



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016-2017 TAX RATE Thursday, September 29, 2016 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Hwy Santa Maria, Texas 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, Clerical Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members Present:

Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary (arrived at 6:05p.m.)
Consuelo De La Rosa, Member
Belinda Lugo, Member
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Member

Members Absent:

Noe Aleman, Member

Present from the District:

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools
Enrique Cuellar, Business Manager
Alyssa Romero, The Law Offices of Guerra & Farah
Ida Torres, Clerical Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools



PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016-2017 PROPOSED TAX RATE

A Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 the proposed Tax Rate will be held at the Administration Building located at 11119 Military Hwy, Santa Maria, Texas.

Any taxpayer of the District may be present and participate in the Hearing. [Policy CE (Legal)/CE (Local)]

1. Presentation on the proposed Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 school year

Mr. Cuellar stated as per the information that was provided by Estrada/Hinojosa and our current tax rate we had the maintenance and operations taxes remain at \$1.17 the debt service was at 11 cents and due to the changes and because of the bond issue and so forth the proposed tax rate as per our financial advisors we were told to go ahead and pull 31 cents. This is the way we published it in the newspaper and the website and as Ms. Chavez said our taxable values did go up, both the appraised and the taxable, so this is what was advertised and the bond indebtedness at that time that we had last year is at \$5.1 million in debt and that's based on our audit report from last year 2015. As you can see it shows the difference in last year's rate and how much local revenue for student and state revenue per student and based on the increase the proposed rate is \$1.17 is 31 cents a total of \$1.48 and the increase of revenue per student local increase in revenue per student state. The next section shows the proposed levy and this is based in the taxable market value of residences and other property's. It also compares last years to this years. Based on the comparison, it shows an increase of \$55.88 per taxable value per residence on average.

The next section shows the rollback amount that is calculated at \$1.48 for the rollback rate. At the end it shows the estimated fund balance that we have to advertise with this tax rate proposal with a \$2.57 million in maintenance and operations and \$37,224 in I & S.

Ms. Chavez stated I also want to remind you that the tax rate at \$1.48, we are going to be looking at that same tax rate for the next two years as we pay off the initial series of those bonds and then when we come back after those two years were actually going to lower it even less than where we were prior to the bond issue.

2. Public comments on the proposed Tax Rate for the 2016-2017

2. Closing of Public Hearing

Board President closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called the special meeting to order at 6:11p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members Present:

Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Vice-President
Miguel Zavala, Secretary
Consuelo De La Rosa, Member
Belinda Lugo, Member
Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Member

Members Absent:

Noe Aleman, Member

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PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recommend approving the agenda of the Special Board meeting of September 29, 2016 with any modifications or deletions.

Ms. Chavez stated the administration recommends the approval of the agenda for this evening with a couple of modifications and deletions. For item #1 were going to have to table that presentation pending on bond council and financial advisor and also tabling of action item #2 as per advise of bond council and financial advisor pending the sale of that bond series.

1. Presentation of Final Pricing results for District's Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016A, Dr. Miguel De Los Santos, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.

Item tabled

Motion to table Item was made by Miguel Zavala, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously



ACTION AGENDA

Finance

2. Consider and approve an order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Santa Maria Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, and approving other matters incident thereto

Item tabled

Motion to table Item #2 was made by Miguel Zavala, second by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on ordinance adopting the 2016-2017 Tax Rate

Motion made by Miguel Zavala, second by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the TASB Facility Services Annual Membership

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Oralia "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum and Instruction

5. Discussion and possible action to approve MOU concerning the Migrant Academic Achievement Residential Summer (MAARS) Program and Addendum that was added to all MOU's between Santa Maria Independent School District and Texas State Technical College

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously

Governance

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution to Name Nominee for Cameron Appraisal District Director.

Motion to nominate Mr. Miguel Zavala was made by Consuelo De La Rosa, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board President asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, second by Consuelo De la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

The President announced it is now 6:20 p.m. the Board of Trustees is now in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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It is the policy of Santa Maria ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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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 to:
 - 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
 - 1) 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

The Board President asked for a motion to reconvene in open session.

Motion made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Rambaldo "Ram" River. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced is now 6:55p.m. The Board of Trustees is now in open session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- 1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
 - a) Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's recommendations

Ms. Chavez stated the administration recommends your approval of the Superintendents HR report.

Motion Made by Consuelo De la Rosa, second by Oralía "Lala" Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Rambaldo "Ram" River second Consuelo De la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board President announced is now 6:57 p.m. this meeting is now adjourned.





Adolfo Hinojosa
Board President



Miguel Zavala
Board Secretary

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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.

Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools

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