

EPAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018
DSC Meeting Rooms C & D
4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Members Present:

Adan Martinez	Maria Ayub	Jarrold Aguirre	Lindsay Taylor
Dianna Rios	Carolina Gandara	Erika Prieto	Adriana Reyes
Gabriela Shimshock	Belinda Arnold	Mike Amaya	Laura Martinez
Irma Brooks	Alexa Hash	Elvia Mendoza	Laura Chavez
Leo Saldivar	Cecilia Avila	Linda Flores	Aidee Serrano
Ericka Flores	Grace Fierro	Antonio Ruiz	Jennifer Vega
Desi Gonzales	Danahe Hernandez	Juan Ibarra	Denise Rendon
Amanda Garay	Veronica Chavez	Evelyn Leal	Daisy Garcia
Marlina Carrillo	Hector Herrera	Lori Anaya	Areli Meza-Jessiman
Sarah Carrasco	Marisela Oaxaca	Rubi Rios	Lorenza Gonzalez
Elizabeth Acosta	Gizel Barraza	Derek Beets	John Kaudaissy
Sandy Romo	Elizabeth Garcia	Lucy Dominguez	

Cabinet/Staff: Dr. José Espinoza, *Superintendent of Schools*; Lucia Borrego, *Chief Academic Officer - Academic Services*; Rodolfo Campoya, *Chief Human Resources Officer - Human Resources*; Carmen Crosse, *Assistant Superintendent - Secondary Education*; Daniel Escobar, *Chief Communications Officer - Public Relations*; Tom Eyeington, *Chief Operations Officer - District Operations*; Hector Reyna, *Chief Technology Officer - Technology Services*; Tony Reza, *Chief Financial Officer - Financial Services*; Elva Chavez, *Director of Secondary Personnel - Human Resources*; Angelica Herrera, *Director of Elementary Personnel - Human Resources*; Susan Olson, *Director of Budget - Financial Services*; Richard Ortega, *Director - Special Education*; Dr. Adam Starke, *Director - State and Federal Programs*; Fernie Vasquez, *Associate Director - State and Federal Programs*; Miguel Moreno, *Coordinator - Instructional Technology*; Elizabeth Rios, *Systems Team Leader - Technology Services*; Oscar Leza, *Title I Specialist - State and Federal Programs*; Laura Lopez, *Program Evaluator - Research and Evaluation*; Andrew Ochoa, *Systems Administrator - Technology Services*

I. Welcome - Dr. Adam Starke and Mr. Adan Martinez

Dr. Starke opened the meeting, greeted members, and introduced Mr. Adan Martinez, member from Socorro High School, as the EPAC Chairperson for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Martinez addressed EPAC members, sharing a bit about himself, his history, and his career path at Socorro ISD.

II. Consider Approval of Minutes for August 23, 2018 - Mr. Adan Martinez

Mr. Martinez asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August EPAC meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

III. Budgeting – Ms. Susan Olson and Dr. Adam Starke

Via a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Olson explained how the budget is essentially a plan for how the district will spend its funds. Enrollment, attendance, property value, and growth are all things that impact how the district's budget is developed to raise and spend its revenue. The five strategic directions



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(safety; college and career readiness; highly qualified faculty and staff; home, school, community partnerships; accountability for all) are highly influential in the development of the budget as well. Expenditures are driven by the comprehensive needs assessment (a component of the district/campus improvement plans), which outlines the strengths and needs of the district. Dr. Starke elaborated on this, stating that any money that is spent is tied to the district/campus improvement plan. Ms. Olson stated that the total estimated revenue for the district during the 2018-2019 school year is about 375 million dollars, most of it payroll related. She thanked the Human Resources Department for its work towards controlling how personnel are utilized, since this helps to balance the budget. She spoke about how Socorro ISD has excellent health benefits for employees and how it is progressive in providing raises. She and Dr. Starke also spoke about funding that is provided for special allocations that is supplemental in nature. Ms. Olson closed by stating that if members have any questions, they may freely contact the Financial Services Department. One member asked about bond funds and how they are utilized, particularly for new campuses. Mr. Reza spoke about the bond funds and offered additional information to the member after the meeting regarding SISD's newest school, Sgt. Jose F. Carrasco Elementary.

IV. Bond Fund Facility Improvements - *Dr. José Espinoza*

Dr. Espinoza addressed members, sharing a bit about recent events such as the Walk For Success. He expressed happiness regarding the bond funding question since it provided a fortunate segue for the rest of his presentation. He shared about improvements to Socorro High School that will utilize bond funding, cueing a video that depicts a visual representation of what the school will look like once improvements are completed. Dr. Espinoza and affiliated architects interjected during key points in the video to provide explanation for the facilities depicted. Dr. Espinoza concluded this portion of the meeting by stating that all students should have great facilities where they can learn. He took questions and comments from members.

V. School Improvement Team Issues – *Mr. Adan Martinez*

Mr. Martinez opened the floor for members to share any issues raised by School Improvement Teams at campuses.

The member from Chester Jordan Elementary expressed difficulty with weeds at the school. Mr. Reza stated that Mr. Eyeington would be notified.

The member from Ensor Middle School stated that traffic difficulties are being experienced at the school due to a lack of cross guards at certain crosswalks. Ms. Borrego stated that she would work with the principal to see if the problem could be alleviated.

The member from Benito Martinez shared that the school's basketball courts are in disrepair and requested assistance with this.

No other concerns were shared at this time.

VI. Closure – *Mr. Adan Martinez*

Mr. Martinez asked for a motion to close the meeting, which was seconded and approved. The meeting was closed at approximately 5:10 p.m.



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