



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
October 15, 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; Eduardo 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 6:06 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.

BOARD HONORS

- An Americas High School Student was recognized for being a 2019 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Col. John O. Ensor Middle School Principal Lisa Estrada-Batson was recognized for earning the 2019-2020 Region 19 Middle School Principal of the Year Award by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).
- The SISD Special Education Department presented in honor of National Disability Awareness and Employability Month.
- Texas State Board of Education District 1 Representative Georgina Perez was recognized the SISD Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students for earning 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education honors and being named to the 2018-2019 Texas Honor Roll.

GENERATION TEXAS MONTH PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 2019

Following a presentation by Tammi Mackeben, Director of Guidance and Counseling, regarding the higher education campaign, Generation TX, a statewide movement focused on creating a culture of college and career readiness that leads to the most successful generation in Texas history, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION, OCTOBER 23-31, 2019

Following a presentation by Ms. Mackeben regarding Red Ribbon Week and how the district recognizes Kiki Camarena and assists students in taking a stand against drug abuse and instead living a healthy lifestyle, a motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

None

BOND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (BAC) UPDATE

The Bond Accountability Committee Chair Robert Alvarez provided a report on the committee's organization and operation. 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.

2019 WIN UPDATE

An update of 2019 WIN program data was provided for the Board of Trustees. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of item E2-Support and Technology Building-Rebid RFP No. 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting and September 24, 2019 Special Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Harvest Christian Center for the use of SISD Education Center
 - Pebble Hills Girls Basketball for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - Premier Studios for the use of Eastlake High School
 - Sun City Church for the use of El Dorado High School
 - Triple Threat All Star Cheer for the use of Montwood High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Football Equipment Repair – RFP No. E2013
For repairs and services on football equipment and uniforms as needed district wide.
(Maximum \$75,000)
- Contracts
 - Addendum One – YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region Agreement After School Program
To continue providing all necessary materials and equipment for site operations, and open and maintain operations at SISD sites that sustain a population of 15 children and assures State licensed daily After School programming to all elementary campuses. The Addendum is effective July 29, 2019 and it's for a rate change. Additional services include providing intersession and summer camp programming at selected SISD campuses and to pilot a before-school care services at mutually agreed campuses.
 - Affiliation Agreement – Grand Canyon University College of Nursing and Health Care Professions
The purpose of the Field Experience Program is for students to participate in Student Training Internships, Practicum and Observations of the SISD school nurses.

- Agreement – El Paso Community College (EPCC) – Automotive Use of Facilities
This agreement is to allow Socorro High School’s advanced automotive students to use EPCC’s automotive facilities as Socorro ISD is in the process of rebuilding Socorro High School and as a result of such construction, Socorro High School’s facilities are currently unavailable.
- Interlocal Agreement – Cooperative Purchasing Mesquite ISD
School districts routinely and frequently solicit bids and proposals for goods and services which are necessary for the operation of a school district. The term will be for one year and will renew annually not to exceed a total of five (5) years. The school district making the purchase shall bear all costs and expenses related to the purchase of goods and services.
- Letter of Agreement – Workforce Solutions Borderplex and El Paso Electricians JATC
To establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the parties and to set forth the relative responsibilities of the parties insofar as they relate to the developmental of an electrical pre-apprenticeship program at SISD for applicants to the JATC apprenticeship program.
- Purchasing Cooperative -Texas DIR Contract Dell Financial Services Lease
For the acquisition of technology equipment for the security camera servers. The Lease Agreement would be through Dell Financial Services for three (3) years with an annual payment in the amount of \$65,869.37 using Contract #TSO-3763.
- Surplus Property
Upon approval, the Department of Facilities and Planning will proceed with selecting a date to conduct the sale.
- New Job Descriptions
 1. Early College Advisor – to provide personalized college advising and transition services to current early college high school students and early college high school graduates at El Paso Community College and the University of Texas at El Paso.
 2. CTE College and Career At-Risk Instructional Aide – to provide targeted instructional support and interventions to at-risk students who are enrolled in dual credit programs at the El Paso Community College, IBS and/or Western Technical College.
 3. Child Nutrition Services Purchasing Agent – to support and manage the development and implementation of effective purchasing and bidding practices in the district.
- Options High School, TEA Targeted Improvement Plan for Comprehensive Support Campus Label
This Targeted Improvement Plan is a requirement of the TEA Comprehensive Support label as identified by Options High School 2019 Accountability Data results. School Improvement Grant funds have been awarded to Options High School to assist in their efforts to improve Accountability Data.

BID: SUPPORT AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING – REBID RFP NO. 2017

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez for discussion. Discussion followed regarding the bid project. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented for the Support and Technology Building rebid at a maximum cost of \$13,036,500 using Bond Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC. (TERRACON) – SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Garcia, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve estimated cost for Socorro High School construction material testing in the amount of \$285,740.70 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) – EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the GMP as presented by Dantex General Contractors, Inc. for \$25,094,894 for the remaining improvements at El Dorado High School. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Gary Gandara left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

TASB UPDATE 113 AND LOCAL POLICY

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the revisions to policies from TASB Update 113 BJCD and local policy BF as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to reappoint Trustees Eduardo Mena and Paul Garcia for new term 2020/2021 in the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:51 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument and Timeline; consultation with legal counsel regarding Athletic Fields Synthetic Grass Surfacing; and to consider administrative recommendations for Principal at Pebble Hills High School and Assistant Principal at Americas High School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:44 p.m. Trustee Paul Garcia had left meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION INSTRUMENT AND TIMELINE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza recommended Ignacio Estorga to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal at Pebble Hills High School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Steven Gomez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Americas High School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019.