



**SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, June 8, 2015  
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 was held on Monday, June 8, 2015 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 Nancy E. Vallejo, 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 6:00 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  
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member

**Absent:**

Adolfo Hinojosa, Member walked in at 6:12 p.m.

**Present from the District:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN FORUM**

No requests received to speak at Open Forum.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent of Schools recommends the approval of the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2015 with no modifications or deletions.



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

1. Presentation update of USDA High School Project design modification by Mr. George Lazaro, Fulcrum Consulting Services

Joey Izaguirre, Fulcrum engineer presented on behalf of George Lazaro. He stated the High School drawings are 90% done, pretty much the mechanical, electrical, architectural, civil, plumbing are all done, all we need is the structural which we are going to have an update on Thursday. File was turned in last week. Then we go to Mr. Gomez from USDA within the next two weeks to revise, review them, and make any comments then we get them and fix anything that needs to be done. Pretty much done with the drawings.

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

Mr. Izaguirre informed the board that the contract documents were reviewed by the attorney and were sent back with some revisions to Fulcrum.

Ms. Chavez stated we received the contract copy with the revisions and we are going to coordinate because we have this item for approval on the agenda for tomorrow's Special Board meeting .

Mr. Izaguirre inquired if Fulcrum would be here.

Ms. Chavez stated, yes and we have also asked for the representative of the company to be here.

3. Student/Attendance Enrollment

The Superintendent of Schools discussed overall attendance for the week of June 1-4, 2015 in the District. We closed the year with an Overall Enrollment at the District Level of 709. An overall attendance of 95.3%. Enrollment at the Elementary, we had a total of 364 with an overall attendance of 93.9%. Enrollment at the Middle School we had a total of 157 with an overall attendance of 97.9%. And enrollment at the High School we had a total of 188 with an overall attendance of 95.35%

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees to Approve Immediate Implementation of Senate Bill 149

Ms. Chavez stated we are bringing this retroactive, the state allowed school districts to be able to establish a committee to make decisions, graduation decisions with any of the students who are pending End of Course or Exit Level Assessments. And that it was part of the statute requirements that we established a committee to review any of the students in that situation.



Motion made by Noe Aleman seconded by Miguel Zavala. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative (TCMPC) 2015-2016 Commitment Form TEKS Resource System

Ms. Chavez stated, Administration recommends the TEKS resource system that we're going to be working with in collaboration with Region One and many of the small school districts. We are going to be establishing some dates this summer, where we are going to be reviewing the math curriculum which is the one area that actually received the most changes. In terms of the TEKS and many of those changes came after semester one. We are going to be working very closely on aligning the curriculum and this framework gives us the basics in terms of the curriculum. We are going to be looking at Option #2 because of all the resources.

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

6. Discussion and possible action on the 2014-2015 State Adoption of Instructional Materials to be implemented during the 2015-2016 school year in the areas of Social Studies K-5 and 6-12, and High School Mathematics at Santa Maria ISD schools. Items to be purchased are subject to the district's needs and funding.

Ms. Chavez stated, Administration recommends your approval. If you note the instructional material allotment, we as a school district are determining through your decision this evening that we are going to be using those resources to be able to cover all the upcoming adoptions. And you will see the textbooks that will be up for adoption. Proclamation 2015, gives you the areas that we are going to be adopting this year for Social Studies, in the Math area and the elective areas listed. Addition to the communication we provided the textbook adoption committee and the respective meetings that were conducted. The committee is recommending the McGraw Hill System, the Pearson System and the Houghton Mifflin System for the three areas. Social Studies, Math curriculum, and some of the elective areas.

Ms. Lugo stated we need to make sure we advertise this, so that people who have been concerned about textbooks, can see that we are finally adopting new textbooks.

Ms. Chavez stated the adoptions are at the state level. All the proclamations in terms of what materials and textbooks are up for adoption, that is established at the stated level. We don't determine as a school district when we are ready to change adoptions and the state when they determine the proclamation that will be up for adoption. Then of course through the instructional material allotment we will receive the funding, for those particular adoptions.

Mr. Rivera inquired that what she is basically saying is that we are a 1-A and La Villa is a 1-A so they should have the exact textbooks that we have. Because it's the state that regulates it, so they must have the exact the same books.

Ms. Chavez stated that a school district, is based through their committee they can adopt whatever publishing company and we may not end up with the same publishing company. We may adopt a Social



Studies textbook but there are quite a few state approved vendors that are providing this system. So we may or may not end up with the same books, depending on the committee and what they decide. In some cases the vendors work directly with the districts. The committee is made up of Administrators, Teachers and Curriculum Facilitators. (A list was provided to the board.)

Ms. De la Rosa inquired if there were other schools that have the same vendors as SMISD .

Ms. Chavez stated it all depends on the adoption. The Districts really don't share who they are going with. When the Board submits the adoptions, the vendor usually coordinates professional developments with the districts and there will be other districts attending as well. Some vendors do professional developments directly with school districts and we won't coordinate with anyone else. They work directly with our teachers.

Mr. Rivera inquired if the committee gets recommendations from other districts on textbooks or do we just purchase the textbooks from any vendor.

Ms. Chavez clarified, the materials that are being purposed for this adoption, no one is using. It's a system that has been developed for the Texas adoption. And there may be the same companies meeting to the California adoption but its in alignment with the standards for the state of California. In other words they have to go through the State Board of Education in Texas to make sure they are in alignment with the TEKS to our state. The Vendors come and present the materials to our Teachers to review and that's how they decide.

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

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 My College Options Authorization Form

Ms. Chavez stated, it is part of the Gear Up initiative, but we were given the option to apply it district wide.

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

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Region One Education Service Center School District Commitment Form for PEIMS Cooperative

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

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 TEACH THE CHILDREN FIRST GRADE Program

Motion made by Miguel Zavala seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve 2015-2016 Texas Rural Education Association Membership



Ms. Consuelo de la Rosa inquired if we are already members.

Ms. Chavez stated it's an annual fee and we have been members.

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

### **Finance**

#### **11. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2015-2016 Equity Center Membership Application**

Ms. Chavez states this is an Organization that provides advocacy to the school districts that may not come with the funding. They have been very instrumental on the law suit filed in regards to the school finance issues.

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

#### **12. Discussion and possible action to approve payment for High School design services for the month of May 2015 for Fulcrum Consulting Services**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Finance**

#### **13. Approval of Check Payments since last report for May 2015**

#### **14. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for May 01, 2015 to June 01, 2015**

#### **15. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015**

#### **16. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending May 31, 2015**

### **Governance**

#### **17. Approval of TASB Update 102 affecting (LOCAL) Policies**

CDA (LOCAL): Other Revenues Investments

DBB (LOCAL): Employment Requirements and Restrictions Medical Examinations and Communicable Disease

DEA (LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits Compensation Plan

DEAA (LOCAL): Compensation Plan Incentives and Stipends

DEAB (LOCAL): Compensation Plan Wage and Hour Laws



DFFA (LOCAL): Reduction in Force Financial Exigency  
DHE (LOCAL): Employee Standards of Conduct Searches and Alcohol/Drug Testing  
FO (LOCAL): Student Discipline

18. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting - May 11, 2015

The Board President addressed Consent Agenda. No questions.  
Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President requested motion to go into Executive Session.  
Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa seconded by Miguel Zavala. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 6:25 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



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

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

The Board President announced it is 8:00 p.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 Miguel Zavala second by Consuelo De la Rosa. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

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

The Board President announced it is 8:00 p.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](http://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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