



MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
September 5, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President arrived at 5:36 p.m.; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Gary Gandara arrived at 5:41 p.m.; Eduardo Mena; David O. Morales; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Garcia

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Board President Cynthia Najera. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EL PASO

Administration pulled this item for further review. No action was taken on this agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 5:31 p.m. for discussion related to entering in to an interlocal agreement for the purpose of participation and intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) proceeding related to the Sale, Transfer, or Merger of El Paso Electric Company to Sun Jupiter Holdings LLC and IIF US Holding 2 LP, entities related to J.P. Morgan's Infrastructure Investments Fund, PUC Docket No. 49849, *Joint Report and Application of El Paso Electric Company, Sun Jupiter Holdings LLC, and IIF US Holding 2 LP for Regulatory Approvals Under PURA §§ 14.101, 39.262, and 39.915* and to consider administrative recommendations for Employee Health Clinic Physician, Principal position at Robert R. Rojas Elementary School, Assistant Principal position at Pebble Hills High School and Licensed Specialist In School Psychology under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING INTERVENTION IN EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY APPLICATION TO TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION FOR SALE/MERGER APPROVAL

A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve and authorize the Superintendent to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with other El Paso County school districts and like entities to participate and intervene in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) proceeding related to the Sale, Transfer, or Merger of El Paso Electric Company to Sun Jupiter Holdings LLC and IIF US Holding 2 LP, entities related to J.P. Morgan's Infrastructure Investments Fund, PUC Docket No. 49849, *Joint Report and Application of El Paso Electric Company, Sun Jupiter Holdings LLC, and IIF US Holding 2 LP for Regulatory Approvals Under PURA §§ 14.101, 39.262, and 39.915*; and authorize the District to hire Special Counsel at the law firm of Husch Blackwell to represent the District in the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Dr. Alba Nevarez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Employee Health Clinic Physician. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza reported that the Principal position at Robert R. Rojas Elementary School was being pulled. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Gerardo Talamantes to assume all role and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Pebble Hills High School. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote. Eduardo Mena voted nay.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Abraham Camarillo to assume all roles and responsibilities as Licensed Specialist in School Psychology. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMPLEX II – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS

Administration along with representatives from HKS/PSC Architects provided a presentation of various design concepts for the New Student Activities Complex II. No action was taken on this agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019.