



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, March 7, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria ISD Cafeteria, 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 Dalia Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Belinda Lugo, President
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Noe Aleman, Member
Consuelo De la Rosa, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, 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
Dalia Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM



Recommend approving the agenda of the Regular Board meeting of March 7, 2016 with any modifications or deletions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Chavez stated the administration has scheduled a walk-through of the 5th Grade Building.

Board President asked for a motion to deviate from the agenda.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President stated we will go ahead and move through our walk-through.

Board President asked for a motion to deviate back to the agenda.

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

1. Presentation update of TGE 5th Grade Wing by Mr. Armando Martinez, Project Manager, for M-5 Texas Enterprise, LLC and Mr. Daniel Gonzalez, Project Superintendent

Mr. Daniel Gonzalez started the presentation by stating right now on the project is about 64% completed. We should have the project ready by the end of the month.

Ms. Chavez asked what the major activities you have scheduled this week are.

Mr. Gonzalez replied this week we will finish doing the electrical and the drywall in the building.

Ms. Chavez stated your communication to the board that you are more or less scheduled to pour sidewalks and canopy.

Mr. Gonzalez replied yes we will have delivery of all the canopy and steel that we need for the sidewalks and we are scheduled to pour next week.

2. Fulcrum Architect Services Report for 5th Grade Building by Mr. George Lazaro

Mr. George Lazaro from Fulcrum Consulting Services started his presentation by stating we completed a construction analysis as to where we as architects are at this point and we concur with M-5 Enterprises analysis that were approximately 64% complete on the building. At this time there we are rough end stages of the inside of the building and after this week when the inspections get done M-5 will continue with the micro finishing of the building. We will continue working with M-5. Ms. Chavez, Superintendent, and staff that have been assigned to the project to make sure we provide the necessary ends that are needed from our firm in order to ensure that the project continues to move forward. As we progress and as other needs come up, we will go ahead and provide you a revised completion percentage of where we are on the project. That's my report for tonight unless anyone has any questions.

Ms. Chavez stated to add to your report the administration sent communication to Mr. Lazaro because of the closing out on project management at the end of February and based on my meeting with my contractor the insistence of the contractor of having 112 days of bad weather days and I have asked official communication from Mr. Lazaro to give me verification of those days simply because on that communication I had verified ten and a half days and I want to



make sure that we credit the contractor for all of the days that they are due on bad weather conditions and that I'm able to also secure the documentation that I need to be able to provide to legal on this. So that communication went out today on your packet you have a copy of that email that has expressed the concern and the questions that I have provided on behalf of the verification of those days per the administration.

Mr. Lazaro stated in our office we have already commenced getting that documentation and we anticipate having it at your office by the end of the week.

3. Student/Attendance Enrollment

Board president asked for a motion to deviate from agenda to item #4.

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

Ms. Chavez stated the administration reports a total of 707 overall enrollment. An overall attendance of 96.9% for this past week with 352 students at the elementary level with an overall attendance of 96.95% and daily attendance for this past week was at 96.55% with 151 students enrolled. 200 students enrolled at the high school level with an overall attendance for the high school and you have that information there with a 96.9%.

4. Student Recognition

Board president asked for a motion to deviate back to the agenda on item #3.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

Finance

5. Discussion and possible action on selection of the gym re-roofing bid offers

Ms. Chavez stated the administration opened bids for this project today as advertised at 3:00p.m. and at this time we are simply presenting to you the outcome of those bids. At this point the administration is not prepared to make any recommendations simply because the refund from the liability on that insurance case and the cost of the projected cost. We are going to come back and visit with the scope of that project to be able to get within a financial affordable range.

No Action

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a bid offer received on the following properties struck off to Cameron County, for itself and other taxing jurisdictions from a tax resale conducted on November 3, 2015

Legal Description: TRACT 1: LOT 8, BLOCK 18, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 759, PAGE 541, DEET RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

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



7. Discussion and possible action on the resolution approving the bid offer received on the tax resale conducted on November 3, 2015 for the above mentioned properties
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve Fulcrum Consulting Services engineering service fees for the month of February 2016 for new High School Project, final payment as per review of plans
Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve payment for Fulcrum Consulting Services for inspection services rendered for Santa Maria ISD 5th Grade Building Project, final payment for services up to February 29, 2016
Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum and Instruction

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2016-2017 Instructional Calendar
Motion made by Miguel Zavala, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding Harmony Science Academy-San Antonio intends to submit an application to the State Board of Education in response to the Generation Twenty-One open-enrollment charter school application process. Statutory guidelines require that applicants send the enclosed Statement of Impact form and a copy of the completed Application Coversheet to each district and open-enrollment charter school that may be affected by the proposed charter school. Our district is receiving this information because the proposed charter school's designated geographic boundary (or transfer boundary) overlaps with our district's boundary
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Adolfo Hinojosa. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the District's intent to submit the Grant Application to Texas Education Agency 2016-2017 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 9, March 29, 2016 application deadline
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Adolfo Hinojosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Governance



13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Region One ESC Election of Board of Directors for 2016
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera for Laura McCoy and Dr. Manuel Gomez Jr.. Motion passed unanimously.

Travel

14. Discussion and possible action to approve Board travel to Summer 2016 Leadership Institute at San Antonio (Marriot Rivercenter), June 16-18, 2016
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.
15. Discussion and possible action to approve Board and Administrator travel to 24th Annual Model Schools Conference at Orlando World Center Marriott, Florida, June 24th-29th, 2016
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request to 2016 TPSA Criminal Justice High School State Competition, April 27-May 1st, 2016 in Fort Worth, Texas
Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.
17. Discussion and possible action to ratify Student Out of Valley Travel Request for SMHS Girls Basketball Athletes to travel to Falfurrias for District Playoff Game, February 15, 2016
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.
18. Discussion and possible action to ratify Student Out of Valley Travel Request for SMHS Boys Basketball Athletes to travel to Kingsville for District Playoff Game, February 22, 2016
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Adolfo Hinojosa. Motion passed unanimously.
19. Discussion and possible action to ratify Student Out of Valley Travel Request for SMHS Boys Basketball Athletes to travel to Three Rivers for Boys Area Round Playoff Game, February 29, 2016
Motion made by Noe Aleman, second by Adolfo Hinojosa. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Governance

20. Approval of Policy Update 104, affecting local policies (see attached list)
EEH (LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS - HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION
FB (LOCAL): EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
FD (LOCAL): ADMISSIONS
FEB (LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING



FFC (LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
FFH (LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND
RETALIATION

Finance

21. Approval of Check Payments since last report for February 2016
22. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for February 01, 2016 to February 29, 2016
23. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of February 1, 2016 to February 29, 2016
24. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending February 29, 2016

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

Board President asked for motion to go into executive session.

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

Board President announced it is 7:36 p.m. the Board of Trustees will now go 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, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code

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

Board President asked for motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, second Adolfo Hinojosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President announced it is 8:22 p.m. 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 on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's recommendations
Ms. Chaves stated the administration recommends your approval as discussed in executive session.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

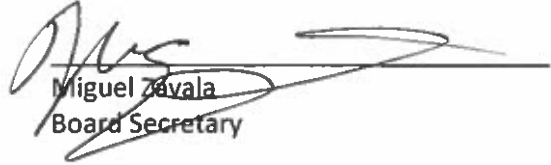
Board President announced it is 8:23 p.m. this meeting is now adjourned.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.





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.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

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