



**SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Thursday, November 13, 2014  
7:00 p.m. Cafeteria**

**MINUTES**

Notice was hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Santa Maria ISD Cafeteria, 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. 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 7:00 p.m. for the Regular Board Meeting.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present:**

Adolfo Hinojosa, Member  
Noe Aleman, Secretary  
Belinda Lugo, Vice-President  
Miguel Zavala, Member  
Jose Gonzales, Member  
Melissa Aleman, President

**Absent:**

Leonardo Martinez, Member

**Present from the District:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN FORUM**

No requests received to speak at Open Forum.

Administration recommended the approval of the agenda with one modification for Superintendent's Report on Student Recognition to be moved up to start of meeting.

Motion made by Belinda Lugo seconded by Miguel Zavala. The motion passed unanimously.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### 1. Student Recognition

High School Principal, Elementary Principal and Board of Trustees joined Superintendent of Schools in Student Recognition.

##### District Level:

Cross Country – Head Coach Juan Silva

##### High School:

Football Players and Student Managers – Head Coach Mark Aguero  
Junior Varsity Volleyball – Ms. Cindy Taylor, Secondary Schools Principal  
Varsity Volleyball – Ms. Cindy Taylor

##### Elementary:

AR Top Readers – Mr. Rogelio Campa, TGE Interim Principal

##### Middle School:

AR Top Readers – Ms. Cindy Taylor

##### High School:

Top Academic Students – Ms. Cindy Taylor

#### Completion of Student Recognition

Superintendent of Schools addressed parents, community members, and acknowledges Judge Salas presence to administer the Oath to Newly Elected Officials and also recognizes local elected officials in attendance.

#### Recognition of Board Members:

Superintendent of Schools presented plaques for years of service to Board of Trustees exiting.

Melissa Aleman – Four years of service

Leonardo Martinez – Twenty One years of service (not in attendance)

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#### 1. Canvass returns of the School Board Election held November 4, 2014, for Place 1, Place 2, Place 3, and Place 4

Superintendent of Schools presented Tabulation results as presented by Cameron County's Canvass Report for Trustee Election held on November 4, 2014 conducted by Cameron County Department of Elections & Voter Registration, Unofficial until canvassed.

Trustee, Place 1:

Consuelo De La Rosa: 304 Votes  
Incumbent Melissa: Aleman 276 Votes

Trustee, Place 2:

Oralia "Lala" Ortiz: 273 Votes  
Javier Morales: 71 Votes  
Leonardo "Leo" Martinez: 244 Votes

Trustee, Place 3:

Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera: 254 Votes  
Jose F. "Pancho" Gonzales: 253 Votes  
Juan Jose Morales: 76 Votes

Trustee, Place 3:

District has received a recount petition for Place 3 submitted as of today, November 13, 2014.

Trustee, Place 4:

Alicia Morales: 184 Votes  
Miguel Zavala: 223 Votes  
Ileana Trevino: 174 Votes

Cameron County Tabulation results show Consuelo De La Rosa as winner for Place 1, Oralia "Lala" Ortiz as winner for Place 2, Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera as winner for Place 3, Miguel Zavala as winner for Place 4.

District recommends the Unofficial Results to be canvassed.

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

2. Administer Oath of Office

Official, Judge Arturo Salas from Cameron County Sworn In Newly Elected Officials:

Statement of Officer and Oath of Office Administered to:

Consuelo De La Rosa, Oralia "Lala" Ortiz and Miguel Zavala.

Superintendent of Schools recognizes and presents to Audience the Newly Elected Board Members. Consuelo De La Rosa, Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, and Incumbent returning Miguel Zavala

Superintendent of Schools noted:

Place 3 as mentioned has been petitioned for recount and we will come back as a School District and address the Re-Canvassing once process is complete

3. Reorganization of the Board and Election of Officers

Motion to Table the Reorganization of the Board and Election of Officers  
pending recount for Place 3.

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

At regular meetings the Board shall allot 15 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. Delegations of more than five persons shall appoint one person to present their views before the Board. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the person shall be directed to the appropriate policy to seek resolution before bringing the matter to the Board at a subsequent meeting. [SMISD Board Policy BED (Local)]

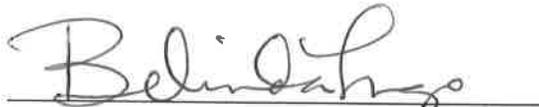
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Administration proposed no need for Executive Session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President announced meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary