



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 BUDGET
Thursday, August 28, 2014
7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 7:30 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. If you require special accommodations, please contact Dalia Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 District Budget.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

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

Absent:

Leonardo Martinez, Member
Jose F. Gonzalez, Member

Present from the District:

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager
Alyssa Romero, Law Office of Guerra & Farah, PLLC.
Dalia Rodriguez, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

OPEN FORUM

Public participation is limited to the designated open forum portion of the meeting, pursuant to District Policy BED (Local). At all times during board meetings, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless recognized by the Board President. Complaints and concerns for which other resolution channels are provided shall be directed through those channels. No presentation shall exceed five minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 BUDGET

A Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget and the proposed Tax Rate will be held at the Administration Building located at 11119 Military Rd., Santa Maria, Texas.

Any taxpayer of the District may be present and participate in the Hearing. [Policy CE(Legal)/CE(Local)]

1. Presentation on the proposed District Budget by Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager, for the 2014-2015 school year
2. Public comments on the proposed District Budget for 2014-2015

No Public Comments

3. Closing of Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FOLLOW AT 8:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. for the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

No public participation

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation of the Region One Plaque given to the District for meeting standard the 2013-2014 school year.

Superintendent recommended approving the agenda of the Special Board Meeting of Thursday, August 28, 2014 with any corrections or deletions.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Belinda Lugo. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Discussion and possible action on the 2014-2015 Hiring Schedules

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the 2014-2015 Hiring Schedules

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Noe Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action on proposed salary increases for 2014-2015 school year

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the proposed salary increases for 2014-2015 school year

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on proposed 2014-2015 Supplemental Stipends

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the proposed 2014-2015 Supplemental Stipends

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

4. Discussion and possible action to approve final Budget Amendments for 2013—2014 Budget

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the final Budget Amendments for 2013—2014 Budget

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve proposed 2014-2015 District Budget

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the proposed 2014-2015 District Budget

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with Direct Energy Business/TASB Energy Cooperative for Electricity Service for 2014-2015

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Direct Energy Business/TASB Energy Cooperative for Electricity Service Contract for 2014-2015

Motion to approve pending the review by district's attorney made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Region One APP Consortium in the amount of \$253.00

The Superintendent recommends the approval of Region One APP Consortium in the amount of \$253.00

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Noe Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve final payment for Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green and Trevino, P.C. for professional services rendered through July 15, 2014 in the amount of \$26,254.37

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the final payment for Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green and Trevino, P.C. for professional services rendered through July 15, 2014 in the amount of \$26,254.37

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Belinda Lugo. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action on Windstorm Property Insurance Proposal for 2014-2015

The Superintendent recommends no action at this time.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

10. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and Texas State Technical College (TSTC) for implantation of the Dual Enrollment Program - 2014-2015

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and Texas State Technical College (TSTC) for implementation of the Dual Enrollment Program - 2014-2015

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Belinda Lugo. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Santa Maria Independent School District Employee Handbook 2014-2015

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Santa Maria Independent School District Employee Handbook 2014-2015

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Belinda Lugo. Motion passed unanimously.

GOVERNANCE

12. Discussion and possible action to Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Santa Maria ISD and Rio Grande Valley Communication Group (RGVCG) for communication between Santa Maria Police Department and Cameron county Sheriff's Department 2014-2015.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Santa Maria ISD and Rio Grande Valley Communication Group (RGVCG) for communication between Santa Maria Police Department and Cameron county Sheriff's Department 2014-2015.

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

GOVERNANCE

13. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 14, 2014

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Regular Board Meeting – August 14, 2014

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Belinda Lugo. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced it is now 8:29 p.m. and the Board of Trustees will now be going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Regular Board Meeting – August 14, 2014

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Discussion and consideration concerning recommendation to rescind the action of the Board, taken at the May 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, accepting the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the Nonrenewal of Santa Maria ISD High School Principal, James Jauregui's 2013-2014 Term Contract at the end of the contract term
- 3) 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
- 2) Discussion and consideration to pay the Superintendent for twelve (12) days of additional work at her contractual day rate pursuant to the contract dated February 13, 2012 for additional work demands due to staffing of personnel vacancies, scheduling of proposed hearing request, District readiness with Administrative changes and operation needs.

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

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session

- a) Discussion, consideration and possible action to rescind the action of the Board, taken at the May 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, accepting the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the Nonrenewal of Santa Maria ISD High School Principal, James Jauregui's 2013-2014 Term Contract at the end of the contract term, as discussed in Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

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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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