SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, December 14, 2020
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 Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM zoom conference.

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.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present

Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Oralia Ortiz, Vice-President
Casey Espinoza, Secretary
Marco Aleman, Member
Miguel Zavala, Member
Consuelo De La Rosa, Member

Absent
Rambaldo Rivera, Jr., Member

Present from the District
Martin Cuellar, Superintendent
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager
Alma Bernal, District Receptionist
School Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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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 Board President that no one signed up for public comment.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Board

    1) Reorganization of the Board

    Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa to nominate Adolfo Hinojosa for President. Motion was seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Miguel Zavala to nominate Oralia Ortiz for Vice President. Motion was seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa to nominate Casey Espinoza for Secretary. Motion was Seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Presentation:**

    1) Report from Financial Advisor on Bond Debt and Facility Financing
    Report Only

3. **Policy**

    1) Discussion and possible action to update 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.

4. **Curriculum & Instruction**

    1) Discussion and possible action to approve the targeted improvement plan for Santa Maria Academic Options Academy (High School) for 2020-2021

    Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

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2). Discussion and possible action to approve the targeted improvement plan for Santa Maria Tony Gonzales Elementary for 2020-2021.

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

5. **Agreement**

1) Discussion and possible action to approve Agreement Amendment No. 2 with Rayos Del Sol Solar Project, LLC (1252).

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

7. **Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Casey Espinoza to approve the consent agenda items. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

1) **Finance**

a. Approval of Check Payments since last report for October and November 2020.

b. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for October 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 and November 1, 2020 to November 20, 2020.

c. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period October 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 and November 1, 2020 to November 20, 2020.

d. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending October and November, 2020.

e. Approval of Check Payments since last report for October and November 2020.

f. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for October 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 and November 1, 2020 to November 20, 2020.

g. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of October 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 and November 1, 2020 to November 20, 2020.

h. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report ending October and November 2020.

i. Notification of Budget Amendment if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Casey Espinoza. The board went to Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. and Reconvened at 7:11 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

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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 made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Casey Espinoza. 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

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously at 7:13 p.m.

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This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 5:00p.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.smisd.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
Adolfo Hinojosa, President Oralia
"Lala" Ortiz, Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Casey Espinoza, Member
Consuelo De La Rosa, Member
Marco Aleman, Member
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Member

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