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School Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 11, 2026

DeSoto Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Sarah Elizondo (Board President) opens the meeting by calling to order. Members present are Sarah Elizondo, Tweedy Thomas, Eva Cisneros, Norma Garcia, 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 5:04 pm

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:28 pm.

Dr. Norma Garcia makes a motion to accept the goals and Superintendent agreement as discussed in closed session.

V. Reading of Previous Board Minutes

Minutes of previous Board meetings are read.

Dr. Garcia makes the motion to accept the Board minutes as printed. Ms. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0

VI. Review/Discuss Financial Reports

A. Balance Sheet

Consideration and approval of the school's balance sheet report. This information was provided by Mr. Johnny Pecina. Copies of the balance sheet were provided to all attending members and a full breakdown is given.

Consideration and approval of the engagement letter from Hankins Eastup. This information was provided by Mr. Johnny Pecina. Copies of the engagement letter was provided to all Board members.

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept the balance sheet. Dr. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept the engagement letter for Hankins Eastup. Dr. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Signatures are given at this time.

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. Superintendent Agreement

Consideration and approval of the Superintendent agreement. This presentation is performed by Ms. Diana Mireles. Copies of the agreement is shared with all Board members.

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept the Superintendent agreement. Mr. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. 2026-2027 Student Handbook Amendments

Consideration and approval of the 2026-2027 student handbook amendments. This presentation is performed by Mr. Jose Gallardo, Interim Superintendent. Copies of the amendments are shared with all Board members during the presentation

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to approve the 2026-2027 student handbook amendments. Ms. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0

C. Compliance Certification SB12

Consideration and approval of the certification of SB12. This presentation is performed by Mr. Gallardo, and a full explanation is given. Copies of the compliance certificate is shared with all Board members.

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept the compliance certificate SB12. Mr. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Signatures are given at this time.

D. Dental and Vision Renewal

Consideration and approval of the dental and vision renewal. This presentation is performed by Ms. Diana Mireles. Copies of the pricing and comparisons are shared with all Board members. Ms. Mireles informs the Board of the increase and the schools participation.

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept the investment policy amendment as presented. Dr. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0

E. 2025-2026 Final Operating Budget

Consideration and approval of the 2025-2026 final operating budget. This presentation is performed by Mr. Johnny Pecina. Copies of the final operating budget is shared with all Board members. Mr. Pecina gives a full breakdown of the final operating budget for FY 2026 and informs the Board that the school will be closing in deficit.

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept 2025-2026 final operating budget. Dr. Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

F. 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Consideration and approval of the 2026-2027 operating budget. This presentation is performed by Mr. Johnny Pecina and a full breakdown is given. Copies of the 2026-2027 operating budget is shared with all Board members.

Dr. Garcia makes a motion to accept the 2026-2027 operating budget. Ms. Elizondo seconds the motion. Motion passed 5-0

G. Current Enrollment

The Board President shares with all Board members with copies of the current enrollment for the beginning of the school year. And explains that the enrollment is broken down by campus. She informs all Board members that enrollment is down from the previous year. This information is provided by the PEIMS department.

The meeting is adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Sarah Elizondo -Board President

Johnny Pecina-Board Minute Keeper

Sarah Elizondo-Board President

CC: School Board Members

CC: Superintendent