SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, November 18, 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 Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Cafeteria, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84645364334?pwd=pOmPcAwLHTb6gkHbQ7baUsXWLcqxUV.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.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Adolfo Hinojosa at 6:01pm.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:
Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Marco Aleman, Member
Andrew De la rosa , Member
Miguel Zavala , Member
Michele Garcia , Member
Javier E. Jimenez, Jr, Vice-President - Via Zoom

Absent:
Casey Espinoza

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OPEN FORUM

At Regular and Special 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.
No one signed up for Open Forum.

Student Recognition
Israel Gracia, Athletic Director thanked the parents, administrators and board members for the support.

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1) Recognition of the Santa Maria High School Cross Country Regional Qualifiers.
Coach Alicia Perez recognized the girls Santa Maria High School Cross Country Regional Qualifiers.
Coach Margarito Jimenez recognized the boys Santa Maria High School Cross Country Regional Qualifiers.

2) Recognition of the Santa Maria High School Volleyball District Championship Team.
Coach Sofia A. Garcia recognized the Santa Maria High School Volleyball District Championship Team.

Election

1) Canvas returns of the School Board Elections held November 5, 2024, for Place 5, 6, and 7.
District lawyer Eden Ramirez, read the School Board Elections results for the General elections.

Board of Trustees, Place 5 Santa Maria ISD

Casey Espinoza	*228 Votes*
Marilu Estevanes	*144 Votes*
Luis A. Cantu	*305 Votes*
Total Cast of	*677 Votes*

With Mr. Luis A. Cantu receiving the majority of the votes

Board of Trustees, Place 6 Santa Maria ISD

Pablo Ibarra	*376 Votes*
Juan A. Villarreal	*79 Votes*
Marco Aleman	*210 Votes*
Total Cast of	*665 Votes*

With Mr. Pablo Ibarra receiving the majority of the votes

Board of Trustees, Place 7 Santa Maria ISD

Yvette Cantu	*406 Votes*
Adolfo Hinojosa	*257 Votes*
Total Cast of	*663 Votes*

With Ms. Yvette Cantu receiving the majority of the votes

Motion to accept the canvassing of the votes by Cameron County by Michele Garcia, seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Recognition of Outgoing School Board Members.
Dr. Joseph Villarreal, presented the Outgoing board members with an appreciation plaque.

3) Administer Oath of Officer to Elected Trustees.
New elected board members accepted the Oath of Officers.

4) Reorganization of the Board.

Board President
Motion to nominate Javier E. Jimenez, Jr. as Board President by Michele Garcia, seconded by Luis A. Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Vice-President
Motion to nominate Luis A. Cantu as Board Vice-President by Michele Garcia, seconded by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Secretary
Motion to nominate Pablo Ibarra as Board Secretary by Michele Garcia, seconded by Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

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RECESS

Motion to take a brief recess from meeting by Michele Garcia, seconded by Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously at 6:31pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Luis A. Cantu at 6:42pm

PRESENTATIONS

Construction

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

Presentation by Joseph Palacios and J Pena Construction.

ACTION AGENDA

Human Resources

1) Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees 2024-2025 Retention Stipend for full time contractual and non-contractual employees.

Motion to approve by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchasing

1) Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Transit Van 350 from Silsbee Fleet Group, through the TIPS, Purchasing Coop Program.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

Travel

1) Discussion and possible action to approve out-of-valley trip for SMHS Boys Basketball Tournament from November 21-23, 2024 in Corpus Christi.

Motion to approve by Pablo Ibarra, seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Discussion and possible action to approve out-of-valley trip for Santa Maria FFA to San Antonio Livestock Show from February 3, 2024 - February 6, 2024 in San Antonio.

Motion to approve by Pablo Ibarra, seconded by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes for Regular Board meeting of October 16, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session by Michele Garcia, seconded by Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously at 7:10pm..

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

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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.

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
H. Section 552.0031 - Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to designation of non business days during the calendar year in accordance with Government Code.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously at 7:54pm.

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in the 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 to Adjourn by Miguel Zavala, seconded by Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously at 7:55pm.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President

Pablo Ibarra
Board 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
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Pablo Ibarra, Secretary
Yvette Cantu, Member
Andrew "Andy" De La Rosa, Member
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Miguel Zavala, Member

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