



**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
July 29, 2020 – 5:30 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; David O. Morales, Board Vice President; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Gary Gandara; Paul Garcia; Eduardo Mena; Angelica Rodriguez; and Jose Espinoza, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Cynthia Najera. All members were present and a quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COVID-19 EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Rudy Campoya, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided a presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding the guidelines and procedures that have been established by the District to help employees transition back to work after the COVID-19 Pandemic. No action was taken on this agenda item.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND CURRENT FISCAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation provided to the Board of Trustees regarding a financial status of the district and the current projected fiscal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the district. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CHANGE TO THE ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF \$1,000 TO BE IN FULL IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020 TO ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Tommy Hill submitted an email regarding this agenda item, asking the Board of Trustees to approve the bonus for the month of August 2020.

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

WAIVER REQUEST TO EXTEND THE START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR TRANSITION BEYOND THE FOUR WEEK LIMIT

Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, reported that Socorro ISD is requesting an additional four-week period beyond the four week limit for a safe transition to on-campus instruction, that would be from September 14th to October 7th. A motion was made by Paul Garcia, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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TEA MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE EXEMPTION WAIVER

Administration pulled this item from the agenda for further review. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**REQUEST FOR MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATION OF FOREING TRADE ZONE NO. 68
WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote. Paul Garcia abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 18, 2020.