use of Americas High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Automotive Services – RFP No. E1939
To provide automotive services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$310,000)
- Contracts
 - Agreements
 - a. El Paso Area Teachers Federal Credit Union (TFCU) – new account member relationships; TFCU will offer certain banking and financial services that can be accessed through a Spirit Debit Card and/or Spirit Credit Card co-branded with images customized to depict the names/logos/mascots of Socorro ISD schools; Socorro ISD will receive periodic royalty payments from TFCU based on levels of participation use of spirit cards.
 - b. YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region Proposal (After School Program Partnership) – renewal of existing partnership currently serving 700 children at twenty (20) campuses.
 - Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing – Anthony Independent School District School districts routinely and frequently solicit bids and proposals for goods and services which are necessary for the operation of a school district; the school district making the purchase shall bear all the cost and expenses related to the purchase of goods and services.
 - Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)
 - a. Center for BrainHealth-The University of Texas at Dallas – cognitive training program called Strategic Memory Advanced Reasoning Training (SMART) that enhances and

improves brain flexibility and efficiency through organization, synthesis, abstraction, innovative interpretations and applications of meaning; the SMART program teaches how to learn rather than what to learn to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students.

- b. University of Texas at El Paso – Work Study Mentorship Partnership – to strengthen the existing partnership, and support College Mentors in assigned high school to enable the building of rapport, trust, cohesiveness and continuity with students at the school; partnership aims to build college readiness and outreach for high school students.
- c. University-School Partnership for the Renewal of Educator Preparation (US PREP) – to facilitate training opportunities for creating classroom-ready teachers and advancing learning and innovation in teacher preparation through technical support, design-based research and transparent use of data. (Maximum \$2,500-General and Title II Funds)
- Purchasing Cooperative – BuyBoard Longhorn Bus Sales LLC
To purchase 20 school buses (77 passenger) in the amount of \$1,951,940 utilizing BuyBoard Contract #549-17.
- Request for Laptop Lease Approval – Dell Master Lease Agreement, DIR-TSO-3763
Lease for 4,000 laptops for the Digital Nurturing Academics Program through Dell Financial Services for 4 years. (Maximum \$2,705,510 to include principal and interest; General Fund and Special Revenue)
- Statements of Impact
 - Burnham Wood Charter School District – Loss of additional State Funding of approximately \$1,112,112 per year due to opening of PK3-6 grade levels to be served at the new campus (i.e. 180 maximum enrollment) affecting budget, staffing and facilities.
 - Premier High Schools – Loss of additional State Funding of approximately \$2,471,360 per year due to opening of K-12 grade levels to be served at the new campus (i.e. 400 maximum enrollment) affecting budget, staffing and facilities.

PROJECT SEARCH AT THE HOSPITALS OF PROVIDENCE EAST CAMPUS

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the purpose of the program, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Tony Ayub, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Angelica Rodriguez abstained.

ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFIED TERM CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

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

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFIED CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the contract recommendations for teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, speech therapists and educational diagnosticians as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR ALL SISD BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OVER \$50,000

The following individuals signed up to speak to this agenda item: Adam Pacheco, Oscar Duran and Jorge J. Varela.

Following a presentation by Mr. Eyeington regarding the apprenticeship program, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019,” IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AGGREGATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$164,460,000 FOR SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING (DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS) PURPOSES

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

TASB UPDATE 112 AND LOCAL POLICY

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve revisions to the following policies from TASB update 112: CCG, CCGA, CH, CQ, CV, FMA, FNG, GF, GKA, GKB and local policy DP, EHDC and EIE as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 8:12 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding pending litigation including *M. Melchor v. Socorro ISD*; to receive and discuss the recommendation of administration to terminate the term contract of R.S. teacher at Ernesto Serna for good cause; to receive and discuss the recommendation of administration to non-renew the term contract of E. Castro assistant principal at Socorro Middle School; and to discuss personnel and real estate matters under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

M. MELCHOR V. SOCORRO ISD

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Michael Najera, to deny the item as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION TO TERMINATE THE TERM CONTRACT OF R.S. TEACHER AT ERNESTO SERNA FOR GOOD CAUSE

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

NON-RENEWAL OF THE TERM CONTRACT OF E. CASTRO

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MAY 21, 2019.