



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, April 13, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Cafeteria
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, April 13, 2015 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 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 6:04 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Belinda Lugo, Board President
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Board Vice-President
Consuelo De la Rosa, Board Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Board Member
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Board Member

Absent:

Noe Aleman, Board Member

Miguel Zavala, Board Secretary walked in at 6:07 p.m.

Present from the District:

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager
Alyssa L. Romero, District Counsel, Law Offices of Guerra & Farah, PLLC
Nancy E. Vallejo, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Rogelio Campa, TGE Interim Principal
Cindy Taylor, Secondary Schools Principal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

No requests received to speak at Open Forum.

Administration recommends the approval of the agenda for today's Board Meeting, April 13, 2015 with the following modification that we postpone the Superintendent's Report and that we move on to the Action Agenda items #(5) and (6), and then come back to the Superintendent's Report.



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

5. 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 4, 2014.

Legal Description: LOTS 11, AND 12, BLOCK 14, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 2, MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCOUNT NO. 63-0000-0140-0110-00).

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on the resolution approving the bid offer received on the tax resale conducted on November 4, 2014 for the above mentioned properties

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President asked for a motion to revert back to the Superintendent's Report.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Student Recognition

Superintendent addresses the parents in the audience and thanks them for their attendance, student support and their contribution to their success. She asks the Board of Trustees and Principals to assist in the student recognition and distribution of student incentives.

Mr. Campa, TGE Interim Principal begins the student recognition acknowledging Top AR Readers for the 4th Six Weeks for grades Kinder through 5th Grade.

Ms. Taylor, Secondary Schools Principal continues the student recognition with Santa Maria Middle School and acknowledges the Students of The Week and Top AR Readers.

Ms. Taylor concludes the student recognition with Santa Maria High School Students of the Month, Boys Basketball Bi-District Playoff Team and Girls Bi-District Playoff Team. She asks Christina Gonzalez, Coach Briones and Coach Garcia for assistance in acknowledging the students.

2. Student/Attendance Enrollment

Superintendent of Schools discusses overall attendance for the week of April 6-10, 2015 in the district. Enrollment at the Elementary we have a total of 367 with an overall attendance of 95.96%, enrollment at the Middle School for a total of 166 with an overall attendance of 95.92% and enrollment at the High School at 196 students with an overall attendance of 94.59%. Current Overall Enrollment at the District Level is 732 with an overall attendance of 95.58% for this week.

ACTION AGENDA



Curriculum and Instruction

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria Independent School District and the Museum of South Texas History for 2015-2016 school year

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 Instructional Calendar.

Administration recommends Option 1 after extensive review with our collaboration with La Feria ISD for the proposed calendar alignment beginning with August of 2015. This option will allow August preparation for new teachers on the 7th, a week of curriculum alignment and planning the week of the 10th through the 14th, professional development the 17th through the 20th, and teacher preparation on the 21st. For the month of September you have a proposed waiver day for professional development and this is also in alignment with La Feria ISD to be able to continue with our Memorandum of Understanding with our CTE program. For the month of October we are proposing the respective end of course assessments and another waiver day. For the month of November the proposed week is the Thanksgiving week beginning with the 23rd and closing on the 27th. For the month of December we have additional end of course assessments, early release and professional development waiver day and closing with the two weeks for the Christmas holidays. In January we have professional development, and a teacher workday. For the month of February we are proposing a professional development day and a weather day the week of the 8th.

Mr. Hinojosa inquires if these were the best holidays and best option.

Superintendent of Schools informs first option we were looking basically at the number of instructional days 177 and submitting the waiver if approved this evening that we proceed to submitting the waiver for three instructional days adding three additional days for professional development, that's acceptable in this case.

Ms. Lugo inquires if staff survey was done.

Superintendent of Schools informs that staff survey was conducted and the popular option was # 1 Calendar.

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

Finance

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Institutional Membership for Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS) for 2015-2016

Superintendent of Schools informs they provide advocacy for small school districts and we pay a yearly membership to be part of it.

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

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Contract with Direct Energy Business/TASB Energy Cooperative

Administration recommends the twelve month term giving us the low end of pricing offer at .05043 per kilowatt



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

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

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

Technology

10. Discussion and possible action to approve E-Rate Round 18 Application

Administration recommends your approval, district wide phone services AT&T and you have the district share and E-rate contribution. For the long distance services we have Verizon and we have the E-Rate contribution and then local share. For long distance AT&T we are providing the E-Rate contribution and the local share of that cost. We are looking at district funding in other words E-Rate supplements with \$23.69 per line per month then the difference in cost is \$2.63.

Ms. De La Rosa inquires on who does E-Rate right now.

Superintendent of Schools informs we are still working with Cisco Systems in reference to the infrastructure.

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

Travel

11. Discussion and possible action to ratify Student Out of Valley Travel Request for Gear Up Cohort (10th Graders) to travel to San Marcos to attend Texas State University "Bobcat Day", April 11, 2015

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

12. Discussion and possible action to ratify Student Out of Valley Travel Request for SMMS Track Athletes to travel to Riviera for District Middle School Track Meet, April 11, 2015.

Superintendent of Schools informs event was cancelled on Saturday, due to weather conditions. Rescheduled for today, students left today at 1:00 p.m.

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

13. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for Track Athletes to travel to Bruni, Texas for District Track & Field Meet, April 16-18, 2015

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

14. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for Track Athletes to travel to Ben Bolt, Texas (Ben Bolt High School) for Area High School Track Meet, April 22, 2015

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



15. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for TGE 1st and 2nd Grade Top AR Readers to travel to Corpus Christi (Texas State Aquarium), April 30, 2015

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

16. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for TGE 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Top AR Readers to travel to San Antonio (Fiesta Texas Theme Park), May 1, 2015

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

17. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for Track Athletes to travel to Kingsville (TAMUK) for 2015 UIL Region IV Track & Field Meet, May 1-2, 2015

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

18. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for Track Athletes to travel to Austin, Texas for 2015 Track & Field State Championship (Pending Qualifications), May 14-16, 2015

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

19. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out of Valley Travel Request for FFA Students to travel to Robstown to attend Area X FFA Convention & Banquet, May 15, 2015

Motion made by Miguel Zavala seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Discussion and possible action to approve Board travel to Region One School Board Association (ROSBA) Spring Conference at South Padre Island Convention Center, May 15-16, 2015

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

21. Discussion and possible action to approve Board travel to Summer 2015 Leadership Institute at San Antonio (Marriott Rivercenter), June 11-14, 2015

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Finance

22. Approval of Check Payments since last report for March 2015
23. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for March 03, 2015 to April 1, 2015
24. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015
25. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending March 31, 2015

Governance

26. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting - March 9, 2015



The Board President addressed consent agenda items 22-26.

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

The Board President requested motion to go into Executive Session.

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

The Board President announced it is 6:44 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
 - 2) Discussion regarding settlement negotiations and approval of settlement, Edwin Barrera v. SMISD
- B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
- D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters
 - 1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties, and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department
- 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 Miguel Zavala, seconded by Rambaldo “Ram” Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is 7:23 p.m. and the Board of Trustees is now in session.

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



- a) Discussion and possible action on recommendations for employment of contractual and non-contractual personnel

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

- 2) Discussion and possible action regarding settlement negotiations and approval of settlement, Edwin Barrera v. SMISD

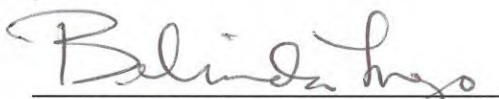
No Action

ADJOURNMENT

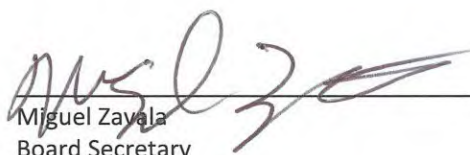
The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

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

The Board President announced it is 7:24p.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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