



**SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, April 12, 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 Tuesday, April 12, 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 Nellie Olivares, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board President called Special Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present:**

Belinda Lugo, President  
Miguel Zavala, Secretary  
Consuelo De la Rosa, Member  
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member

**Absent:**

Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President  
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member  
Noe Aleman, Member

**Present from the District:**

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools  
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager  
Alyssa L. Romero, The Law Offices of Guerra & Farah, PLLC  
Nellie Olivares, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President, Belinda Lugo stated we have a quorum.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**ACTION AGENDA**



**Governance**

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval of today’s agenda April 12, 2016 with no modifications or deletions.

- 1. Consider and approve an order amending an order of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria ISD calling an election to seek voter approval for the issuance of unlimited tax bonds for the construction and equipping of school buildings in the District and acquiring the sites thereof.

Ms. Chavez stated the administration recommends the amended order that you had already approved in February due to the fact that the voting precinct was extended till 6pm.

Ms. De la Rosa asked if they were amending the time.

Ms. Chavez stated that the original document as prepared by the bond council, Mr. Ramirez, indicated that voting precinct was closing at 5pm and the bond council recommended that it would be best to just go ahead and bring it to the board and to be safe.

Ms. De la Rosa asked why it says for the issuance of unlimited tax bonds. Why unlimited, and what does that mean?

Ms. Chavez stated it’s basically the terminology in terms of the resolution and the ordinance on the bond issue. In this case there’s a cap in terms of the amount in this case.

Ms. Belinda Lugo clarified that it doesn’t mean that they have unlimited amount of money that they can get, it’s just the terminology used for the resolution and that bond council recommended.

Ms. Chavez stated that the motion and the order is based on a set amount that is reviewed by the financial advisor bond council and in terms of what the district qualifies for that amount.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Oralia “Lala” Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Finance**

- 2. Discussion of possible action to approve Budget Amendments for April 2016

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends for approval as we address our technology

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



The Board President requested motion to go into Executive Session. Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 6:09 p.m. and Board of Trustees will now be 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 Noe Aleman, seconded by Consuelo De la Rosa. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 6:47p.m. and the Board of Trustees is now in open session.

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

a) Discussion and possible action on recommendations for employment of contractual and non- contractual personnel.





Ms. Chavez stated no action

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, Member, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously. The Board President announced it is 6:48p.m. The meeting is now adjourned.

  
Belinda Lugo  
Board President

  
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.smysd.net](http://www.smysd.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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