



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, March 24, 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, March 24, 2014 at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Hwy Santa Maria, Texas 78592.

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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:

Melissa Aleman, President
Belinda Lugo, Vice-President
Noe Aleman, Secretary
Miguel Zavala, Member
Leonardo Martinez, Member
Jose Gonzales, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Present from the District:

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager
Maxine Longoria-Nash, 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
Jose Lara, SMMS Science Teacher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Board of Trustees on approval of moving the Student Recognition and Update of District of HS Project before Open Forum.

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.

The Board President recognized the Open Forum participant, Mr. Frutoso Villarreal. Mr. Villarreal addressed the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Trustees on his comments regarding Board Travel Compensation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Student/Attendance Enrollment

The Superintendent of Schools presented the overall attendance for Santa Maria ISD.

2. Student Recognition

The Superintendent of Schools presented the UIL District Meet and Cosmetology students from each campus for Santa Maria ISD.

The Superintendent of Schools also presented Mr. Jose Lara, Science Teacher for Santa Maria Middle School and the students' accomplishments at the University of Texas Pan American.

3. Update on District Status of HS Project: USDA Application by Fulcrum Consulting Services

The Superintendent of Schools recognized Mr. Dan Campos, from Fulcrum Consulting Services to offer a summary of the progress for the High School Project. Mr. Dan Campos addressed the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Trustees on the current status of the application for the High School Project.

Recommend approving the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, March 24, 2014 with any corrections or deletions.



The Superintendent of Schools addressed approving the agenda of March 24, 2014 with any corrections or deletions as presented to the Board of Trustees.

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

ACTION AGENDA

Curriculum and Instruction

4. Discussion and approval on proposal on Region One proposal for ESL/Bilingual Program for Santa Maria ISD 2013-2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Region One Proposal for ESL/Bilingual Program for Santa Maria ISD 2013-2014. No further comments or questions.

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

5. Discussion and possible action on Board Resolution for Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Member State Board of Education District 2 to propose a Mexican-American Studies Course

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Board Resolution for Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr., Member State Board of Education District 2 to propose a Mexican-American Studies Course. Mr. Hinojosa asked what subjects would be taught. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further comments or questions.

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

6. Discussion and approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and the Family Crisis Center, Inc. for 2013-2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and the Family Crisis Center, Inc. for 2013-2014. No further comments or questions.

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

7. Discussion and approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and the Workforce Solutions of Cameron County for 2013-2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and the Workforce Solutions of Cameron County 2013-2014. Mr. Hinojosa commented that he participated in this program and found it to be beneficial. No further questions or comments.

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



8. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and BISD Adult Continuing Education for 2014-2015

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and BISD Adult Continuing Education for 2014-2015. Mr. Martinez asked if this was the program that had been at Santa Maria ISD before. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further questions or comments.

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

9. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and the University of Texas Pan American 2014 Migrant University Summer Experience for 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and the University of Texas Pan American 2014 Migrant University Summer Experience for 2014. No further questions or comments.

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and Texas State Technical College (TSTC) for TexPrep 2013-2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and Texas State Technical College for TexPrep 2013-2014. No further questions or comments.

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

11. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria ISD and La Feria ISD to expand and collaborate on CTE program offerings and endorsements

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Maria ISD and La Feria ISD to expand and collaborate on CTE program offerings and endorsements. Mr. Martinez asked to the liability of the travel of students in the buses. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question. No further questions or comments.

Motion made by Leonardo Martinez, seconded by Miguel Zavala. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the Marquee proposal for Santa Maria Independent School District

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval for the Marquee proposal for Santa Maria ISD. The Board of Trustees approved the Daktronics option 2. No further questions or comments.

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

Finance

13. Discussion and report on the Budget Planning Process Timelines for 2014-2015

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the report on Budget Planning Process Timelines for 2014-2015. No further questions or comments.

Report only, no action.

Governance

14. Discussion and possible action regarding the Region One ESC Election of Board of Directors for 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action regarding the Region One ESC Election of Board of Directors for 2014. No further questions or comments.

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

Student Travel

15. Discussion and ratify approval for Student-Out-of-Valley Travel Request for UIL Academics to District Meet in Port Aransas, Texas Saturday, March 22, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed to ratify the approval for Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for UIL Academics to District Meet in Port Aransas, Texas Saturday, March 22, 2014. No further questions or comments.

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

16. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Cosmetology students to participate at the Skills USA Texas Leadership Competition at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, Texas Thursday, March 27, 2014 – Saturday, March 29, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to approve the Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Cosmetology students to participate at the Skills USA Texas Leadership Competition at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, Texas Thursday, March 27, 2014 – Saturday, March 29, 2014. No further questions or comments.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Agriculture Program to participate in the Atascosa County Showbarn at the South Texas Invitational CDE in Jourdanton, Texas Thursday, April 3, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Agriculture Program to participate in the Atascosa County Showbarn at the South Texas Invitational CDE in Jourdanton, Texas Thursday, April 3, 2014. No further questions or comments.

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



18. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Agriculture Program to participate at the TAMUK Area X CDE Level at the R.M. Borchard Nueces Co. Fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas Wednesday, April 9, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Agriculture Program to participate at the TAMUK Area X CDE Level at the R.M. Borchard Nueces Co. Fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas Wednesday, April 9, 2014. No further questions or comments.

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

19. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Agriculture Program to participate at the Area X Invitational Dairy Cattle CDE at Boening Brothers Dairy in Floresville, Texas Friday, April 11, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Agriculture Program to participate at the Area X Invitational Dairy Cattle CDE at Boening Brothers Dairy in Floresville, Texas Friday, April 11, 2014. Mr. Aleman asked about the dates coinciding. Mr. Hinojosa asked if the students could go a day earlier. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the questions. No further questions or comments.

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

20. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Criminal Justice Team to participate at the Texas Public Service Association State Competition at the University of Texas San Antonio Thursday, April 10, 2014 – Saturday, April 12, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Criminal Justice Team to participate at the Texas Public Service Association State Competition at the University of Texas San Antonio Thursday, April 10, 2014 – Saturday, April 12, 2014. No further questions or comments.

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Discussion and possible action to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for GEAR UP to participate in the Texas A & M University Campus Tour and Texas State Aquarium Educational Tour in Corpus Christi, Texas Friday, April 25, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to to approve Student Out-of-Valley Travel Request for Criminal Justice Team to participate at the Texas Public Service Association State Competition at the University of Texas San Antonio Thursday, April 10, 2014 – Saturday, April 12, 2014. No further questions or comments.

Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology

22. Discussion and possible action on E-Rate Round 17 application Form 471

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action on E-Rate Round 17 application Form 471. No further questions or comments.



Motion made by Belinda Lugo, seconded by Adolfo Hinojosa. The motion passed unanimously.

Travel

- 23. Discussion and possible action to approve the travel of the Board of Trustees to attend the 2014 Summer Leadership Institute – Thursday, June 19 – Saturday, June 21, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the action to approve the travel of the Board of Trustees to attend the 2014 Summer Leadership Institute – Thursday, June 19 – Saturday, June 21, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. No further questions or comments.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board President addressed the Consent Agenda for items 24 – 27. No further questions or comments.

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

Finance

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

The Board President addressed the Consent Agenda for items 28 – 30. No further questions or comments.

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

Governance

- 28. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – February 10, 2014
- 29. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – February 24, 2014

- 30. Approval of Policy Revision:
 - BDD (Local): Board Attorney
 - BP (Local): Administrative regulations
 - CK (Local): Safety program/risk management
 - EHDC (Local): Credit by examination without prior instruction
 - FFH (Local): Freedom from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board President announced it is 7:37 p.m. and the Board of Trustees are now going into Executive Session.

Present:

Melissa Aleman, President
Belinda Lugo, Vice-President
Noe Aleman, Secretary
Miguel Zavala, Member
Leonardo Martinez, Member
Jose Gonzales, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)
Maxine Longoria-Nash, School Attorney

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board President announced it is 8:56 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 on recommendations for employment of contractual and non-contractual personnel
 - b) Discussion, consideration and possible action to pay the Superintendent for eleven (11) days of additional work at her contractual day rate pursuant to the contract dated February 13, 2012 for additional duties assigned to her in connection with the LBB Report, TEA Audit and other assigned duties on the dates of July 3-5, 2012; July 9-12, 2012; and July 16-20, 2012

The Board President addressed the Board of Trustees on their approval on discussion item B.

Motion Made by Mrs. Lugo, seconded by Mr. Aleman. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board President announced it is 8:58 p.m. and if there is a motion to adjourn.

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

