



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Monday, October 20, 2015 at 5:30 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 Facility Committee Meeting to order at 5:43p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board Members Present:

Belinda Lugo, President
Noe Aleman, Member
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member

Board Members Absent:

Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Consuelo De la Rosa, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, 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

Facility Committee Meeting

The subject(s) to be discussed by Facility Committee are as follows:

1. Status Report on 5th Grade Building Project
 - a. Finalization of Color Scheme



Joey Yzaguirre, Fulcrum engineer, reported everything is pretty much on schedule. There was a little bit of issues with the rain. All the CMU has been erected. We need the structural engineer to evaluate the structure. He had the color boards for the classrooms, hallway and restrooms. He also had the floor plan for the science lab. With the designs and the contrast of the colors. Colors for Paw print that will be in the entrance of the building was up for vote by the students. Students and board members chose the blue paw print.

2. Presentation of High School Plans

Superintendent stated, she wanted to take a few minutes to show the community the plans that the engineer from Fulcrum has completed for the new High School. In the actual Board Meeting coming up, the board will decide if they accept the plans or not.

Mr. Yzaguirre continued to explain we had an original plan to build on some farm land but since it did not go through, some changes were done to the plans to build on a site that Santa Maria ISD had available. He went over the plans as far as to where the classes, cafeteria, offices, entrances and parking lot were located. Plans will be delivered to USDA by October 25, 2015 for review.

Board President announced it is 6:05p.m. workshop is now adjourned.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOLS FIRST FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM WAS FOLLOWED

A Public Hearing on the School First, Financial Accountability Rating System was held at the Cafeteria located at 11119 Military Rd., Santa Maria, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called Public Hearing to order at 6:06p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board Members Present:

Belinda Lugo, President
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Noe Aleman, Member
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member

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OPEN FORUM

President asked if anyone had signed up for open forum. Mrs. Rodriguez stated there was no one signed up.

Public Hearing Rules:

1. Any taxpayer may participate in the public hearing.



2. Taxpayers who desire to address the Board of Trustees on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas report should give their names to Dalia Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant.
3. The Board of Trustees and employees may not respond to comments made by the taxpayers.
4. Taxpayer comments must be limited to the Financial Integrity System of Texas presentation/report. Agenda:

Agenda:

- A. Call the Public Hearing meeting to order
- B. Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) was presented by Mr. Enrique Cuellar, Business Office Manager.
- C. Santa Maria ISD Rating
- D. Public comments on the Report
- E. Adjournment

President announced it is 6:17p.m public hearing is now adjourned.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF TRUSTEES FOLLOWED

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called Regular Board Meeting of Trustees to order at 6:18p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board Members Present:

Belinda Lugo, President
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Noe Aleman, Member
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Board Members Absent:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent asked Mr. Joey Yzaguirre to give an update on the new High School design to the community.

1. Presentation update of TGE 5th Grade Wing by Mr. George Lazaro, Fulcrum Consulting Services

Mr. Yzaguirre stated as far as the TGE 5th Grade Wing the walls are erected and as of now we are on schedule. He went over the plans of the 5th Grade Wing building for the community.

2. Presentation update of USDA High School Building Plans by Mr. George Lazaro, Fulcrum Consulting Services



Mr. Yzaguirre stated all the drawings are complete and ready to be submitted to the USDA for review.

Superintendent asked the Board President if they could move to the Item #4.

3. Student Attendance/Enrollment

Superintendent of Schools discusses overall attendance for the district. Current Overall Enrollment at the District Level is 704 with an overall attendance of 96.3% for this week. Enrollment at the Elementary we have a total of 352 with an overall attendance of 95.36%, enrollment at the Middle School for a total of 147 with an overall attendance of 96.06% and enrollment at the High School at 204 students with an overall attendance of 97.05%.

4. Student Recognition

5. Recognition of the Santa Maria School of Cosmetology

Board President stated moving back to the Student Attendance/Enrollment.

ACTION AGENDA

Curriculum and Instruction

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and Ninos Headstart

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance

7. Discussion and possible action to approve payment for High School design services for the month of September 2015 for Fulcrum Consulting Services

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz . The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the USDA High School Building Plans.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

Governance

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution to Name Nominee for Cameron Appraisal District Director

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Interlocal Agreement between Santa Maria ISD and PACE Purchasing Cooperative

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action on the Resolution approving the PACE Purchasing Cooperative

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.



CONSENT AGENDA

Finance

12. Approval of Check Payments for September, 2015
13. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for September, 2015
14. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for September, 2015
15. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report for September, 2015

Board President asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The 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 7:06 p.m. and the Board of Trustees is now in 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

The Board President asked for a motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.



The Board President announced it is 7:36 p.m. and the Board of Trustees is now in session.

Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session

- a) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

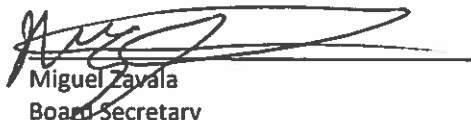
The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

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

The Board President announced it is 7:37p.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.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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