



**SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, January 12, 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 will be held on Monday, January 12, 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 meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. for the Regular Board Meeting.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present:**

Belinda Lugo, President  
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Vice-President  
Miguel Zavala, Secretary  
Consuelo De La Rosa, Member  
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member  
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Member

**Absent:**

Noe Aleman, 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  
Nancy E. Vallejo, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools  
Cindy Taylor, Secondary Schools Principal

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN FORUM**

No requests received to speak at Open Forum.

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## 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 729

Enrollment at the Elementary we have a total of 366, Overall attendance this past week was 94.66%

Enrollment at the Middle School we have a total of 157, Overall attendance this past week was 96.94%

Enrollment at the High School we have a total of 200, Overall attendance this past week was 94.48%

Overall District Wide Attendance was 95.18% much of this is contributed to weather conditions and returning from the holidays.

### 2. Presentation of USDA High School Project Design Modification by Mr. George Lazaro, Fulcrum Consulting Services

Mr. George Lazaro introduces Kurt Morton, Lead Architect and Joey Izaguirre, Jr. Architect from Fulcrum Consulting Services who will be assisting him presenting the USDA High School Project Design Modification. Mr. Lazaro discusses La Feria's Annexation Target Plan, placing the property within the annexation plan and property subject to potential litigation and as such presents an option to move forward with the project utilizing some of the existing real estate that the school district has. One of the benefits would be cost savings.

## ACTION AGENDA

### Facilities

#### 3. Discussion and possible action to approve the USDA High School Project Design Modification by Mr. George Lazaro, Fulcrum Consulting Services

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

#### 4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Request for Qualifications for Project Manager for USDA High School Project

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

### Curriculum and Instruction

#### 5. Discussion and possible action to approve Texas State Technical College Harlingen and SMISD Secondary School Partnership Agreement for 2014-2015 Migrant Academic Achievement Residential Summer Program

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



6. Discussion and possible action to approve Texas State Technical College Harlingen and SMISD Secondary School Partnership Agreement for 2014-2015 Tex Prep Program

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

7. Discussion and possible action to approve Region One ESC Gear UP: Partnership in collaboration with Medical Innovative Technology Education Center (MEDITEC)

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

#### **Finance**

8. Discussion and possible action to approve payment for design services for the month of December 2014 for Fulcrum Consulting Services

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

9. Discussion and possible action to approve change in authorized signatory(s) for SMISD Accounts with Plains Capital Bank

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

10. Discussion and report of Notice of Increase of Water and Sewer Rates from Military Highway Water Supply Corporation effective January 1, 2015

Report only, no action taken.

#### **Travel**

11. Discussion and possible action to approve Board travel to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Governance & Legal Seminar, March 5-7, 2015 at Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas

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

12. Discussion and possible action to approve Board travel to the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual National School Boards Association Conference in Nashville, March 21-23, 2015

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 Trip for High School Seniors for campus visit to travel to Texas A & M Kingsville and Corpus Christi Universities

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

#### **Governance**

14. Discussion and report of SMISD Board of Trustees Committees for 2014-2015



Report only, no action taken.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Finance

15. Approval of Check Payments since last report for December 2014

Consuelo De La Rosa inquired on check for \$24,105.00 issued to Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green, and Trevino, P.C. asked if we were still doing business with them.

Superintendent of School informs Law Firm is no longer the Legal Counsel for the District. Remaining legal fees were attributed to litigation on personnel matters.

16. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for December 2014  
17. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014  
18. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending December 31, 2014

### Governance

19. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting - December 1, 2014  
20. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Workshop Meeting - December 16, 2014  
21. Approval of TASB Update 101 affecting (Local) Policies  
BE (LOCAL): Board Meetings  
CH (LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition  
DGBA (LOCAL): Personnel Management Relations - Employee Complaints/Grievances  
EB (LOCAL): School Year  
FFA (LOCAL): Student Welfare – Wellness and Health Services  
FFG (LOCAL): Student Welfare – Child Abuse and Neglect  
FNG (LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances  
GF (LOCAL): Public Complaints  
22. Approval of Policy Revisions:  
a. Approval of Revision to 504 and Title IX Contact Person for DIA (LOCAL) Policy

The Board President addressed consent agenda items 15-22 motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

### Facilities

- b. Approval of Request for Use of Facility

Report only, no action taken.

The Board President requested motion to go into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.



Motion made to go into Executive Session made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Oralía "Lala" Ortiz. The motion passed unanimously.

Board President announced it is 7:02 p.m. and the 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 Barerra 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
- E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
- F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
  - 1) Conduct Level III grievance of David Bernal

Cancelled due to Legal Counsel to employee unavailable.

- G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board President announced it is 7:39 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

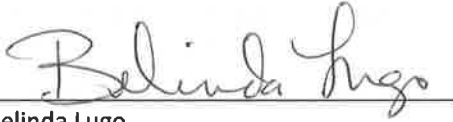
Administration recommends the approval of the Pre K Teacher as discussed and the Assistant Principal, Ms. Maria Rodriguez for Secondary as discussed in Executive Session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President announced it is 7:39 p.m. and asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr.



Belinda Lugo  
Board President



Miguel Zavala  
Secretary

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*Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools*

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