



**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
July 23, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Gary Gandara; Paul Garcia; Eddie Mena; David O. Morales; 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 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- The Counselor at Hurshel Antwine Elementary School was recognized for earning the 2019 Texas School Counselor of the Year by the Lone Star State School Counselor Association (LSSSCA).
- Employees who are retiring from the district were honored for their service in Team SISD.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent:

1. Daniel De La Cruz regarding politics
2. Vibert Skeete regarding Cesar Chavez Heroes Run and Hispanic Heritage Month 2019

FACILITIES REPORT

Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer, provided a presentation of the 2017 Bond Program and other district-wide construction projects. No action was taken on this agenda item.

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Safety and Security Committee provided a presentation regarding the district emergency management program, Keep SISD Safe Initiative, Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 496. No action was taken on this agenda item.

YWCA WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES CAMPAIGN

The YWCA provided a presentation on their Walk A Mile In Her Shoes campaign and challenged Team SISD to participate in this great event. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exemption of items G2 and G3 revised Job Descriptions: Transition Services Coordinator and Vocational Adjustment Class Teacher for further review. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting; July 2, 2019, July 8, 2019 and July 15, 2019 Special Meetings
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Alchemy Karate Academy for the use of O’Shea Keleher Elementary School
 - Journey of Faith Community Church for the use of Sun Ridge Middle School
 - Second Baptist Church for the use of Spec. Rafael Hernando III Middle School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT A)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Gifted & Talented Materials, Supplies, and Services – RFP No. E1956
Solicitation to purchase materials, supplies, and services as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$175,000)
- Contracts
 - Agreement – Education Service Center Region 19 TEKS Resource System
A curriculum support system for K-12. This system is designed to provide a common language, process and structure for curriculum development. System package includes curriculum, assessment and resources, professional development provided at district/campus request and at Region 19 throughout the year. (Maximum \$290,958)
 - Letter of Agreement for Licensure Programs – Walden University Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership
To guide and direct a working relationship in providing clinical practice experiences as required by the Minnesota Board of Teaching, Minnesota Board of School Administrators, or the Ohio Board of Regents and Ohio State Board of Education, and in accordance with the University’s state-approved licensure programs.
 - Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement – Grand Canyon University (GCU)
To establish the terms and conditions under which students of Grand Canyon University may participate in Student Teaching Internships, Practicum and Observations at the schools located in the Socorro ISD. Socorro ISD will provide qualified Cooperating Teachers to provide oversight, feedback and mentoring to GCU’s participating students. GCU shall pay a \$500 stipend to Cooperating Teachers per each sixteen (16) week session of full-time service.
 - Student Teaching Agreement – Texas State University
For the completion of student learning teaching experience required by the State of Texas and the State Board for Educator Certification for the certification of teachers. SISD agrees to provide an appropriate student teaching placement that allows the student teacher to meet all requirements for clinical practice necessary for teacher certification.
 - Texas Women’s University Local Education Agency Sponsorship Agreement
To continue providing a variety of educational experiences to work with TWU graduate students. Students must complete six (6) hours of practicum per year. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) requires that the graduate student have experience with different types of disorders. Socorro ISD will provide an ASHA certified supervisor for the assigned student(s).

- New Job Description – CTE HS Student Worker/Clerical & Support
The primary duties of this employee are to provide clerical support to the designated campus/department.
- Revisions to Job Description (to include title change)
 1. Computer Maintenance Educational Aide

NEW MEMBER TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCY ON THE SISD FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve Javier “Harvey” Enriquez to fill the current vacancy on the SISD Foundation Board of Directors as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES FOR NEW COMBO SCHOOL FOR EASTLAKE AREA WITH MIJARES-MORA ARCHITECTS, INC.

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve professional services fee equal to 5.95% of the total construction cost as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FEES FOR NEW COMBO SCHOOL FOR EASTLAKE AREA WITH BANES GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the construction management at risk fees in the amount of \$3,519,000 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT SUPPORT SERVICES/ TECHNOLOGY BUILDING BID AND RE-BID AT A LATER DATE.

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to nominate Trustees Paul Garcia and Eduardo Mena to the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:35 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel regarding negotiation with City of Socorro on requested easements or other transaction involving Real Property along N. Rio Vista Rd.; to discuss pending litigation in the matter of J. Hamilton v. Socorro ISD; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal positions at various campuses and for Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP); and to consider Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 11:01 p.m.

LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF J. HAMILTON V. SOCORRO ISD

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Manuel Serros to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Desert Wind School. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Adrian Ramirez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Helen Ball Elementary 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 Annabel Ramos to assume all roles and responsibilities as Licensed Specialist in School Psychology. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNUAL EVALUATION

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the Superintendent’s Annual Evaluation as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERER APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 20, 2019.