



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, March 9, 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, March 09, 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 6:03 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Belinda Lugo, Board President
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Board Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Board Secretary
Consuelo De la Rosa, Board Member
Oralia Ortiz, Board Member

Absent:

Noe Aleman, Board Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Board Member

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

No requests received to speak at Open Forum



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Student/Attendance Enrollment

The Superintendent of Schools discusses projected attendance and overall attendance in the District. Current overall enrollment at the district level is 730; enrollment at the Elementary we have a total of 364, enrollment at the Middle School is 168 and enrollment at the High School a total of 196 students. Overall District wide Attendance was a little over 96% but we had a drop to 95.4%, much of this was attributed to weather conditions. I met with truancy officers to reestablish communication with the families to help maintain high attendance in our district.

2. Student Recognition

The Superintendent of Schools asked the Board of Trustees, Ms. Cindy Taylor, Secondary Schools Principal and Ms. Griselda Munoz, Cosmetology Teacher to help in recognizing the District's Cosmetology Program.

ACTION AGENDA

Curriculum and Instruction

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the District Response to Intervention (RTI) Manual

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

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the District 504 Handbook

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

Finance

5. Discussion and possible action to approve payment for HS design services for the month of February 2015 for Fulcrum Consulting Services

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

Technology

6. Discussion and possible action to approve E-Rate Application, Form 470

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

Travel

7. Discussion and possible action to ratify District Out of Valley Trip for Student grades 5-12th for TGE, SMMS and SMHS to travel to UT Austin, Saturday March 7, 2015 to attend Explore UT



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

8. Discussion and possible action to approve Out of Valley Trip for Cosmetology Students to travel to Corpus Christi for State Competition, March 25-28, 2015

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

9. Discussion and possible action to ratify Out of Valley Trip for Girls Varsity Basketball to Falfurrias for Bi-District Playoff Game, Santa Maria vs. Corpus Christi London, February 17, 2015

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

Governance

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Region One Board ESC, Board of Directors Official Ballot 2015

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

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Region One School Board Association Commitment Form for 2014-2015 School Year

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Finance

12. Approval of Check Payments since last report for February 2015
13. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for February 03, 2015 to March 03, 2015
14. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015
15. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending February 28, 2015

Governance

16. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting - February 21, 2015

The Board President addressed consent agenda items 12-16.

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 6:26 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) Update on Threatened or Pending Litigation, *Edwin Barrera d/b/a PHD Vision v. Santa Maria Independent School District*; Cause No. 2013-CCL-98, In the County Court at Law No. 1, Cameron County, Texas
- 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
 - 2) Discussion regarding termination of probationary teacher contract
- 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

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

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

The Board President announced it is 7:32 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.

b) Discussion and possible action on termination of probationary teacher contract

The administration recommends your approval of the probationary teacher contract as discussed in executive session.

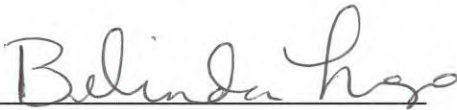
Motion made by Miguel Zavala to approve termination of probationary teacher contract, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

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

The Board President announced it is 7:33p.m. the meeting is now adjourned.



Belinda Lugo
Board President



Miguel Zavala
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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