SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
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 was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84879070202?pwd=mUC9zC3j5tXfwqKsvuXhvUeah0bwdd.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, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Adolfo Hinojosa, Board President at 6:00pm.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:
Adolfo Hinojosa, Board President
Javier Jimenez, Jr., Board Vice-President
Casey Espinoza, Board Secretary
Marco Aleman, Board Member
Andrew De la Rosa, Board Member
Michele Garcia, Board Member

Absent:
Miguel Zavala, Board Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

At Regular and Special Board Meetings 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 designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

Nobody signed up for Open Forum.

PRESENTATIONS

l) Project update by JPena Construction and Brighton Group of the construction status of the 2021 SMISD Bond Project - Concession Stand/Ticket Booth with JPena Construction.

Presentation given by Mr. Pena, JPena Construction and Joseph Palacios, Brighton Group via zoom.

2) Annual announcement of continuing education of Board Members.

Adolfo Hinojosa, Board President announced the continuing education hours for the board of trustees.

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ACTION AGENDA

Finance

1) Discussion and possible action of JPena Construction Pay App #5 for the total of $110,743.50 for the construction activity as indicated in Pay App #5 which has been reviewed by Brighton Group.

Motion to pull item into Executive Session by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr.

After discussed in Executive Session, motion to approve by Marco Aleman, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Discussion and possible action to approve invoice #23 to Brighton Group for the total of $4,900.00 for SMISD Bond Program Project Management Services.

Motion to approve by Marco Aleman, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Discussion and possible action on ratification/approval of Engineering proposal and of canopy repairs.

Motion to approve by Marco Aleman, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchasing

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Suburban from Bert Ogden Chevrolet in Edinburg, Texas

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Express 3500 Pass van from Silsbee Fleet Group, through the TIPS, Purchasing Coop Program.

Motion to table this item by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 Toyota RAV4 from Silsbee Fleet Group, through the TIPS, Purchasing Coop Program.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously

Travel

1. Discussion and possible action to approve out of valley trip for Santa Maria High School Cross Country Regionals to Texas A&M University Corpus Christi on October 20-21, 2024.

Motion to approve by Marco Aleman, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously

Finance

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for September 2024.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 2024.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending September 2024.
4. Approval of Tax Collection Report for September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024.

Governance

1. Discussion and action to approve amendment and changes to Board Policy DEC (local).
2. Discussion and action to approve new Board Policy DED (local).

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting for September 9, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously at 7:05pm.

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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 551.071through 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

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

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 go into Executive Session by Michele Garcia, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously at 8:00pm.

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

Motion to approve all items discussed in Executive Session and Superintendent's personnel recommendations by Michele Garcia, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Andrew de la Rosa, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously at 8:01pm.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm.





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: 551.071through 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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Marco Aleman, Member
Andrew "Andy" De La Rosa, Member
Michele Garcia, Member
Miguel Zavala, Member