



## SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Hwy, Santa Maria, Texas 78592.

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Mrs. Ida Torres, Receptionist/Clerical Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

### CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called the special board meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

### ESTABLISH QUORUM

#### Members Present:

Adolfo Hinojosa, President  
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Vice-president  
Miguel Zavala, Secretary  
Noe Aleman, Member  
Consuelo De la Rosa, Member  
Belinda Lugo, Member  
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Member

#### Present from the District:

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools  
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager  
Alyssa Romero, The Law Offices of Guerra & Farah  
Ida Torres, Clerical Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools  
Guz Ruiz, County Commissioner  
Mike Trejo, District Judge



## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

1. Canvass returns of the School Board Election held November 8, 2016, for Place 5, Place 6, and Place 7

Ms. Chaves stated good evening we want to recognize our special guests this evening commissioner Ruiz and Judge Trejo. Thank you for being here this evening and to the families of our board. The canvassing of the outcome of the election held November 8<sup>th</sup> you have a total of 642 votes for our precinct school board trustees for place 5 Mr. Noe Aleman with 356 votes with 60.85% of the votes. Mr. Leonardo "Leo" Martinez, 229 votes and 39.15% of the votes. For place 6, Mr. Juan A. Villarreal, 209 votes with 35.42% of the votes. Jose F. "Frankie" Gonzales Jr., 381 votes with 64.58% of the votes. Place 7 Mr. Javier Morales, 232 votes with 39.73% of the votes. Mr. Adolfo Hinojosa, 352 votes with 60.27% of the votes.

2. Administer Oath of Office

Judge Trejo stated first of all I would like to thank the school board of Santa Maria ISD and the wonderful citizens of Santa Maria for having me here tonight. It's truly an honor to be administrating the oath of office tonight here at this board meeting and I would like to thank the lord for giving us this opportunity and also blessing each and every one of you as great public servants here in Santa Maria. For him giving you the strength and the will to go out there and give back to this wonderful community and these wonderful citizens of Santa Maria. Most of all it's for our children who are our future. They are tomorrow's leaders, tomorrow's public servants, doctors, lawyers and it's very important that we give them that opportunity to get a wonderful education a great education and give them a chance to survive in this cruel world we live in. It's tough and they need that education and my hat is off to each and every one of you all and to all the citizens who are very active in this community and are out there getting involved during elections and during any and all school functions and enjoying giving back yourselves because you all are public servants as well in a sense because out there supporting our youth, our future so thank you for each and every one of you and I pray to the lord to continue giving you all and blessing you all to move this community and the school board forward as you are. Like the saying goes, it's better to go forward slowly than backwards fast right. So as long as there's forward motion which there is I commend each and every one of you for that. I'm proud to be your justice of the peace here in precinct 5 and to be part of this wonderful ceremony so again thank you very much.

At this point they went on with the Oath of Office for Mr. Adolfo Hinojosa, Noe Aleman and Jose F. "Frankie" Gonzales Jr.

Mr. Aleman stated thank you very much to the community for all the support and we will do the best of our ability to move forward and help the students of Santa Maria ISD. Thank you

Mr. Hinojosa stated I just want to thank everyone that is here. We appreciate your support every day. To our board members, who have been doing this for a while, thank you all for your leadership as far



as in my part, I really appreciate you guys being there helping me out and of course to the judge, thank you for coming out. We appreciate you being here and being an active force within our community. I'm really excited for the next four years here so thank you all for the opportunity again I appreciate it.

Mr. Jose F. "Frankie" Gonzales stated I want to say thank you to everyone who supported me. Parents, family members and of course some of the board members who helped me out, I won't let you down and don't make no promises just go with what's best for the kids. Thank you.

At time Ms. Chavez presented Mrs. Belinda Lugo with a plaque for her four years of service as a board member of Santa Maria ISD. Ms. Chavez also asked Mr. Jose F. "Frankie" Gonzales to join the Santa Maria ISD Board of Trustees.

### 3. Reorganization of the Board and Election of Officers

Ms. Chavez stated at this time nominations open for president.

Mrs. Consuelo De la Rosa nominated Adolfo Hinojosa.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President asked for nomination for vice-president.

Mr. Miguel Zavala nominated Oralia Ortiz.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, second by Jose F. "Frankie" Gonzales. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President asked for a nomination for board secretary.

Mrs. Consuelo De la Rosa nominated Miguel Zavala.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Jose F. "Frankie" Gonzales. Motion passed unanimously.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### ACTION AGENDA

#### Curriculum and Instruction

##### 1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Bilingual Program Evaluation

Ms. Chavez stated the administration tables this item for the December regular board meeting.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

##### 2. Discussion and possible action to approve revised 2016-2017 Gifted and Talented Program Handbook

Ms. Chavez stated the administration recommends tabling this item and bringing it back to the December regular board meeting.



Motion made by Rambaldo “Ram” Rivera, second by Noe Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Finance**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the TASB Facility Services Master Agreement  
Ms. Chavez stated the administration recommends your approval this service agreement will also help us come in compliance with all of the review of our facilities and including required documentation required for this process for TASB.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Noe Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, second by Rambaldo “Ram” Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

President announced it is 6:23 p.m. the board of trustees are now going into executive session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

- A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited to:
  - 1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
- B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
- D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters
  - 1) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent’s personnel recommendations
- E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
- F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
- G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student



## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board President asked for a motion to reconvene in open session.  
Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

President announced it is 6:35p.m. the board of trustees is now back in open session.

### **1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session**

- a) Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's recommendations

Ms. Chavez stated the administration recommends the approval of the human resource report as presented in executive.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

The board President announced it is now 6:36 this meeting is now adjourned.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.



  
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Adolfo Hinojosa  
Board President

  
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Miguel Zavala  
Board Secretary

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This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site ([www.smisd.net](http://www.smisd.net))

*Consent Agenda:* All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

*Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools*

**Board of Trustees**

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