



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
February 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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**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 6:00 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**

- SISD students were recognized for advancing to the 2019-2020 UIL Congress State Competition.
- SISD students were recognized for advancing to the 2019-2020 UIL Cross Examination Debate State Competition.
- SISD students in Choir, Band and Jazz Band were recognized for being named Texas Music Educators Association All-State Musicians.
- SISD Robotics Teams were recognized for winning the Grand Champion Titles at the West Texas First Lego League Championship and for advancing to UIL Robotics State Competition.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A Socorro High School Assistant Baseball Coach was recognized for earning the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association 2019 Assistant Coach of the Year for Class 6A Baseball.

**OPEN FORUM**

Ronnita Covington addressed the Board of Trustees and Superintendent regarding a matter at El Dorado High School.

**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.

**SOCORRO ISD EARLY EDUCATION EXPANSION FOR 2020-2021**

Alisa Zapata, Assistant Superintendent for Schools, provided a presentation of the Socorro ISD Early Education Expansion for 2020-2021 for the Board of Trustees. 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 January 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - Alchemy Karate Academy for the use of O’Shea Keleher Elementary School
  - Congregation Jehovah’s Witnesses for the use of Escontrias Elementary School
  - EHS Winter Guard Programs for the use of Eastlake High School
  - El Paso Surf (Advanced Soccer Academy) for the use of Pebble Hills High School
  - Pebble Hills Cheerleaders for the use of Pebble Hills High School
  - Special Olympics of Texas for the use of
    - Bill Sybert School
    - Clarke Middle School
    - Paso Del Norte School
  - Sun City Final for the use of El Dorado High School
  - Triple Threat All Star Cheer for the use of Socorro High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
  - Building and Carpentry Materials – RFP No. E2022  
Solicitation to purchase building and carpentry materials as needed district wide. (Maximum \$550,000)
  - Internet Services – RFP No. E2027  
Solicitation to purchase internet services district wide. This award is subject to the availability of funding from the School and Libraries Division. The Board of Trustees authorizes Administration to secure access to the necessary District funds for these “E-Rate” projects. (Maximum \$87,888-General and E-Rate Funding.)
- Contracts
  - Addendum – Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant (Ysleta ISD Fiscal Agent)  
The purpose of this Addendum is to increase the amount of the SISD Adult Education and Literacy contract by \$22,391 in federal funds from the original award of \$790,994.70 for a new total of \$813,385.70 as presented.
  - Interlocal Agreement and Board Resolution – Education Service Center Region 2 GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative  
The purchase of goods through GoodBuy includes the purchase of any services reasonably required for the installation, operation, or maintenance of purchased goods, where such services are included in the awarded Vendor contract.
  - Interlocal Participant Agreement – Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA)  
Socorro ISD becomes a party to the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance Interlocal Agreement and agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions set out in the Master Agreement and will pay an annual fee of \$100 pursuant to the bylaws of the CTPA.
  - Purchasing Cooperative – BuyBoard #549-17 Thomas Bus Gulf Coast  
For the acquisition of twenty (20) 77 passenger conventional school buses with Angel Trax Vulcan camera VSM installed on each. (Maximum \$1,945,300-General and TX Grant Funds)
  - Purchasing Cooperative – Furniture and Equipment for 3-year old and Pre-Kinder classrooms (Early Education)

To purchase furniture and equipment as needed for the three (3) year old and pre-kinder classrooms (Early Education) district wide. Purchases in the areas of classrooms and all other areas using multiple vendor(s) via SISD approved co-operatives contracts: Region 19, OMNIA Partner – TCPN & US Communities. (Maximum \$380,000)

- **Statement of Impact**  
Loss of revenue of approximately \$6,724 per student per year due to the opening of four IDEA campuses. The significant enrollment and financial impact will directly affect district budget, staffing and facilities.
- **TEA Low Attendance Waiver**  
The Texas Education Agency allows school districts that have experienced a significant drop in attendance to apply for a waiver application for low attendance days. Due to weather related issues that occurred on February 5, 2020; the District qualifies for this waiver.

#### **NOTICE OF SEPARATION INCENTIVE**

Following a presentation by Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer, regarding the separation incentive in the amount of \$500 to the first seventy-five (75) classroom teachers, administrators, or other professional exempt staff assigned to a school site, who submit a Notice of Voluntary Separation effective at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year to the Department of Human Resources on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, a motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE REMAINING IMPROVEMENT AT AMERICAS HIGH SCHOOL FROM BANES GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.**

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the GMP in the amount of \$21,895,897 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PACKAGE TWO OF THE AUXILIARY GYMS FOR HORIZON HEIGHTS, LOMA VERDE, MYRTLE COOPER, SIERRA VISTA AND VISTA DEL SOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – CSP NO. E2035**

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the Administrations recommendation to award the five (5) projects to Medlock Commercial Contractors in the amount of \$6,065,619 as presented. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote. David Morales voted nay.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:31 p.m. for discussion with legal counsel to receive and discuss the recommendation of administration to terminate the term contract of R.C. teacher on special assignment at the District Service Center for good cause; dedication of real property to public entity for purpose that benefits the public interest of the District; to receive and discuss the parent grievances filed by L&S Sander and P Barrera; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to consider administrative recommendations for Assistant Principal position at Jane A. Hambric School and Employee Health Clinic (Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant) under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 and 551.082.

The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

#### **TERM CONTRACT OF R.C. TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AT THE DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to issue the appropriate notice as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY TO PUBLIC ENTITY**

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Yvonne Romero to assume all roles and responsibilities as Assistant Principal at Jane A. Hambric 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 Nidia Lopez to assume all roles and responsibilities as Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Eddie Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MARCH 24, 2020.**