



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, January 13, 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, January 13, 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 6:02 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 (arrived at 6:04 pm)
Jose Gonzales, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member (arrived at 6:07 pm)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



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.

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 top three reading performers from each campus for Santa Maria ISD and recognized the Volleyball Team from the SMMS and SMHS

3. Board Recognition

The Superintendent of Schools recognized the Board of Trustees for Board Recognition Month as presented by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)

The Superintendent of Schools addressed approving the agenda of January 13, 2014 with no corrections or deletions as presented to the Board of Trustees.

ACTION AGENDA

Business and Finance

4. Discussion and possible action on Board Resolution to authorize Superintendent to transfer \$1.0 million surplus funds from the district's general fund to a restricted fund for Budgetary Shortfalls

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Board Resolution to authorize Superintendent to transfer \$1.0 million surplus funds in excess of two months operating expenses from the district's general fund to a restricted fund for Budgetary Shortfalls. No further questions or comments.

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

5. Discussion and possible action on Board resolution to authorize Superintendent to transfer \$1.0 million surplus funds to the Texpool investment pool



The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Board Resolution to authorize Superintendent to transfer \$1.0 million surplus funds to the Texpool investment pool. No further questions or comments.

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

6. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Renewal of Membership for the National School Board Association (NSBA)

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Renewal of Membership for the National School Board Association. No further questions or comments.

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

7. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a district truck from State of Texas Purchasing Cooperative

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the purchase of a district truck from the State of Texas Purchasing Cooperative. Mr. Aleman asked if the truck was going to be diesel or gas. The Superintendent addressed the question that the district truck was going to be gas. Mr. Zavala requested that the options have diesel or gas so they would have another option. Mr. Aleman asked the item be tabled. Mrs. Lugo requested to move forward with completing the action agenda item and then to further review for the following meeting. No further questions or comments.

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

Curriculum and Instructional

8. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Go Center MOU between Texas State Technical College (TSTC) and Santa Maria Independent School District

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Go Center MOU between Texas State Technical College (TSTC) and Santa Maria Independent School District. No further questions or comments.

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

9. Discussion and possible action to approve Consultant Agreement for Gifted and Talented Training at Tony Gonzalez Elementary

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the Consultant Agreement for Gifted and Talented Training at TGE. No further questions or comments.

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

10. Discussion and report of TEKS Resource System of the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative (TCMPC) State Accountability System for 2013-2014 Region One

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the report of TEKS Resource System of the Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative (TCMPC) 2013-2014 Region One District Advisory. No further questions or comments.

Report only, no action taken.

11. Discussion and report of Inclusion of Student Groups and Special Populations in the Performance Index Framework (PIF) 2013-2014 Region One Education Service Center

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the report of Inclusion of Student Groups and Special Populations in the Performance Index Framework (PIF) 2013-2014 Region One Education Service Center

Report only, no action taken.

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 for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections on Tuesday, March 4, 2014

The Superintendent of Schools addressed 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 for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. No further questions or comments.

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

Governance

13. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Renewal of Membership in 2014 Walsh Anderson's Retainer Program for \$1,000

The Superintendent of Schools addressed the approval of the Renewal of Membership in 2014 Walsh Anderson's Retainer Program for \$1,000. No further questions or comments.

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

14. Discussion and possible action regarding IDEA Public Schools, a charter school intends to submit a Statement of Impact amendment request to the Commissioner of Education

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

Report only, no action taken.



CONSENT AGENDA

Finance

15. Approval of Check Payments since last report for December 2013
16. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for December 2013
17. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for December 2013
18. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report for December 2013

Governance

19. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – December 9, 2013

The Board President addressed the Consent Agenda items and asked if there were any questions or comments. No further questions or comments.

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

The Board President announced it is 7:24 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 (arrived at 6:04 pm)
Jose Gonzales, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, Member (arrived at 6:07 pm)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board President announced that it is 8:19 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 Superintendent of Schools addressed the recommendation of the personnel report and the recommendation of Olga Villanueva to be named ELA Secondary Teacher.

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

The Board President announced it is 8:20 p.m. and if there is a motion to adjourn.

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

