



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
April 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

This meeting was held by teleconference. The teleconference was accessed via audio and through an audio feed. Any member of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item was able to send an email; these comments were read accordingly.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020-2021 HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR THE SOCORRO ISD

On a yearly basis, Administration shall use the criteria outlined in policy CAN local and legal for determining if a transportation route qualifies as hazardous. Due to the unprecedented health pandemic, administration recommends no changes to be previously approved 2019-2020 hazardous areas. As directed by policy, at least one public hearing shall be held for each area where a change is being proposed. No changes are being proposed for the 2020-2021 school year; therefore, the Socorro Independent School District advertised the April 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting public hearing item in the El Paso Times, on April 16, 2020 and in El Diario, on April 15, 2020.

There being no public input, the Board of Trustees proceeded to the next item. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of B-Employment of Personnel; C-Budget Amendments; and E4-Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso (TTUHSC EP) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Board Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting; March 31, 2020 and April 13, 2020 Special Board Meetings
- Awarding of Bids
 - Learning Management System, RFP No. E2016
Solicitation to purchase a Learning Management System as needed district wide. (Maximum \$931,300 initial 3 year, plus association items/services)

- **Contracts**
 - Addendum #2-Texas Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy Grant (Ysleta ISD Fiscal Agent)
The purpose is to increase the amount of the SISD Adult Education and Literacy contract by \$8,696 in federal funds from Addendum #1 award of \$813,385.70 for a new total of \$822,081.70.
 - Amendment Two – YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region Agreement After School Program
The purpose is to add Terms and Conditions for Confidentiality and Safeguarding of District Records for After School programming at all elementary campuses.
 - Laptop Lease – Dell Master Lease Agreement, DIR-TSO-3763
The lease is for 4,000 laptops in the total amount of \$2,463,414.40 to include principal and interest for the Digital Nurturing Academics Program. The lease would be through Dell Financial Services for four (4) years with an annual payment amount of \$615,853.60 (DNA 1:1 High School Program)
- **TEA Low Attendance Waiver**
Due to weather related issues that occurred on February 12, 2020; the following campuses qualify for this waiver: Socorro HS; Montwood HS; KEYS Academy; El Dorado HS; Options HS; Pebble Hills HS; Sanchez MS; O’Shea Keleher; Myrtle Cooper; Escontrias ECC; and Sgt. Jose Carrasco.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by David Morales for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the contracts being presented for consideration, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Paul Guerra for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding travel funds, a motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, EL PASO (TTUHSC EP)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Administration to revise effective date. A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve the item with new effective date of May 1, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY, MAY 6, 2020

The Proclamation acknowledges the accomplishments of the Socorro Independent School District nurses in meeting the needs of today’s students by improving the effective delivery of health care in our schools. A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

School Library Month is celebrated in conjunction with National Library Week, April 19-25, 2020. A motion was made by Paul Garcia, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFIED CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (TEACHERS, LIBRARIANS, NURSES, COUNSELORS, SPEECH THERAPISTS AND EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIANS)

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

RESOLUTION REGARDING POLICY FEC (LOCAL): LOSS OF CREDIT

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

2020-2021 HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR SOCORRO ISD

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

DECELERATION LANE IN FRONT OF THE ED CENTER ON EASTLAKE BLVD.

Following a discussion regarding the proposal by the County of El Paso to provide a deceleration lane off of Eastlake Boulevard to provide access to the developments being planned in the area, a motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by David Morales, to authorize Administration to continue negotiations with the County of El Paso. The motion carried unanimously.

FEE PROPOSAL FROM CEA GROUP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE SPORTS LIGHTING AT EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL AND SPORTS LIGHTING FIELD AND MODIFICATION AT PEBBLE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve a lump sum fee in the amount of \$89,990.00 for these projects as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MEXICAN AMERICAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (MASBA) MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Paul Garcia, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the membership as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 7:17pm. A motion was made by David Morales, seconded by Paul Garcia, to move item 6C-additional Administrator Certified and Non-Certified contract recommendations for 2020-2021 school year for discussion under *Texas Government Code* Section 551.071 and 551.074. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00pm.

There being no further business for the Board of Trustees. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MAY 19, 2020.