



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, January 20, 2014
12:00 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 Monday, January 20, 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 12:00 p.m. for the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

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

Absent:

Leonardo Martinez, Member

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Recommend approving the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, January 20, 2014 with any corrections or deletions.

The Superintendent of Schools addressed approving the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, January 20, 2014 with any corrections or deletions. No further questions or comments.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Board of Trustees to allow Mr. Espinoza, Auditor, to discuss the District Audit Report for fiscal year ending August 31, 2013

ACTION AGENDA

Business and Finance

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the District Audit Report for fiscal year ending August 31, 2013

Mr. Espinoza addressed the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the District Audit Report for fiscal year ending August 31, 2013. The Superintendent of Schools thanked Mr. Espinoza and the Business Office for their extensive work on the audit report. No further comments or questions. Copy of Audit Report provided to Board Members.

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

3. Discussion and approval on the purchase of a district truck from State of Texas Purchasing Cooperative

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the purchase of a district truck from State of Texas Purchasing Cooperative. The Board Vice-President inquired if both vehicles were diesel. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the question and also informed the Board of Trustees that the vehicle was for maintenance. No further questions or comments.



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

The Board President announced it is 12:24 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
Jose Gonzalez, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member
Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools
Maxine Longoria – Nash, School Attorney

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



RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board President announced it is now 1:13 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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board President announced it is 1:14 p.m. and if there is a motion to adjourn.

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

