



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

6:00 PM

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 Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM This meeting will be held via zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98163189883?pwd=WGIub0JBbTZONmgwaC8zYysxbmZTQT09>

Passcode: 5ru5ea

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ninfa Reyes, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

To sign up for any public comments please email Ninfa Reyes at ninfareyes@smisd.net by Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Adolfo Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Adolfo Hinojosa, President

Oralia Ortiz, Vice-President

Casey Espinoza, Secretary

Consuelo De La Rosa, Member

Marco Aleman, Member

Absent

Rambaldo Rivera, Member

Miguel Zavala, Member

Present from the District

Martin Cuellar, Superintendent

Edwardo Gonzales, Interim Business Manager

Alma Bernal, District Receptionist

School Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

At regular meeting the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. The topics for discussion are limited to the topics listed on the posted agenda. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designed shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

It was noted to the Chairman that no one signed up for public comment.

Presentations/Action Agenda:

- 1) Presentation by Estrada Hinojosa & Co. (Miguel de los Santos) on Series 2021 Unlimited Tax School Bonds
*Presentation by Miguel De Los Santos, Estrada * Hinojosa Investment Bankers*

ACTION AGENDA

1) Governance

- a. Consider and approve an order calling a Bond Election; providing for the conduct and the giving of notice of said election; and resolving other matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Policy Update

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve update on Policy DEC (Local) Compensation and Benefits Leaves and Absences

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Travel

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve Out of Valley Trip for the High School FFA and Middle School JR. FFA students to travel to San Antonio Texas for the San Antonio Livestock Show on February 10, 2021 and return on February 12, 2021.

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve Out of Valley Trip for the High School FFA and Middle School JR. FFA students to travel to Houston Texas for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 27, 2021 and return on March 1, 2021.

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman to approve the consent agenda items. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

1) Finance

- a. Approval of Check Payments since last report for January 2021.
- b. Approval of the Tax Collection Report from January 1 to January 31, 2021.
- c. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending January 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Oralía Ortiz and seconded by Marco Aleman. The board went to Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

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.

1. A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited
 - 1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
2. B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
3. C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
4. D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code And Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
 - 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) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations
5. E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
6. F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
7. G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Marco Aleman and seconded by Oralía Ortiz. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Oralía Ortiz and seconded by Marco Aleman. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously at 6:55 p.m.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on Friday, 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.



Adolfo Hinojosa
Board President



Casey Espinoza
Secretary

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.smysd.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.

Board of Trustees

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Casey Espinoza, Secretary
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