



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, September 14, 2015
6:30 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, September 14, 2015 at 6:30 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 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 6:32p.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

President, Belinda Lugo asked if anyone had signed up for Open Forum. Ms. Dalia Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent stated no.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Chavez stated we have a presentation from Fulcrum.

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



Mr. Raul Yzquierdo introduced himself and stated gave the report for Mr. George Lazaro, the report at this time, the contractor has pulled his people of the job site because of the increment the weather. We are taking those days into a count and the days out will be tallied at the end of the project if they need an extension. It will be submitted to Fulcrum for review and approval and will be presented to the Board. At this time about 60% of the CMU have been put up. Once the CMU have been put up you will get the steel frame inside and the roof. Once the roof gets put up they can continue working inside without any interruptions regardless of the increment weather. The brick veneer has been ordered and it should be here within the next couple of weeks. He asked if there was any questions regarding this project.

Ms. Consuelo De la Rosa asked if they had received the submittals for the air conditioning system.

Mr. Yzquierdo stated they had been submitted and they are being reviewed. If there is any questions or concerns regarding what they specified, they will send them back and ask them to clear things up.

Ms. De la Rosa asked about the specification on the contract for instance like the roof, will it say how much it was going to cost us and how much we are going to save after the changes.

Mr. Yzquierdo stated yes it will state how much it was going to be, and what was submitted and the cost savings regarding that specification.

Ms. Belinda Lugo stated that it was not only about the savings, it was also about the quality.

Mr. Yzquierdo stated yes we have to review it and once we review, it should be about the standards we provided. And if not up to those standards then we will decline it.

Ms. Chavez stated they are referring to a document that was submitted by M5 in the initial stage of the submittal of the bid. Proposing the change of the roof and then recently adopting the change of the HVAC system. And communicating to the Board that there would be a \$20,000 savings to the district. We need some kind of clarification.

ACTION AGENDA

Curriculum and Instruction

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 TexPREP Program Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and TSTC

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, we have about eleven students in our summer program. Our students 6-12grade have been going to TSTC for the past two years and taking classes for the Engineering. We have been taking them to the tech prep program in the morning and we bring them back in the afternoon. They go through the first week in July.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.



3. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and TSTC Migrant Academic Achievement Residential Summer Program (MAARS)

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, getting students ready for college and getting them used to staying at the dorms. The students get a total of \$900.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Consuelo De la Rosa. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and Rio Grande Valley Chapter IEC, Inc

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, students will travel to La Feria on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15pm-8:00pm, \$1,661.00 per student up to ten. Fees include assessment.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera Jr., seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Educational Services Agreement (ILT) between Santa Maria ISD and Condensed Curriculum International, Inc. (CCI)

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, we have about 19 students who will travel to La Feria Academy for the Pharmacy Technician, Clinical Assistant and Dental Assistant, and Phlebotomy. State approved License.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 TASB-HR Subscription renewal

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, \$1,500 for the year.

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

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Texas Association of Rural Schools Membership

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, advocacy in terms of funding and policy and cases filed on behalf of small districts \$450 for the year.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera Jr., seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

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



Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera Jr., seconded by Miguel Zavala. The motion passed unanimously.

Governance

9. Discussion and possible action on review of Policy (CDA) Local on other Revenues and Investments

Ms. Chavez stated the Administration recommends approval, School Districts are required to have their Boards review the Investments policy. The Superintendent and Business Manager are required to attend a week long Investment training during the summer.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Finance

10. Approval of Check Payments since last report for August 2015

11. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for August 01, 2015 to August 31, 2015

12. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

13. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending August 31, 2015

The Board President asked for a motion to approve items # 10-18 on Consent Agenda.

Ms. Consuelo De la Rosa asked about a check that was made to O'Hanlon & Company. Do we owe them something? Did they do something for us?

Mr. Cuellar stated it was a balance we had from the previous year.

Ms. De la Rosa inquired if we are still paying on balances?

Mr. Cuellar explained that they had requested a certain amount to be paid to them and I was able to reconcile and show that we only owed them up to that point. And they gave us credit for some other items that were not subject for payment and based on that we sent payment with Ms. Chavez approval.

Governance

14. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 10, 2015

15. Approval of the Minutes for the Budget Workshop – August 24, 2015

16. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – August 24, 2015

17. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – August 27, 2015

18. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – August 31, 2015

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

The Board President announced it is 6:56 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 Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 7:39p.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 on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's recommendations.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Miguel Zavala. The motion passed unanimously.

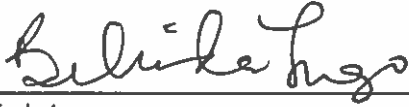
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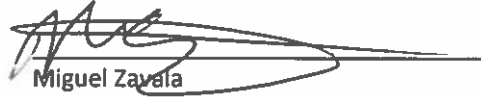
The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, second by Oralía "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 7:40p.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

Board of Trustees

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