



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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia A. Najera, Board President; Angelica Rodriguez, Board Vice President; Gary Gandara; Eduardo Mena arrived at 6:24 p.m.; David O. Morales; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; 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

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

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

BOARD HONORS

- SISD students were recognized for placing in the 2019 El Paso Community College K-12 “Salute to the Arts” Contests.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the 2019 SISD Health Clinic Art Contest.
- SISD students were recognized for winning the 2019 Winter Holiday Art Contest.
- An SISD school was recognized for winning the 2019 Superintendent’s Holiday Cookie Bake-off.
- Americas High School Varsity Football Team was recognized for winning 2019 UIL Championships.

OPEN FORUM

None

REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS

As required by the *Texas Administrative Code* Chapter 61.1, Board President Cynthia Najera, announced the completed, deficient and exceeding Board training continuing education hours of each Trustee. No action was taken on this agenda item.

All Board Members met and exceeded requirements in Tier 1; met requirements in Tier 2; exceeded requirements in Tier 3; and completed requirements in Tier 4.

COLLEGE READINESS UPDATE

Administration provided an update on college readiness data. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
 - Imagine Dance Academy for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - Knight Time Cheer for the use of Montwood High School
 - Sun Bowl Association for the use of Pebble Hills High School
 - Sun Bowl Association for the use of the Student Activities Complex (SAC)
 - Texas Envy Youth Cheerleading Squad for the use of El Dorado High School
 - The View at Mission Ridge HOA for the use of Mission Ridge Elementary School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
 - Network Cabling and Components – RFP No. E2026
Solicitation to purchase and provide network cabling, components and services as needed district wide. (Maximum \$1,200,000)
- Contracts
 - Interlocal Agreement(s)
 - a. Cooperative Purchasing with Ysleta 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 for this 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 cost and expenses related to the purchase of goods and services.
 - b. Region 17 West Texas Food Service Cooperative
Region 17 ESC is the coordinating center for the West Texas Food Service Cooperative. The district utilizes the cooperative for commodity entitlement, food expenditure, and paper goods. The goal of the cooperative is to obtain substantial savings on specific food service items for member districts through volume purchasing and obtain the most advantageous and best value to the District. The district should benefit through cost savings, meeting bid law requirements, and receiving items meeting Child Nutrition program requirements. The term for this interlocal agreement is for the 2020-2021 school year. (Maximum \$15,000,000-Federal and USDA donated commodity and commercial dollars)
 - c. Revisions – Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with Ysleta ISD, Fiscal Agent
Agreement was originally approved on September 17, 2019 for the continuation and operation of a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), for the students, school districts, and the juvenile board in El Paso County. Revisions being presented relate to IDEA, §504 and ESL.

- Purchasing Cooperative – Region 19 #17-7243 Electrical Supplies
The Department of Maintenance and Operations will utilize the purchasing cooperative contract to purchase electrical supplies from the Region 19 Contract #17-7243, in the amount up to \$170,000 as needed district wide for the 19-20 school year.

PROPOSED SOCORRO ISD BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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

CQC FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING FOR MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:29 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel for discussion regarding possible exchange of real property between SISD and the County of El Paso being a portion of Tract 1A, Section 16, Block 79, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys of El Paso County, Texas and a Ponding Area being a portion of Section 16, Block 79, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, El Paso County, Texas; discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of administration to terminate the probationary contract of A.L. teacher at Eastlake High School for good cause; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal positions at various campuses under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN SISD AND THE COUNTY OF EL PASO BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 1A, SECTION 16, BLOCK 79, TOWNSHIP 3, TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY SURVEYS OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS AND A PONDING AREA BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 16, BLOCK 79, TOWNSHIP 3, TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY SURVEYS, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY CONTRACT OF A.L. TEACHER AT EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL FOR GOOD CAUSE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Espinoza reported that administrative recommendation for Assistant Principal position at James P. Butler Elementary School was pulled. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Jeffrey Steven to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Loma Verde Elementary School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Eddie Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Ana Lozano to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Mission Ridge Elementary School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Eddie Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended David Woods to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Pebble Hills High School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Eddie Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Veronica Estrada to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Spec. Rafael Hernando Middle School. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Eddie Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Espinoza recommended Melissa Garden to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at SSG Manuel R. Puentes School. A motion was made by Eddie Mena, seconded by David Morales, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 21, 2020.