



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, September 28, 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 28, 2015 at 5:30 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 Vice-President called Facility Committee Meeting to order at 5:38p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President
Noe Aleman, Member
Consuelo De la Rosa, Member
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member

Members Absent:

Belinda Lugo, President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
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

1. Update on 5th Grade Building Project

Superintendent introduced Mr. George Lazaro, Senior Engineer with Fulcrum and District Engineer. Mr. Lazaro stated that despite the weather we've been having the contractor has been trying to do the best job that he can. But just this month twelve rain days is what's been officially recorded. This morning during our early morning meeting, one of the things we emphasized was that he needs to take advantage of this good weather, because the thirty day forecast for the weather in the Rio Grande Valley shows that he may have another fifteen days of rain. So he needs to capitalize on that and do as much as he can so



he can complete his walls, the structure steel has already been ordered so he can go ahead and put in his roofing so once he does that, he can start working on the inside rain or shine. He understands the importance of doing that. One of the questions I asked right now is why isn't he working if it's a good day? He gave an appropriate answer, right now he is in the stages where the inspector needs to come by and do an inspection on the wall beams. Which they came by today and it passed. So hopefully by tomorrow morning he his crews to keep on moving forward. There are some things that need to be taken into consideration tonight and one of them is the air conditioning systems.

- Presentation on HVAC System- the original system that was provided as part of our specifications included a unit which we call ERV (Energy Reserved Ventilation) unit and the purpose of that unit is that it serves two purposes. During the summer, when we have high humidity and hot air before the air goes into the ac unit and gets treated to circulate into the classrooms. It turns the hot air a little cooler and removes the humidity from the air to make it more efficient. And during the winter its reversed, you have less humidity in the air so it introduces a little humidity and it warms up the air.

The reason for those units is not an assurance but, it helps to prevent mold issues in buildings and now it is being implemented by other schools. A lot of the issues that have happened is because it is a newer unit and some of the people don't understand the way that it should be serviced. Sometimes its out of view and in order to get to them you have to remove the tiles. School maintenance only change the filters. And these units have two filters that have to be changed anywhere from thirty to sixty days. Depending on the air quality that they are treating and there has been instances where they have failed. So maintenance is a big part of this. Because of the concerns that have come up, we have worked with the contractor to give us a price for deducting these units. They are not needed but it's a recommended safeguard by Ashray. And he's giving us a pretty good deduct. These units run about a thousand dollars a piece. There are five units being purposed for the fifth grade building, basically one for every major classroom, lab and the big walk through corridors. He is giving us a three thousand dollar deduct that includes the cost of the unit, it involves the labor, plus the connection including duct work and the electrical work that comes part of it. We are making the recommendation that you all consider approving this change order at the appropriate time. And what that will allow us to do, is that right now the contractor submitting submittals to us, showing what he is planning to install but without having this change order approved or not approved, we can't approve those material submittals. So after you take the necessary actions then at that time, if should you all decide to remove those units and get the \$15,000 credit, his submittals are tattered toward that at that time but if the board should decide to leave them the way it is the he is gonna have to come back and revise his submittals to make sure that those energy recovery units are there. But that's one item that needs to probably take place tonight. Once they start doing the covered area, five hundred square feet, they can very easily do it in a very short amount of time. And the next thing is that they start working on all the electrical components, mechanical components and of course the ac components. At this time the contractor is concerned, he is saying Mr. Architect you haven't approved them. We are also getting to the stage of the project to where, colors need to be picked. Joey will be doing a presentation on flooring, toning, color, laboratory counter and counter tops. Hopefully we can come up with a decision tonight or if you need to think about it, maybe we can come to another meeting.

- Presentation on Color Scheme –
Joey Yzaguirre stated more of the details come with the interior design of the building. As an interior designer, I can choose the colors for you but, overall it's better for you all to decide. A board sample of the colored tiles was requested by the board of trustees, so they can see how the colors blend together



2. Adjourn
The Facility Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:29p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees followed at 6:30p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Belinda Lugo, President
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Noe Aleman, Member
Consuelo De la Rosa, Member
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member
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Present from the District:

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Dalia Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Presentation of Bond Series 2015 by Dr. Miguel De Los Santos, Estrada-Hinojosa Investment Bankers

Board President asked for a motion to deviate from the presentation portion to the Finance Action Agenda Item # 10-12.

Motion made by, Consuelo De la Rosa seconded by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Presentation was given by Joey Yzaguirre, stated Fulcrum's inspector needs to go in and inspect, by tomorrow they should be able to continue.

3. Presentation update of USDA High School Building Construction Project by Mr. George Lazaro, Fulcrum Consulting Services

Presentation was given by Joey Yzaguirre, stated that by the end of October everything should be submitted to the USDA for review.

Board President asked for a motion to deviate from the presentation portion to the Finance Action Agenda Item # 13-15.

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



4. Presentation of 2015-2016 SMHS Campus Improvement Plan presented by Ms. Cindy Taylor
5. Presentation of 2015-2016 SMMS Campus Improvement Plan presented by Ms. Maria Rodriguez
6. Presentation of 2015-2016 TGE Campus Improvement Plan presented by Mr. Rogelio Campa

ACTION AGENDA

Curriculum and Instruction

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 SMHS Campus Improvement Plan

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz . The motion passed unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 SMMS Campus Improvement Plan

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 TGE Campus Improvement Plan

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

Finance

10. Approval of Plan of Finance for Series 2015 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds (Exhibit 1)
Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Consider and approve an order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Santa Maria Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015; delegating certain authority to the President of the Board of Trustees of the school district and Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 1207.007 and 1207.008; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax; authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding bonds; authorizing the execution of a bond purchase contract; approving an official statement, execution of an escrow and trust agreement, and making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera Jr., second by Consuelo De la Rosa. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Approval of Underwriters for Series 2015 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds with RVC Capital Markets

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

Board President asked for a motion to go back to the presentations portion of the meeting.



Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order TGE 5th Grade Building Construction Project HVAC system recommendations

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

14. Discussion and possible action to approve TGE 5th Grade Building Construction color scheme for flooring, wall, and cabinet recommendations

Motion made by Consuelo de la Rosa, seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve payment request #3 for TGE 5th Grade Building Construction Project

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

Board President asked for a motion to return to the presentation part of the meeting.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Consuelo De la Rosa. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve the TASB BoardBook® Subscription Agreement

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Consuelo De la Rosa. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve the TASB Facility Services Annual Membership

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 STAAR One™ Limited End-User Site License Agreement

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

Board President asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda.

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

The Board President requested motion to go into Executive Session.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.



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 Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 9:07p.m. and the Board of Trustees is now in open session.

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

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

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


ADJOURNMENT

The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

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

The Board President announced it is 9:08p.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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