SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, February 15, 2024
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 Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, in the Administration Bldg. located at 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.
Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85401060908?pwd=uIb7dUFsFc5FMGBvC73MrQgVgggLI6.1

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 Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/District Receptionist, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Adolfo Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:19p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:
Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Javier Jimenez, Jr., Vice-President
Michele Garcia, Member
Miguel Zavala, Member

Absent:
Casey Espinoza, Secretary
Marco Aleman, Member
Andrew De la Rosa, Member

Present from the District:
Martin Cuellar, Superintendent of Schools
Yliana Gonzalez, Business Manager
Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant

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.

No body signed up for Open Forum.

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ACTION AGENDA

1) Construction

1) Discussion and presentation of construction progress of the concession-ticket booth for the stadium by Pena Construction and Brighton Group.

Presentation of construction progress of the concession-ticket booth for the stadium was given by JPena Construction representative he stated that the weather has been an issue right now; they accepted some of the submittals. The materials have been ordered for the foundation. Since the trucks won't be able to get on site, they will be placing a trailer to get the material to the construction site. They will be working on the foundation until we come back from break. Tuesday morning we should get inspections from Cameron County and if we pass, then we will be able to pour but if more rain comes in, that might slow it because we need are going to need two days of dry time. On the two week outlook if we are able to lay the cement down that gives us seven to nine days so we can let the concrete dry. That would give us about three weeks for that.

2) School Facilities

1) Texas Education Agency School Safety and Security Audit report.

Mr. Cuellar reported that an Tuesday, February the 6th, Region One came by our district and they are working with TEA, they did another Safety and Security Audit and once again I am happy to announce there was zero findings. That is seven consecutive audit reports that we've had. I attribute this to our staff, our police staff and everyone else involved in helping keeping our kids safe. They come and check doors and everything is secured. If there is a finding then I have to report it to the board and we have to come up with a corrective action plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Miguel Zavala, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

1) Finance

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report unaudited for January 2024.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of January 2024.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending January 31, 2024.
4. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for January 2024

2) Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on January 25, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session by Miguel Zavala, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously at 6:23p.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.

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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
B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
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
   3) Discussion with legal counsel regarding matters related to Superintendent's Retirement.
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

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously at 7:12p.m.

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.

Motion to approve Superintendent's personnel recommendations discussed in Executive Session by Javier Jimenez, Jr., second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Javier Jimenez, Jr., second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously at 7:12p.m.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



Adolfo Hinojosa
Board President



Casey Espinoza
Board Secretary

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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.

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