



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
June 15, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David O. Morales, Board President; Ricardo O. Castellano, Board Vice President; Eduardo Mena, Board Secretary; Pablo Barrera; Paul Guerra; Michael A. Najera; and Marta C. Carmona, Interim Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia A. Najera

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President David O. Morales. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mrs. Carmona reported on personnel and district initiatives/events, honored students, staff, and teachers for their achievements

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during open forum: *Statement received

1. Rene Rodriguez regarding general parent concerns. from J. Mendoza
2. Craig Patton regarding former Superintendent Dr. Jose Espinoza's tenure.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING

On an annual basis, the District is required to consult with parents, community, business members, and educational stakeholders on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) federal grant entitlements and planned expenditures for the upcoming year 2021-2022. This public hearing is to be completed prior to the District committing any funds and prior to submitting the ESSA Consolidated Federal Grant Application to the Texas Education Agency. The deadline to submit the application to TEA is June 30, 2021. The public was invited to provide comment on the ESSA. No one came forward. No action was taken on this agenda item.

PROPOSED 2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

Tommy Hill signed up to speak to this agenda item. Mr. Hill addressed the Board of Trustees regarding an additional \$1,000 bonus in December for all employees.

The Board of Trustees is required to have conducted a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget and the tax rate to support it before the adoption of the said item. Note that the tax rate will not be adopted by the Board until August when the certified property values are received from the Central Appraisal District. The public was invited to provide comment on the proposed budget and tax rate. No one came forward. No action was taken on this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of 6D2-Stop Loss Reinsurance (Health Plan) RFP No. E2137; 6D3-Requests for Increase: Visual Performing Arts Supplies and Accessories and District Projectors and Accessories;

6E4a-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Project Vida Health Center Behavioral Health Services; and 6F-New Job Descriptions: Administrative Intern, Data Entry Clerk Community Education, Fine Arts Facilitator, and Dual Language Academy Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

- Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting; May 25, 2021 and June 1, 2021 Special Board Meetings
- Employment of Personnel
- Budget Amendments
 - Amendments for June 15, 2021
 - Amendments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- Awarding of Bids
 - Food Service Equipment Repair Parts, Supplies and Services – RFP No. E2202
Solicitation to purchase food service equipment repair parts, supplies and services as needed district wide. (Maximum \$150,000-National School Lunch Program Funds)
- Contracts
 - Agreement/s – Education Service Center 19
 - OnDataSuite – Software provides LEA administrators and staff the ability to collect, analyze, and share TSDS/PEIMS academic performance data. Student enrollment as of October, 2020: 47,061 x \$.55 for a total of \$25,883.55 includes hosting and unlimited data, 9/1/2021 – 8/31/2022.
 - Texas Student Data Systems (TSDS) PEIMS Support Cooperative – Statewide system that modernizes and improves the quality of data collection, management and reporting in Texas education. ESC Region 19 will provide training to the LEA’s TSDS stewards on all modules necessary. Membership Fee is \$1,250 for four (4) LEA attendees, 2021-2022 school year.
 - Interlocal Agreement – Cooperative Purchasing with Region 19-ESC
School districts routinely and frequently solicit bids and proposals which are necessary for the operation of a school district. This agreement is strictly for the purpose of ESC19 to utilize awarded contracts issued by SISD. The term for this will be for one year and will renew annually not to exceed a total of five (5) years. The entity making the purchase shall bear all cost and expenses related to the purchase of goods and services.
 - Maintenance Agreement – Tyler Technologies
This ongoing maintenance agreement is for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The annual maintenance cost for Tyler SIS and Online Registration Module will be \$261,419.87; the annual maintenance cost for the Tyler Munis Support System and Operating System Database will be \$218,883.09; the total cost will be \$480,302.96.
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Technology Education and Literacy in Schools (TEALS) Program
The purpose of this document is to outline the responsibilities and outcomes of the joint engagement between Socorro ISD’s administration, the Partner Classroom Teacher (PCT), the Microsoft Philanthropies Technology Education and Literacy in Schools (TEALS) Program and the TEALS volunteer teaching team. This document together with the Implementation Guide outlines the shared goals and responsibilities of Microsoft Philanthropies (organization within Microsoft Corporation) and Socorro ISD to ensure a successful TEALS joint engagement for teachers and students. The TEALS program pairs trained computer science professionals from across the technology industry who volunteer their time to work with classroom teachers to team-teach computer science.
 - Purchasing Cooperative/s
 - Region 19 #17-7243 – Electrical Supplies
For the acquisition of supplies, materials, services, and related electrical products for an amount up to \$360,000-General Funds for FY2021-2022.

- Region 19 #20-7375 – Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) Equipment, Supplies and Materials
For the acquisition of supplies, materials, services and related products in the amount up to \$300,000-General Funds for FY2021-2022.
- Region 19 Allied States Cooperative #17-7266 – Temporary Services
For the acquisition of Temporary Services, as needed, for 2021-2022 school year for an amount up to \$1,250,000 using CNS Federal Funds.
- Region 19 Allied States Cooperative #19-7352 – Segovia’s Distributing Inc
For the acquisition of produce for school cafeterias for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount up to \$1,500,000 using CNS Federal Funds.
- Region 19 Allied States Cooperative – Frontline Education (ESPED)
For web-based program for Federal, State, and Local compliance for students with disabilities, Americans with Disabilities Act and 504 Students and Students at Risk. (Maximum \$130,567.36-Genereal and Federal Funds)
- State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)
For the acquisition of technology equipment and accessories related to desktop computers, laptops, tablets, servers, network appliances, and services through June 30, 2021. (Maximum \$15,000,000-General and Federal Funds)
- Region 8 TIPS/TAPS, Blackboard Inc.
To continue the services from Blackboard Inc. for Mass Notifications and App Integration in the amount of \$141,262 from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. (Maximum \$141,262)
- Region 8 TIPS/TAPS, ContentKeeper
This purchasing cooperative is to continue the services from ContentKeeper. ContentKeeper a Web Filtering and Cyber Security Platform providing the district with a comprehensive set of internet safety and security tools needed to allow safe access to valuable educational content across all browsers and devices both on campus and in support of remote learning on mobile devices. The product also provides for compliance with CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act), which is mandated for institutions receiving federal E-Rate funding. Utilizing TIPS/TAPS Contract #18050101 for the License Recurring in the amount of \$151,357.50 and Hardware three-month co-termed extended warranties of \$2,375.10 for a grand total of \$153,732.60 from July 1, 2021 through September 14, 2022.
- Region 19 Allied States Cooperative – USI Southwest Inc (Ace American Insurance Company) Cyber Liability Insurance
To procure insurance in the amount of \$41,982 for FY 2021-2022.
- Region 19 Allied States Cooperative – USI Southwest Inc (Indian Harbor) Educator’s Legal Liability Insurance
To procure insurance in the amount of \$128,978 for FY 2021-2022.

BID: STOP LOSS REINSURANCE (HEALTH PLAN) – RFP NO. E2137

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Michael Najera for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the insurance premiums and coverages, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Pablo Barrera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST(S) FOR INCREASE: VISUAL PERFORMING ARTS SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES-RFP NO. E2003 AND DISTRICT PROJECTORS AND ACCESSORIES-RFP NO. E2010

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Michael Najera for discussion. Following a brief

discussion regarding the requests for increase, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Pablo Barrera, to approve the \$60,000 increase for RFP No. E2003 and the \$400,000 increase for RFP No. E2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: PROJECT VIDA HEALTH CENTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Michael Najera for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the services provided, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Eduardo Mena, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN; DATA ENTRY CLERK COMMUNITY EDUCATION; FINE ARTS FACILITATOR; AND DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY CLERK

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Michael Najera for discussion. Following a brief discussion regarding the job descriptions, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Pablo Barrera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SOCORRO ISD'S 2021-2022 BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

Following a presentation by Marivel Macias, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, a motion was made by Eduardo Mena, seconded by Michael Najera, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Following a presentation by Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer, regarding the proposed 2021-2022 school district budget, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Pablo Barrera, to approve the budget by Fund and Function of \$556,322,097 for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF POLICY CDA (LOCAL)

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

RESOLUTION LISTING CURRENT BROKERS, INVESTMENT POOLS AND INVESTMENT TRAINING SOURCES

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

2021-2022 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR AND AGENDA CYCLE

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

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE TASA/TASB CONVENTION DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

A motion as made by Michael Najera, seconded by Paul Guerra, to nominate David O. Morales as Delegate and Ricardo O. Castellano as Alternate. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was closed at 8:11 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel; to receive an update on TEA investigation; and to discuss personnel and real estate matters under *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

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The meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 20, 2021.