MEMBERS PRESENT
Guillermo Gandara, President; Charles E. Garcia, Vice President; Craig A. Patton, Secretary; Brenda L. Castañeda; Barbara Perez-Peña; Raymundo Rodriguez; Karen Blaine and Dr. Robert Durón, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT
None

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Guillermo Gandara. All members were present. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by

BOARD HONORS
Carole Heflin, Secondary Teacher of the Year and Michele A. Sanchez Elementary Teacher of the Year presented the following Board Honors:

Thelma Rodriguez, a parent at H.D. Hilley Elementary, has been chosen Parent of the Year in the statewide Communities in Schools 2006 Best of Texas Awards. She competed with hundreds of other public school parents in Texas and will receive a plaque from the CIS Association in Austin.

The art of several Hurshel Antwine School students was chosen for the Peter Piper Pizza “Draw your favorite Month” Calendar for Texas and New Mexico. Fifth grader Katey Stene’s art will be featured in the month of April, sixth grader Alex Jones’ art will be featured in the Month of October, seventh grader Ashley Sias’ art will be featured in the month of July, seventh grader Daisy Hernandez’s art will be featured in the month of November and seventh grader Jasmine Balderrama’s art will be featured on the front cover. Their art teacher is Josie Viel.

Several Jane A. Hambric School students were winners of the Water Smart Book cover Poster Contest. In the seventh through ninth grade division, eighth graders Maribel Ramirez, Desiree Pena and Haydee Tirado swept first, second and third respectively. In the fourth through sixth grade division, sixth grader Ana Perez placed first, sixth grader Alejandra Sosa took second and fifth grader Stephanie Flores finished third. First place winners got $100, second place winners got $50 and third place winners received $25.
In addition, the art of four Hambric fifth graders was chosen for the Peter Piper Pizza “Draw your favorite Month” Calendar for Texas and New Mexico. Fifth grader Stephanie Flores’ art will be featured in the month of December, fifth grader Paola Echeverria’s art will be featured in the Month of June and fifth graders Brandy Davis and Janeal Snell’s art will be featured on the back of the calendar. Their art teacher is Joan Jameson.

Vista del Sol Elementary sixth grader Susana Carrillo traveled to Washington DC as part of the People to People Ambassador Program. Her teacher is Roxann Bush. Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle eighth graders Fernie Jacquez, Arturo Garza, Matthew Crouse and Marco Vega qualified to the State Science Fair. Their teacher is Julie Avalos.

Salvador H. Sanchez Middle teacher Isabel Rivas has been chosen Teacher of the Year in the statewide Communities in Schools 2006 Best of Texas Awards. She competed with hundreds of other public school teachers in Texas and will receive a plaque from the CIS Association in Austin.

Sun Ridge Middle seventh grader Juan Carlos Nieves-Perez and eighth graders Candice Moreno and Daniela Flores qualified for the state science. Their teacher is Dianna Koon.

Americas High senior Frederick Rojas and junior Gabriel Mendoza won the state championship in science at the Texas State Science and Engineering Fair held in San Antonio in April. They also received two special awards from the Army and the American Statistical Association. Senior Josue Roman earned third place in Physics. Senior Devon Doornwaard received a special award from the Society of Women Geoscientists. Also qualifying for the state science fair were seniors Aaron Villarreal and Desiree Cioci, junior Amanda Rodriguez and sophomores Gina Segapeli, Brittney Barton and freshmen Cesar Torres Jr. and Sergio Pinedo. Their teachers are Elizabeth Espinoza, Craig Peters and Sandra Blough.

El Dorado High sophomore John Paredes qualified to the state science fair. His teachers are Rosa Harding and Luisa Arroyo.

The El Dorado High Academic Decathlon finished in the top four in several categories at the regional competition and brought home several medals. The team includes freshmen Ivan Hernandez and Jonathan Blake Kelley, sophomore Jessica Wooton and juniors Andrew Molina, Ebony Dailey, Gabbie Garza, Juan Manuel Herrera and Thomas Walsh. Their coach is Catherine H. Morrel.

On Saturday Feb. 18, El Dorado High School held their “Girls in Charge Leadership Conference,” a unique all-girls conference, the first of its kind at the school, to expose female students to local women heroines. Guest speakers included women in the Arts, Business, Education, Athletics, the Military, Medicine, Politics and the Media, to name a few. Today we would like to honor the faculty, administration and staff at El Dorado who made this special event possible. Please come up as we call your name. Tanya Gallegos, Claudia Ornelas, Sharma

Socorro High seniors Vivier Carbajal and Aaron Juarez and sophomores Daniel Gutierrez and Javier Stell-Fresquez qualified for the state science fair. Stell-Fresquez earned third place in Botany and won a $6,000 scholarship to Our Lady of The Lake University. Their teachers are Louis Foix, Betty Henderson and Maria G. Rubio.

Socorro High seniors Ana Serna, Jeanette Mendez and La Quanta Stewart have been accepted into UTEP’s Early Medical School Acceptance Program. They will attend UTEP for four years and then enter the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Oscar de La Cruz, bus driver, and Margarita Trujillo, bus monitor were recognized for their heroic rescue of students from a school bus that caught fire.

Hilda Lopez, Director of Guidance and Counseling, provided the Board with a preliminary report of scholarships earned by SISD students. High school counselors were recognized for their role in helping students obtain these scholarships.

Linda Atencio signed up to speak about the presentation being made by Glenda Hawthorne. She did not come forward when called upon.

Glenda Hawthorne, representing the Socorro Education Association/TSTA/NEA presented the results of a survey of their members concerning the health care administrator and prescription provider.

Special presentations were made in recognition of Brenda Castañeda’s service as a Socorro ISD board member.

Dora Oaxaca, representing State Representative Chente Quintanilla, presented Ms. Castañeda with a certificate from the Texas House of Representatives.

Lisa Cardenas, presented a check for $1,500 to the Foundation for Excellence in Education and stated that an annual contribution of $1,500 will be made. The $1,500 was designated for $500 each for 2 scholarships for Socorro High school and one for $500 for a Slider Middle school student.

Al Cardenas thanked Ms. Castañeda for her service to Socorro ISD.
Board members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Castañeda for her service to the students, faculty, staff and community of Socorro ISD.

OPEN FORUM
Kelly and David Abbott signed up to speak in Open Forum regarding an issue involving their son. The meeting was closed at 7:22 pm to allow Mr. and Mrs. Abbott an opportunity to address the Board in closed session.

A second individual, Michelle Holt, who also signed up to speak in Open Forum was allowed to address the Board in closed session due to her topic being a personnel issue.

The meeting was reopened at 8:20 pm

Student Guy Deragisch, addressed the Board to request their assistance. Guy stated that during a Gifted and Talented trip they were caught in a tornado warning and an elderly couple provided them with shelter during the warning. He asked for assistance in finding out who this couple is and asked the Board to formally recognize them.

Jan Deragisch reported that a student sprayed deodorant spray in her classroom causing her to have a severe asthma attack. She asked the Board to consider a ban of heavy smelling perfumes, creams and sprays at campuses.

Nora Paugh, Principal of El Dorado High School, announced the acceptance of El Dorado High School into an International Baccalaureate program.

CAMPUS MEDIA MANAGEMENT REPORT
Manuel Verduzco and Jenifer Bittner provided the Board with a report regarding the Centralized District Interactive White Board Media Management System Initiative. As part of the District strategic plan to bring media management systems access to all campuses, the departments of Technology Services and Instruction began to research, analyze and engineer a system that would bring such services to each classroom in the district. Students participated in the demonstration.

TAKS SCORES REPORT
Dr. Nidelia Montoya provided the Board with the District’s preliminary TAKS scores.

END OF YEAR USE OF FACILITIES REPORT
Armando Bustamante provided the Board with an end-of-year report regarding District facilities usage.

END OF YEAR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS REPORT
Armando Bustamante provided the Board with an end-of-year report regarding District foreign exchange students.
PROPERTY TAX REPORT
Mary Benham presented the property tax analysis for the month of March 2006. The collections in March for the current year total $1,524,867 with the year to date totaling $64,684,483.90. The prior year taxes collected in the month were $108,507,127 with the year to date prior year at $1,629,592.04. The tax collection in March was at 98.02 percent and the tax collection at the same time last year was 96.18 percent.

SCHOOL FINANCE REPORT (ADDENDUM ITEM)
Mary Benham provided the Board with a report detailing some of the points of HB1 which will directly affect Socorro ISD.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT
Tom Eyeington provided the Board with an overview of the District’s current construction projects. Overview of the 2004 Bond Projects.

CONSENT AGENDA
The administration withdrew Item E-3 (Projectors – CSP No. 199-0508-6097) from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Raymundo Rodriguez and seconded by Charles Garcia to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the April 18 and 24, 2006 Board of Trustees meetings; employment of personnel, budget amendments; payment of bills; and awarding of bids (Fine Arts Formalwear – CSP No. 199-0427-6070; Paper Supplies – CSP No. 199-0407-6072; Socorro High School Air Conditioning Improvements – Phase II – CSP No. 199-0508-6096; Multi-functional digital copier/printer/scanner for the Construction Department – CSP No. 199-0315-6075; Athletic signage – CSP No. 199-0412-6082; English language core reading program – CSP No. 199-0412-6088; and Spanish language core reading program – CSP No. 199-0419-6091).

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION REGARDING KEYS ACADEMY
Vice President, Charles Garcia, expressed concerns regarding the dress code, lack of security, and gangs at KEYS Academy. Mr. Almklov, Principal of KEYS Academy, addressed each of the issues.

RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE FOR DISTRICT 3
Guillermo Gandara, Board President, asked the Board to consider the resignation of Trustee for District 3, Brenda L. Castañeda.

A motion was made by Guillermo Gandara and seconded by Raymundo Rodriguez to accept the resignation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
2006-2007 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR
Dr. Duron presented a draft of the 2006-2007 regular Board of Trustees meeting calendar. A motion was made by Craig Patton and seconded by Charles Garcia to approve the 2006-2007 board meeting calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT RFQ’S
Tom Eyeington presented a request for approval to solicit Requests for Qualifications for a demographic and facility assessment study.

A motion was made by Charles Garcia and seconded by Craig Patton to approve the solicitation of RFQ’s for a demographic and facility assessment study. The motion carried unanimously.

DESIGN BUILD AGREEMENT WITH CK CONSTRUCTION
Tom Eyeington presented a request for approval of a Design Build Contract with CK Construction for the Transportation Services Facility.

A motion was made by Raymundo Rodriguez and seconded by Brenda Castañeda to approve the design build agreement with CK Construction as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
Armando Bustamante presented two requests for use of school facilities. The first request is from Journey of Faith Community Church for use of Sun Ridge Middle School. The second request is from Congregación Bautista Hispana for use of Sierra Vista School.

A motion was made by Karen Blaine and seconded by Barbara Perez-Peña to approve the requests for use of school facilities as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REVISION OF LOCAL POLICIES DEC AND CR
This item has been withdrawn from the agenda

CHANGES TO THE 2006-07 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT
Antonio Baca presented changes to the 2006-2007 Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is revised annually. Upon approval of the revisions, Administration will print copies in English and Spanish for each enrolled student for distribution to campuses. Parents are asked to acknowledge receipt by signing a tear-out sheet and returning it to the campus.

A motion was made by Charles Garcia and seconded by Karen Blaine to approve the changes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICY FFA (LOCAL): ADDENDUM ITEM
Vicki Icard Hibbs, Director of Student Services, presented a request for approval of Policy FFA (Local) Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services for Board consideration. A motion was
made by Brenda Castañeda and seconded by Craig Patton to approve the Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The meeting was closed at 10:23 pm for consultation with the school district’s attorney, discussion of real estate, discussion of pending litigation, discussion of Level 3 grievance, discussion of personnel issues and to hear recommendations for assistant principal positions at Ensor Middle School at Ituarte Elementary School.

The meeting was reopened 11:10 pm.

REAL ESTATE CONTRACT
Larry Baskind, School District Attorney, presented a request for the approval of a real estate contract to acquire 12380 Pine Springs. Mr. Baskind requested the Board approve the form of the contract and provide administration with the authority to make non-substantive changes to the contract if necessary.

A motion was made by Brenda Castañeda and seconded by Barbara Perez-Peña to approve the real estate contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR SERGEANT ROBERTO ITUARTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Dr. Duron recommended Amy Serafini for the assistant principal position at Ituarte Elementary School. A motion was made by Craig Patton and seconded by Barbara Perez-Peña to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF COL. JOHN O. ENSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Dr. Duron recommended Teresa Navarro for the assistant principal position at Ensor Middle School. A motion was made by Raymundo Rodriguez and seconded by Charles Garcia to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 11:14 pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JUNE 20, 2006.