



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
September 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Paul Garcia; Eduardo Mena; David O. Morales; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Gandara

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President Cynthia Najera. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A journalism teacher from El Dorado High School was recognized for winning a 2019 Rising Star Award from the Journalism Education Association.
- An SISD employee was inducted into the Team SISD Wall of Honor.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, OCTOBER 14-18, 2019

Following a presentation by Shelley D. Chenausky, Director of Child Nutrition Services, regarding the National School Lunch Week being celebrated October 14-18, 2019, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

TEXAS EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCES DAY RESOLUTION, OCTOBER 9, 2019

Following a presented by Angelica Herrera, Director of Human Resources, regarding Texas Education Human Resources Day being celebrated October 9, 2019, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

None

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Rene Vargas, Director of Business Services, provided a presentation of the annual investment report for fiscal year 2019-2020 as required by policy CDA (LOCAL). No action was taken on this agenda item.

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.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) – YEARLY REPORT

SHAC is a group of individuals representing segments of the community, appointed by the school district to serve at the district level, to provide advice to the district on coordinated school health programming and its impact on student health and learning. The SHAC assists the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting and September 5, 2019 Special Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Destiny Family Christian Center for the use of Montwood High School
 - El Paso Flames for the use of Dr. Sue Shook Elementary School
 - Fred Loya-Christmas Light Show for the use of Montwood High School Parking Lot
 - Harvest Christian Center for the use of SISD Education Center
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Athletic Equipment and Supplies – RFP No. E2012
To purchase athletic equipment and supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$700,000)
 - Custodial Chemical Management System – RFP No. E2005
To provide the Department of Maintenance and Operations the ability to purchase custodial chemical management systems as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$250,000)
 - District Projectors and Accessories – RFP No. E2010
To purchase projectors, accessories, and supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$800,000-General and Federal Funds)
 - Landscaping Materials – RFP No. E2006
To provide the Department of Maintenance and Operations the ability to purchase landscaping materials as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$100,000)
 - Paper Supplies – RFP No. E2007
To provide the Department of Maintenance and Operations the ability to purchase paper supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$300,000)
 - Paper Supplies Part II – RFP No. E2008
To provide the Department of Maintenance and Operations the ability to purchase bathroom tissue and paper towel rolls as needed district-wide. (Maximum \$350,000)
- Contracts
 - Affiliation Agreement – New Mexico State University College of Education's Counseling and Educational Psychology Department
To continue the clinical experiences for students involved in the School Psychology Program.
 - Contract – Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant Fiscal Agent (Ysleta ISD)
Renewal for SISD's Community Education Department, as the lead organization for this grant proposes to use the YISD's Division of Finance to act as the fiscal agent for the TWC Adult Education and Literacy Grant, to implement a regional consortium that coordinates the delivery of adult education activities.

- Interlocal Agreement(s)
 - a. City of El Paso Youth Ambassador Program
Pursuant to the City’s mission and strategic plan to promote and advertise the advantages of the City, develop a vibrant regional economy and exceptional cultural and educational opportunities. The City desires to establish the following programs:
 - 1. Youth Strategic Budget Advisory Program
 - 2. Youth Community Leader Transformation Program
 - 3. The Youth Ambassador Program
 - b. El Paso ISD Bid # 16-007 Bank of America NA
For the use of the Commercial Payment Services (Virtual Payables & Purchasing Card) from Bank of America NA.
 - c. Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with YISD-Fiscal Agent
For the continuation and operation of a JJAEP, for the students, school districts, and the juvenile board in El Paso County. The agreement will serve to combine into one system the operational, programmatic and educational standards for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.
- Purchasing Cooperative Utilization – Choice Partners #19/033MJ-20 – The Edu-Source Corp.
To procure bags/coolers for Child Nutrition Services. (Maximum \$131,932-CNS Funds)
- Job Descriptions
Revisions include title change.
 - 1. Transition Service Coordinator
 - 2. Vocational Adjustment Class Teacher
- Cooperative Purchasing Organization Report
Section 44.0331 of the Education Code requires that a written report be presented to the Board of Trustees detailing cooperative purchasing organizations used by the Socorro ISD Purchasing Department.
- Donations for fiscal year 2018-2019
A list of donations is presented for the Board’s consideration for fiscal year 2018-2019.
- Campus Attendance Committee
In accordance with TEC25.092, the Board shall appoint one or more attendance committee(s) to hear petitions for class credit by students who have not met the 90 percent rule and have not earned class credit by completing a principal’s plan. Classroom teachers shall comprise a majority of the attendance committee(s).
- 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct
Recommended revisions to the 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct consist of State modifications to the law from the 86th Legislative Session.

GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR SPORTS LIGHTING PACKAGE AT AMERICAS HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve GMP presented by Baner General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$877,980 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE REMAINING IMPROVEMENTS AT MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the GMP presented by Buford • Thompson Company in the amount of \$32,885,449 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION FOR THE “OPTION” LEASE PERIOD WITH BRANCH COMMUNICATIONS FOR SIX (6) MONTHS FOR MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CELL TOWER SITE

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

AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CELL TOWER

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

TASB UPDATE 113

A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve the revisions to policies BBE, BDD, CI, CO, COA, COB, CRB, EHBAG and FNF as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. to receive and discuss the status of employment of A. Lopez and S. Whitt and the recommendation of administration to terminate employment for good cause; discussion regarding status of real estate transaction to and from The State of Texas for the benefit of the Permanent School Fund; and to discuss personnel and real estate matters under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

TERMINATION OF THE PROBATIONARY CONTRACT OF A. LOPEZ FOR GOOD CAUSE

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

TERMINATION OF THE PROBATIONARY CONTRACT OF S. WHITT FOR GOOD CAUSE

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

ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE TO AND FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OCTOBER 15, 2019.