

**Sierra Blanca ISD Board Minutes
February 25, 2025**

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by President Robert Gomez
Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Annette Ramirez. Motion carried unanimous.

Members Present: Mary Lewis, Annette Ramirez, Alicia Walker, Robert Gomez and Juanita Snyder. Later sworn in Jessie Ortega.

Members Absent: Marty Bustamante

II. Opening Activities

Board Conducted usual opening activities.

III. Verification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

February 20, 2025 at 5:30pm

IV. Oath of office for newly appointed board member

Jessie Ortega took oath and signed papers notarized by Samanda Ramirez

V. Elect a board member for the vacant officer position of Vice President

Motion made by Juanita Snyder and seconded by Alicia Walker to nominate Mary Lewis for Vice President. Motion carried unanimous.

VI. Open Forum

Kayleigh Coleman reported 42 members in FFA this year (up from the last two years), and of those 36 members participated in the County Stock show in which 17 buckles were won by Sierra Blanca. 4 members also went on to show in Major Stock Shows.

A. Bond Report

Gabe had hand out. Next week should be completion barring all inspections pass on CTE building. Although we will not sign off until El Paso Electric is able to finish out the power. Gym is closing out and punch list on April 7th barring inspections are well. Budget is on target.

B. Board Appreciation: Dinner was provided and also a Certificate of Appreciation.

VII. Consent Items

A. Discussion/ Approval of Financial

- i. Consideration of Expenditures Since Previous Meeting**
- ii. Budget Expanded by Function**

iii. Budget Amendments

B. Tax Collections

C. Investment Report Monthly/Quarterly

D. Discussion/ Approval of Board Minutes from Board Meeting on January 13, 2025.

Questions asked and answered. Juanita Snyder wanted clarification that minutes from previous meeting minutes on Agenda Item X to maintain her nay comes from the voting on process to elect not the person. Motion made by Mary Lewis and seconded by Alicia Walker to approve all consent items as presented excluding budget amendment 3 for Cafeteria. Motion carried unanimous.

VIII. **Action: Discussion/Approval of Metro Tint Quote for additional bullet resistant window film.**

Discussion of funds coming from Safety Grant monies to provide the new buildings with the same film from the same company that provided services to the established buildings.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Mary Lewis to approve the Metro Tint Quote for additional resistant window film. Motion carried unanimous.

IX. **Action: Discussion/Approval of changes to the SY 2024-2025 calendar due to weather days**

Discussion of changing the weather days to holiday days while also maintaining enough minutes to satisfy TEA.

Motion made by Annette Ramirez and seconded by Mary Lewis to change the weather days, January 8 and January 9 to holiday days for 2024-2025 school year. Motion Carried unanimous

X. **Action: Discussion/Approval of 2025 Juvenile Justice Truancy Grant Resolution.**

McGraw presented an opportunity to help pay for a salary by adopting the resolution she can apply for a grant that helps to aid with our attendance.

Motion made by Annette Ramirez and seconded by Alicia Walker to approve the 2025 Juvenile Justice Truancy Grant Resolution. Motion carried unanimous.

XI. **Action: Discussion/Approval of 2023 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant.**

McGraw was informed about receiving the grant and with that the cafeteria plans to purchase a new hot/cold table.

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Juanita Snyder to approve the 2023 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant along with the budget amendment 3. Motion carried unanimous.

XII. Action: Discussion/Approval of TASB Localized Policy Update 124 as presented to the board according to the TASB manual updates.

Time was taken to read over changes.

Motion made by Annette Ramirez and seconded by Mary Lewis to approve the TASB Localized Policy Update 124 as presented to the board according to the TASB manual updates. Motion carried unanimous.

XIII. Action: Discussion/Approval of Principal Contract Recommendation

After closed session: Motion made by Juanita Snyder and seconded by Jessie Ortega to approve the Principal Contract Recommendation.

Motion carried unanimous.

XIV. Action: Discussion/Approval of Superintendent Evaluation

After closed session: Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Mary Lewis to approve the Superintendent Evaluation. Motion Carried unanimous.

XV. Closed Session

Motion made by Juanita Snyder and seconded by Annette Ramirez to enter into closed session per code 551.074 at 7:34pm. Motion carried unanimous.

Board convened in open meeting at 9:01pm.

XVI. Superintendent Report

- a. Board Items: Far West Teas Training Thursday, leaving at 3 from school. Juanita Snyder has training Saturday in El Paso. Date for SLI, be thinking on whether you are going or not.
- b. Land Sale Updates: Lawyers are still working on it
- c. Facilities/Transportation: Graphics for big bus quoted around \$2500.
- d. Testing Updates: Worksheet on data and scores. Did not receive Lasso grant but still may have a slim chance if another school doesn't want theirs.

XVII. Schedule Future Meetings

March 24, 2025 at 6 pm

XVIII. Adjourn

Motion made by Alicia Walker and seconded by Annette Ramirez to adjourn at 9:16pm. Motion carried unanimous.

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