



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, April 14, 2014
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, April 14, 2014 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 Elizabeth Stenhouse, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

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

Absent:

Melissa Aleman, President
Leonardo Martinez, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member

Present from the District:

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager
Maxine Longoria, School Attorney
Elizabeth Stenhouse, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. John A. Jauregui, Director of Curriculum
Jaime Lopez, TGE Principal
Cindy Taylor, SMMS Principal
James Jauregui, SMHS Principal
Veronica Mariscal, SMHs Art Teacher



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

No participation for Open Forum

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Student/Attendance Enrollment/Snapshot 2013-2014

The Superintendent of Schools presented the overall attendance for Santa Maria ISD and the Snapshot for 2013-2014

2. Student Recognition

The Superintendent of Schools presented the Student Recognition of the Top Readers for each campus as well as the finalists for the SMISD Logo. The finalists will be presented with a scholarship at the end of the school year.

Recommend approving the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, April 14, 2014 with any corrections or deletions.

The Superintendent of Schools addressed approving the agenda of April 14, 2014 with any corrections or deletions as presented to the Board of Trustees.

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

ACTION AGENDA

Business

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Contract with Direct Energy Business/TASB Energy Cooperative Spring 2014 Electricity Pool

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Contract with Direct Energy Business/TASB Energy Cooperative Spring 2014 Electricity Pool. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Employee Purchasing Program by Paycheck Direct for 2014-2015

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Employee Purchasing Program by Paycheck Direct for 2014-2015. Mr. Aleman asked if this program was directly taken from the paycheck. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further comments or questions.

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

Curriculum and Instruction

5. Discussion and ratify approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria Independent School District and the Museum of South Texas History 2014-2015

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria Independent School District and the Museum of South Texas History 2014-2015. No further comments or questions.

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

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Renewal Agreement of online curriculum from Compass Learning

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Renewal Agreement of online curriculum from Compass Learning. Mr. Zavala asked if we are currently utilizing the program. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further questions or comments.

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

7. Discussion and possible action on the 2013-2014 State Adoption of Instructional Materials to be implemented during the 2014-2015 school year in the areas of Mathematics, grades K-8, Mathematics (Spanish), grades K-5, Science grades K-8, Science (Spanish), grades K-5, Science, grades 9-12, Technology Applications, grades K-8, Technology Applications, grades 9-12 at Santa Maria ISD schools. Items to be purchased are subject to the district's needs and funding

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

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Region One Education Service Center Training for GT Teachers on Texas Performance Standards Project for Saturday, April 26, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Region One Education Service Center Training for GT Teachers on Texas Performance Standards Project for Saturday, April 26, 2014. No further comments or questions.

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

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Reasoning Mind for 2013-2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Reasoning Mind for 2013-2014. No further questions or comments.

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

10. Discussion and possible action on the Santa Maria Independent School District logo

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Board of Trustees that it was recommended to table the item and let the student body decide the logo. No further comments or questions.

Report only, no action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2014-2015 Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval regarding the 2014-2015 Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilities

12. Discussion and possible action on request by the Office of the Elections Administrator of Cameron County to use the Santa Maria ISD Administrative Building Board Room for Early Voting on Monday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 17, 2014 and Tuesday, May 27, 2014 for the Democratic and Republican Runoff Elections

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval regarding the request by the Office of the Elections Administrator of Cameron County to use the Santa Maria ISD Administrative Building Board Room for Early Voting on Monday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 17, 2014 and Tuesday, May 27, 2014 for the Democratic and Republican Runoff Elections. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.



13. Discussion and possible action for the Administration to conduct bids to address Cafeteria Equipment Needs Assessment conducted by Region One ESC on Friday, March 7, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval for the Administration to conduct bids to address Cafeteria Equipment Needs Assessment conducted by Region One ESC on Friday, March 7, 2014. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Jose Gonzales, seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance

14. Discussion and report on Bank of New York Mellon (BNYM) on Fee Schedule Addendum

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the report on Bank of New York Mellon (BNYM) on Fee Schedule Addendum. Mr. Aleman asked if the District could look at other banks to avoid the new fee schedule. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further comments or questions.

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

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the Institutional Membership for Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS) for 2014 – 2015

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval on the Institutional Membership for Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS) for 2014 – 2015. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval on request for proposals (RFP) for District Depository for 2015-2017

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval on the request for proposals (RFP) for District Depository for 2015-2017. No further comments or questions.

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

Governance

17. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval for the 2014-2015 Instructional District Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval for the 2014-2015 Instructional District Calendar. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Calendar of choice by the SMISD was #1. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.



18. Report and discussion of Statement of Impact regarding Gardens of Learning, a charter school intends to submit a Statement of Impact amendment to the Commissioner of Education

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the report of the Statement of Impact regarding Gardens of Learning, a charter school intends to submit a Statement of Impact amendment to the Commissioner of Education. No further comments or questions.

No action, report only.

19. Updated report, clarification and discussion concerning Board Member attendance at National School Board Association (NSBA) conference in San Diego, California April 13, 2013 through April 15, 2013, and credit hours received

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the report, clarification and discussion concerning Board Member attendance at National School Board Association (NSBA) conference in San Diego, California April 13, 2013 through April 15, 2013, and credit hours received. Mr. Gonzales spoke on behalf of Mr. Martinez and himself, presenting the Board of Trustees with an updated credit report. No further comments or questions.

No action, report only.

Student Travel

20. Discussion and possible action for Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for the Senior Class Trip to participate at Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, May 21 – Sunday, May 25, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval for Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for the Senior Class Trip to participate at Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, May 21 – Sunday, May 25, 2014. Mr. Aleman asked if the District would look into a larger vehicle for the students. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Discussion and possible action for Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for the 8th Grade Club to participate at Sea World and Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, Texas, Friday, May 23 – Sunday, May 25, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval for Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for the 8th Grade Club to participate at Sea World and Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, Texas, Friday, May 23 – Sunday, May 25, 2014. No further comments or questions.

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

Travel

22. Discussion and possible action regarding attendance by the Board of Trustees at the Region One School Board Association Spring Conference at South Padre Island on Friday, May 16 – Saturday, May 17, 2014



The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval regarding attendance by the Board of Trustees at the Region One School Board Association Spring Conference at South Padre Island on Friday, May 16 – Saturday, May 17, 2014. No further questions or comments.

Motion made by Ne Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Vice-President addressed the Consent Agenda for items 23-26. No further comments or questions.

Motion made by Jose Gonzales, seconded by Noe Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance

- 23. Approval of Check Payments since last report for March 2014
- 24. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for March 2014
- 25. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for March 2014
- 26. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report for March 2014

The Vice-President addressed the Consent Agenda for items 27-28. No further comments or questions.

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

Governance

- 27. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – March 24, 2014
- 28. Approval of Policy Revision:
EIF (Local): Graduation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Vice-President announced it is 7:10 p.m. and the Board of Trustees are now going into Executive Session.

Present:

Belinda Lugo, Vice-President
Noe Aleman, Secretary
Miguel Zavala, Member
Jose Gonzales, Member
Maxine Longoria, School Attorney
Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Vice-President announced it is 8:00 p.m. and the Board of Trustees are now in open session.



1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
 - a) Discussion and possible action to approve Superintendent's personnel recommendations as discussed in Executive Session
 - b) Discussion and possible action to approve the Annual Performance Evaluation the Superintendent as discussed in Executive Session
 - c) Discussion and possible action to approve the terms of the Superintendent's contract as discussed in Executive Session

The Vice-President addressed the Board of Trustees that no action was taken on the items in Executive Session.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

The Vice-President announced it is 8:01 p.m. and if there is a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Noe Aleman, seconded by Jose Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

