



MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
July 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Gary Gandara; Eddie Mena; David O. Morales; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President; and Paul Garcia

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Cynthia Najera. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES SUBMITTED BY NEW HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE USE OF MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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

PROPOSALS FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Gary Gandara, to take these items to Executive Session for legal advice. The motion carried unanimously.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS IN OPEN SESSION REGARDING LEVEL III GRIEVANCE APPEAL FILED BY AFT ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN DIAGNOSTICIANS AND SLP MEMBERS

The Board allotted 10 minutes for oral presentations from each party, with 4 additional minutes each for rebuttal, if any. The Employee's representative, Rosie Perez, introduced Jeanette Escontrias, Vanessa Arriola, Rebecca Orozco and Claudia Recorder as members of the group who filed the grievance. Representing Administration, Steve Blanco, District Legal Counsel. At this time, the hearing proceeded and both parties presented their oral arguments. At the conclusion of the arguments, the Board proceeded to closed session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 6:45 p.m. to confer with legal counsel regarding level III grievance appeal filed by AFT on behalf of certain diagnosticians and SLP members; to consider administrative recommendations for various Assistant Principal positions; and to discuss requests from the City of Socorro to relocate and widening parts of N. Rio Vista Rd. under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

PROPOSALS FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Gary Gandara, to authorize Administration to discuss options with the City of Socorro as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

LEVEL III GRIEVANCE APPEAL FILED BY AFT ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN DIAGNOSTICIANS AND SLP MEMBERS

Legal counsel reported that the Board of Trustees deliberated in Executive Session in regard to this matter. Administration asked that the decision by Linda Cooper be allowed to stand or the Board can take no action or modify decision as discussed in Executive Session. No motion was made on this agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Greta Bragalla to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Eastlake High School. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Jonathan Flores to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Montwood Middle School. A motion was made by David Morales, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended F. David Macias, Jr. to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School. A motion was made by Eddie Mena, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 23, 2019.