



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, November 17, 2022
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:00 PM. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria Independent School District Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

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/District Receptionist, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

President Adolfo Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present

Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Oralia Ortiz, Vice President
Marco Aleman, Member
Casey Espinoza, Member
Miguel Zavala, Member
Andrew De La Rosa, Member (Via Zoom)

Absent

Rambaldo Rivera, Member

Present from the District

Martin Cuellar, Superintendent of Schools
Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/District Receptionist
Salvador Acosta, Director of District Operations & Special Programs
Elizabeth Stenhouse, Human Resources
Robert David, School Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

At regular meeting 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 designed shall determine whether a person



addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

It was noted to the Board President that no one signed up for public comment

ACTION AGENDA

1. Construction

- 1) Status completion by TerraFuerte of ESSER Roof Projects.

A.J., Terra Fuerte stated we have a delivery date and it's scheduled for Monday. Material and the machine to fold the material should arrive on Monday and depending on the weather. We need to remove and replace the existing. We want to start on Tuesday but we don't want to start and then have to stop due to bad weather. So we are asking if we can start the following Monday and then follow up in two weeks. But all material is on the trucks and headed this way. We also have a dumpster and a portal potty coming in on Monday so we can have everything ready to go. We will be here on Monday to receive it.

- 2) Discussion and possible direction of remaining scope of Bond Program Projects.

Alice Rodriguez, Brighton asked if there was anything on remaining scope that needed to be addressed or any pending items.

Mr. Hinojosa stated we will be having a reorganization of the board today. Will organize our Building committee and get back to the Superintendent and then get you guys together so we can decide how we are going to continue. One of the items we need to continue is on the concession stand probably the next item. And then whatever is on the need list that was done for the district. Will let you know.

2. Finance

- 1) Discussion, consideration and approval of Hellas Construction's Invoice #27564 for Santa Maria Athletic Facility for the total of \$58,430.26.

Superintendent Cuellar stated that was retainage. It was tabled at the last meeting to make sure that everything was in the up and go to release. Recommend approval for payment.

Motion was made by Miguel Zavala and second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously

3. Travel

- 1) Discussion and possible action to approve out of valley trip for SMHS Boys Basketball Tournament from December 1-3, 2022 in Corpus Christi.

Superintendent Cuellar stated Boys Basketball team will be traveling to Corpus and will be staying Thursday night and Friday night and recommend approval for overnight stay.

Motion was made by Marco Aleman and second by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously



4. Human Resources

- 1) Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees 2022-2023 Retention Stipend for full time contractual and non-contractual employees

Superintendent Cuellar stated this is nothing new in Santa Maria, this time of year and other districts are doing in an effort to retain staff.

Ms. Oralia Ortiz made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees 2022-2023 Retention stipend for full time contractual and non-contractual employees in the amount of \$1750.00

Motion was made by Marco Aleman and second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously

1. Finance

- 1) Approval of Check Payments since last report unaudited for October 2022
- 2) Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of October 2022
- 3) Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending October 2022
- 4) Approval of the Tax Collection Report for October 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Marco Aleman and seconded by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously at 6:07pm

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 551.071 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.

1. 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

2. B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property



3. C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
4. 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
5. E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
6. F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
7. G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion was made to Reconvene in Open Session by Marco Aleman and seconded by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously at 6:17p.m.

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

Motion by Oralia Ortiz and second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Canvass returns of the School Board Election held November 8, 2022, for Place 1, 2, 3, & 4

Mr. Hinojosa thanked Ms. Oralia Ortiz and Mr. Rambaldo Rivera for their service on the Santa Maria School Board and wished them luck. Took a moment to appreciate everything they have done.

Robert David, School District Attorney read the Canvass returns of the School Board Elections held on November 8, 2022.

Number of votes for the district 1297

Total cast ballots 551

Place 1 Andrew De la Rosa 368

Place 2 Javier Jimenez 275 – Oralia Ortiz 260

Place 3 Michele Garcia 263 - Rambaldo Rivera, Jr. 256

Place 4 Miguel Zavala 264 – Luis Cantu 261

Motion to approve canvass returns of the School Board Elections of November 8, 2022 by Oralia Ortiz and second by Casey Espinoza . Motion passed unanimously.

3. Administer Oath of Officer to Elected Trustees



Judge Ismael Quino Flores swore in Javier Enrique Jimenez Jr.- Place 2, Andrew De la Rosa- Place 1 (Via Zoom), Michele Garcia- Place 3, and Miguel Zavala- Place 4.

4. Reorganization of the Board

Ms. Oralia thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on the board of trustees and congratulations to Mr. Javier

Jimenez and Ms. Michele Garcia

Board President – Adolfo Hinojosa

Motion by Marco Aleman and second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Vice-President – Javier E. Jimenez Jr.

Motion by Michele Garcia and second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Secretary – Casey Espinoza

Motion by Marco Aleman and second by Adolfo Hinojosa. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Marco Aleman and seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously at 6:31p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion was made to Reconvene in Open Session by Marco Aleman and seconded by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to Adjourn meeting by Michele Garcia and seconded by Javier E. Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously at 6:45p.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Monday, November 14, 2021 at 6:00pm.



Adolfo Hinojosa
Board President



Casey Espinoza
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

Adolfo Hinojosa, President

Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Vice-President

Casey Espinoza, Secretary

Marco Aleman, Member

Andrew De La Rosa, Member

Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Member

Miguel Zavala, Member

