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School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 14, 2026
DeSoto Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Sarah Elizondo (Board President) opens the meeting by calling to order. Members present are Sarah Elizondo, Darrell Pilcher, Eva Cisneros, Norma Garcia, Tweedy Thomas and Lorenzo Elizondo.

II. First Order of Business

Quorum is established. Notice of meeting was posted in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

III. Closed Session

A. 551.074 Personnel Matters

The Board convened into closed session at 5:01 pm

IV. RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:22 pm.

Ms. Garcia makes a motion to approve the lease agreement for building 1 in DeSoto as discussed in closed session. Ms. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0

V. Reading of Previous Board Minutes

Minutes of previous Board meetings are read.

Ms. Garcia makes the motion to accept the Board minutes as printed. Ms. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0

VI. Review/Discuss Financial Reports

A. Balance Sheet

Consideration and approval of the school's balance sheet report. This information was provided by Ms. Janet Koch. Copies of the balance sheet were provided to all attending members and sent via email.

Ms. Garcia makes a motion to accept the balance sheet. Ms. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0

B. Independent Management Consultant Report

Consideration and approval of the independent management consultant report. This information was provided by Mr. Alirio Carruyo, Superintendent. Mr. Carruyo informs all Board members that this report reflects the school not meeting the debt service coverage ratio for the bonds. Board members read over the report.

Ms. Garcia makes a motion to accept the Independent Management Consultant Report and the recommendations written. Mr. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

VII. Public Comments/ Audience Participations

No Participations at this time

VIII. The Subject to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below:

A. Administrative Review and Status

- ADA Updates

  Mr. Carruyo shares the updates for ADA attendances for all campuses. He informs all Board members that the truancy services have helped with attendance and monies in the ADA from the Texas Education Agency has seen an increase.

- Academic Update

  Mr. Carruyo shares the academic updates with all Board members. He informs all Board members that STAAR testing have begun. The assessments are currently being compared to last year and students are better this year that last year. This report is for the district.

B. New Website Host 5-Year

Consideration and approval of agreement for new website host from Finalsite. This presentation is provided by Mr. Jose Gallardo, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Gallardo informs Board members that this agreement is for 5 years and needs to be renewed currently. Copies were sent to all Board members via email.

Ms. Garcia makes a motion to not approve new website host for 5 years from Finalsite. Mr. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0

C. Policies Update

To be discussed in next Board meeting

D. Investment Policy Update

Consideration and approval of the investment policy. This presentation is performed by Mr. Pecina. Mr. Pecina informs the Board that policy has been amended by Ms. Janet Koch. Copies of the investment policy was sent via email to all Board members

Ms. Garcia makes a motion to accept the investment policy amendment as presented. Ms. Cisneros seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0

E. *HB1707 and HB2*

Consideration and approval of the HB1707 and HB2. This information is provided by Mr. Carruyo. Mr. Carruyo informs all Board members that this item was discussed in the last Board meeting and now a resolution must be signed. Copies of the board resolution is shared with all Board members.

Ms. Garcia makes a motion to accept Board resolution for HB1707 and HB2. Ms. Cisneros seconds the motion. Motion passed 6-0 and signatures are given.

F. *Community Liason Agreement*

To be discuss and presented in next Board meeting.

G. *Current Enrollment*

The Board President shares with all Board members with copies of the current enrollment for the month of April. She informs all Board members that enrollment is broken down by campus (see attachment). This information is provided by the PEIMS department.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Sarah Elizondo -Board President

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Johnny Pecina-Board Minute Keeper

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Sarah Elizondo-Board President
CC: School Board Members
CC: Superintendent