



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Socorro Independent School District  
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928  
September 15, 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; 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 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.

**ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

Rene Vargas, Director of Business Services, provided a presentation of the annual investment report for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the Board of Trustees. No action was taken on this 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 Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of items F-Donation for fiscal year 2019-2020 and H-2020-2021 Remote Asynchronous Instructional Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Board Meeting Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)  
New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids
  - Janitorial Supplies – RFP No. E2102  
Solicitation to purchase janitorial supplies as needed district wide. (Maximum \$900,000-General Fund Budget and National School Lunch Program)
  - Library Books – RFP No. E2109  
Solicitation to purchase library books as needed district wide. (Maximum \$600,000-General Fund and Special Revenue)

- **Contracts**
  - **Affiliation Agreement – Grand Canyon University School Counseling**  
The purpose of this non-exclusive Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which students of Grand Canyon University may participate in School Counseling Student Internships, Practicum and Observations at the schools located in the Socorro ISD.
  - **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Child Nutrition Services and Daycare Meal Program**  
This MOU is for the purpose of coordinating mutually beneficial nutritional services for children enrolled at Socorro ISD and being served by local daycare providers. To clarify the terms under which SISD will provide meal service to SISD students unable to attend school as a result of the COVID 19 lockdown and delayed start to in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. The day care provider and SISD agree to the working arrangement as necessary to deliver meal services on the terms set under this agreement as well as the framework for the use of SISD meal services for children enrolled at SISD and reimbursement claims between SISD and the aforementioned daycare provider.
  - **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) with Ysleta ISD, Fiscal Agent**  
This is 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. This agreement is between El Paso County Juvenile Board, the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD - Fiscal Agent) and Socorro ISD. The agreement will serve to combine into one system the operational, programmatic and educational standards for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.
  - **Request for Increase – ESC Region 19 (Authorized Provider) HB3 Reading Academies TEA Grant Project**  
To increase the total amount by \$150,000 to include 15 additional Kindergarten through Third Grade teacher and principal participants to the Reading Academies training program. (General and State/Federal Funds)
- **Campus Attendance Committee**  
In accordance with TEC25.092, the Board shall appoint one or more attendance committee(s) to hear petitions for class credit by students who have not met the 90 percent rule and have not earned class credit by completing a principal’s plan. Classroom teachers shall comprise a majority of the attendance committee(s).

#### **DONATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Angelica Rodriguez. Trustee Rodriguez expressed her gratitude to all the campuses, clubs, teams, parents and community who provided a donation for the various programs. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **2020-2021 REMOTE ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Paul Garcia. Trustee Garcia requested a brief synopsis of the plan. Administration provided a brief presentation regarding TEA’s required instructional plan detailing the full-day instructional process in a remote learning setting for all students including supplemental documentation that supports all facts of the plan; submission of plan and approval by TEA will allow average daily attendance (ADA) funding to be received for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion followed regarding staff development, schoology, instructional minutes, and site-based decision making. A motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by David Morales, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**SISD FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, reported that The SISD Foundation met on August 12, 2020 and unanimously selected Fancy Adams to fill the vacancy on their Board of Directors. A motion was made by Paul Garcia, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**POLICIES FROM TASB UPDATE 114**

A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve the revisions to policies CQB, EHBB and FFAA as presented; in addition, verbiage was modified on policies CQ and DH for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

**GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) FOR THE NEW COMBO SCHOOL (EASTLAKE AREA) – PHASE I (EARTHWORK, BUILDING CONCRETE AND STRUCTURAL STEEL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,124,437 FROM BANES GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.**

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

**PACKAGE THREE – AUXILIARY GYMS AT CAMPESTRE, ESCONTRIAS, H.D. HILLEY, HUECO AND ROBERT R. ROJAS CSP #2108**

Mr. Eyeington reported that due to budget concerns, Administration recommended to reject all bids received and to re-bid package three. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Garcia, to approve Administration’s recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF PURCHASING COOPERATIVE-TEXAS DIR CONTRACTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES RELATED TO DESKTOP COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS, TABLETS, SERVERS, AND NETWORK APPLIANCES**

Request to increase the total amount by \$6,000,000 for a new total annual amount of \$23,400,000 for this current term and any remaining extended terms. A motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to discuss potential sale and acquisition of real property for school sites; to discuss personnel and real estate matters; and to consider administrative recommendation for Principal position at Campestre Elementary School under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m. Trustee Garcia had to leave the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Dr. Espinoza recommended Randi Shreve to assume all roles and responsibilities as Principal at Campestre Elementary School. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON OCTOBER 15, 2020.**