MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Socorro Independent School District
12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928
May 21, 2013 – 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT
Michael A. Najera, Board President; Cynthia A. Najera, Board Vice President; Paul Guerra, Board Secretary; Gary Gandara; Antonio ‘Tony’ Ayub; Angelica Rodriguez; and Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT
None

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President Michael Najera. All members were present and a quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
Dr. Espinoza welcomed newly elected Board Member for District 1; reported on the Faculty and community meetings; First Digital Community Forum; Princeton Review Top 100 Scholars Reception; Meeting with Student Advisory and Parent Advisory Councils; Latino Family Literacy Project Parent Recognition; District will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th; and high school graduations on May 31 and June 1.

ORDER CANVASSING RESULTS OF THE MAY 11, 2013 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
Following a presentation by Pat O’Neill, Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services, regarding the Order canvassing the results of the May 11, 2013 School Board Election the following was presented for Board consideration: candidates for Trustee Districts 2-Cynthia Najera, 3-Angelica Rodriguez, 4-Paul Guerra and 5-Gary Gandara were unopposed and declared elected by the Board pursuant to an Order adopted March 26, 2013; Election for Trustee District 1 was conducted by the County Elections Administrator, Hector Gonzalez won the election for District 1 with 710 votes, Elias Ayub received 553 votes and Eleuterio M. Fuentes received 244 votes.

A motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the Order as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS
Hector Gonzalez, Cynthia Najera, Angelica Rodriguez, Paul Guerra and Gary Gandara were sworn in by Notary Public, Lupe Lujan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Mr. Najera opened the floor for nominations for Board President.
A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to appoint Cynthia Najera for Board President. The motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Najera opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to appoint Paul Guerra for Board Vice President. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Najera opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Paul Guerra, to appoint Angelica Rodriguez for Board Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD HONORS**
- Americas High School Art Club students were recognized for winning the city’s El Paso’s Earth Day celebration mural contest.
- A Montwood High School student was recognized for winning the 2013 Recycle Right video contest.
- Two SISD students were recognized for earning Gates Millennium Scholarships.
- Two students from John Drugan School were recognized for winning the El Paso Water Utilities “Less is the New More” poster contest.
- Eight students were recognized for being selected as National Hispanic Scholars.
- El Dorado High School yearbook students were recognized for earning Columbia University Scholastic Press Association and UIL Press Conference awards.
- Students who participated in the Teen Court program were recognized for their outstanding volunteerism.
- Students were recognized for earning scholarships to summer Gifted and Talented programs.
- Americas/Eastlake, El Dorado/Montwood and Socorro NJROTC units were recognized for earning Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors.
- El Dorado High School DECA team was recognized for advancing to and competing in the state competition.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
- Two counselors from Clarke Middle School were recognized for being selected for the Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program for the 2012-2013 year.
- Elfida P. Chavez Principal Leslie Thomas was recognized for being selected as the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association District 19 TEPSAN of the Year.

At this time, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Najera as new Board President.

**OPEN FORUM**
Pat O’Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent, recognized Nellie Ponikvar for her years of service and dedication in the Fine Arts Department of Socorro ISD.

Ms. Ponikvar thanked everyone for the special recognition.

**FACILITIES REPORT**
Tom Eyeington, Chief Operations Officer for Facilities & Planning, provided an update on the 2011 Bond program construction projects: Eastlake High School Phase III; Butler/Puentes combo school; HVAC upgrades of Robert R. Rojas, Myrtle Cooper, O’Shea Keleher, Campestre, Hueco, Benito Martinez, Escontrias, H.D. Hilley, Horizon Heights, Vista Del Sol, Sierra Vista, Helen Ball elementary schools and science labs at Americas, Montwood and Socorro high schools. No action was taken on this agenda item.
CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Gary Gandara, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve all items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of C1-Request for the Use of School Facilities by Bell Air High School; E2-Bid: Depository for District Funds; E10-Bid: New Press Box for Americas and Montwood High Schools Softball Fields; F2-Purchasing Cooperative Utilization-National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract #120209-PBI. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved under the Consent Agenda:
- Board Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting; April 24, 2013 Special Board Meeting; and May 14, 2013 Board Workshop
- Employment of Personnel (EXHIBIT A)
  New employment contracts require Board of Trustees approval.
- Requests for the Use of School Facilities
  - Champion Studio for the use of Socorro High School-Performing Arts Center
  - Eastside Texans for the use of El Dorado High School
- Budget Amendments (EXHIBIT B)
- Awarding of Bids (EXHIBIT C)
  - Automotive Parts – RFP No. 199-0426-E13107
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure automotive parts, tools, and accessories for District buses and vehicles in the Transportation Department. (Maximum $300,000)
  - Document Imaging Services – RFP No. 199-0308-E1390
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure document imaging services as needed district-wide. (Maximum $52,000)
  - Grounds Keeping Equipment Parts-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) – RFP No. 199-0416-E1398
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure grounds keeping original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts as needed district-wide. (Maximum $100,000)
  - Horizon Heights Project – RFP No. 199-0418-E13108
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure improvements for the Horizon Heights project. (Maximum $177,499-Capital Improvement Project Fund)
  - Instructional Materials for Special Education – RFP No. 199-0306-E1366
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure instructional materials for special education as needed district-wide. (Maximum $100,000)
  - Instructional Professional Development Services – RFP No. 199-0418-E13106
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure instructional professional development services as needed district-wide. (Maximum $700,000-General Budget and Title I Funds)
  - Janitorial Equipment Replacement Parts – RFP No. 199-0416-E1392
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure janitorial equipment replacement parts as needed district-wide. (Maximum $52,000)
  - Medical Supplies – RFP No. 199-0426-E1395
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure medical supplies as needed district-wide. (Maximum $125,000)
  - Staff Development Materials and Curriculum – RFP No. 199-0418-E1359
    Favorable prices and terms secured to procure staff development materials and curriculum as needed district-wide. (Maximum $250,000)
Contracts (EXHIBIT D)
- Interlocal Agreement – County of El Paso Teen Court Program
  The purpose of the Interlocal Agreement is to continue to provide the annual salary for the Teen Court Program administrator and to conduct teen court jury sessions for the 2013-14 school year. (Cost To District $55,000)

Submission of Grants
- Department of Defense Education Activity Grant – Military Connected Academic Support Programs
  The grant’s goal is to enhance student achievement for military dependent and federally connected students. The agency encourages that grant activities be implemented for the entire population of students at a qualifying campus. The qualifying campuses are based on having a military and federally connected students population of at least 15%.
- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
  El Dorado High School will submit a grant application. The funds will be used to purchase HP tablets for students’ use in a variety of reading activities to include leisure reading and research. The availability of tablets will enable students to maximize the Wi-Fi capabilities of the campus and allow more students to conduct on-line research when desktop computers are full.
- Target Foundation Arts and Culture In Schools Grant Program
  El Dorado High School will submit a grant application. The funds will be used to supplement the art department budget. The budget outlines basic art supplies such as clay/glazes, drawing materials (charcoal, inks, chalk, etc.), paints/brushes and mat boards. These materials will assist students in preparing portfolios and applying for scholarships, create works to showcase in the community, and develop creativity.

Local Policies CV (LOCAL) and EIE (LOCAL).

Resolution to approve list of current Brokers, Investment Pools, and Investment Training Sources
The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires the Board of Trustees to approve and adopt a list of brokers and investment pools as well as an independent source for training for the investment officers.

Policy CDA (LOCAL)
The Public Investment Act (PFIA) requires the governing Board to review and adopt their investment policy each fiscal year.

Resolution to appoint Investment Officers for the Socorro ISD
The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires the district to appoint one or more employees to serve as investment officers. The district has added an additional investment officer.

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES – BEL AIR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE USE OF THE AQUATICS CENTER
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Gary Gandara. Following a brief discussion regarding the maintenance of the facility, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Angelica Rodriguez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BID: DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS – RFP NO. 199-0501-E1397
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub. Following a brief discussion regarding the proposals, vendors and bid guidelines, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Hector Gonzalez, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
BID: NEW PRESS BOX FOR AMERICAS HIGH SCHOOL AND MONTWOOD HIGH SCHOOLS SOFTBALL FIELDS – RFP NO. 199-0411-E13103  
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Tony Ayub. Following a brief discussion regarding the Title 9 projects for equitability, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara to approve the item as presented.

PURCHASING COOPERATIVE UTILIZATION – NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) CONTRACT 120209-PBI  
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Paul Guerra. Following a brief discussion regarding funding for this bid, a motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2011 BOND PROGRAM PHASE I HVAC/EMERGING NEEDS PROJECTS  
Following a brief presentation by Mr. Eyeington regarding the final contract sum of the projects, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to accept the work on the 2011 Bond Program Phase I and approve the final contract sum and payment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT  
Following a brief presentation by Mr. Eyeington regarding the amendment, a motion was made by Angelica Rodriguez, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the amendment to the GMP with Banes General Contractor, Inc. for the new elementary school located at the intersection of Rojas Drive and Nonap Drive as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MAY 2013 SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN  
Following a brief presentation by Dr. Espinoza regarding his Strategic Plan, a motion was made by Tony Ayub, seconded by Gary Gandara, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RE-SALE OF LAND FORECLOSED  
Following a brief presentation by Larry Baskind, School District Attorney, regarding the request submitted by the County of El Paso to re-sale a land foreclosed upon for non-payment of taxes, a motion was made by Michael Najera, seconded by Tony Ayub, to postpone the item for further clarification. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
The meeting was closed at 8:06 p.m. for consultation with the school district’s attorney, to discuss personnel and real estate matters; to hear report on Ana Reyes vs. Socorro ISD and to consider appeal of Level II Grievance of David Boatright under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The meeting reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

APPEAL OF LEVEL III GRIEVANCE OF DAVID BOATRIGHT  
Mr. Baskind reported that the Board of Trustees received the information packet for their review and the item would be brought back next month according to normal procedure. No action was taken on this item.

ANA REYES VS. SOCORRO ISD  
A motion was made by Paul Guerra, seconded by Michael Najera, to deny the settlement. The motion carried with a 6-1-0 vote. In favor: Cynthia Najera, Angelica Rodriguez, Michael Najera, Tony Ayub, Gary Gandara and Paul Guerra. Against: Hector Gonzalez.
ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JUNE 18, 2013.