

South San Antonio Independent School District
Shepard Middle School
5558 Ray Ellison Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas 78242
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
6:30p.m.

TO: Board Members Addressed

RE; Minutes of Regular Called Board Meeting for Wednesday, November 16, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Prado – President
Karyn Tomlinson – Vice-President
Rose Marie Martinez – Secretary
Homer S. Flores – Trustee
Helen Madla – Trustee
Trinidad T. Mata – Trustee
Julie Ponce – Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Helen Madla

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Halley Durbon addressed members of the Board of Trustees and Ms. Zeigler regarding her support for her grandfather Ron Durbon.

Tom Cumming addressed members of the Board of Trustees and Ms. Zeigler regarding teacher stipends and teacher cuts.

STAFF PRESENT:

Attorney(s) – Jennifer Hall
Linda Zeigler, Interim Superintendent
Ray Alvarez, Executive Director for Schools & Facilities Support Services
David Ochoa, Assistant to the Superintendent
Evelyn Trinidad
Dr. Luisa Sandoval, Director of State and Federal Programs
David Landeros, Executive Director for Business & Fiscal Services
Andy Rocha, Director of Purchasing
Jenny Arrendondo, Director of Food Services
Melba Uridales, Director of Special Education
Jesse Aldana, Interim-Personal Director
Dan Diaz, Interim Director of Support Services
Elvia O. Perez, Executive Director of Pupil Services
Brenda Kelly, Coordinator of Counseling

PRINCIPALS/VP's PRESENT:

Sherry Moore
Michael Balderrama
Christina Trevino
Patti Annunzio
Ramiro Nava
David Abundis
Eusebio Vega

RECOGNITIONS:

Mr. Ochoa: Good evening Mrs. Prado, Members of the Board, Ms. Zeigler, member of the staff and members of the community. We're very excited to introduce to you several groups.

First we have Ms. Louisa Rodriguez from Target to present to Mr. Nava, Principal of Armstrong Elementary and Mrs. Tucker, Librarian a grant to the library known as the "Target Books for School's Award" in the amount of \$500.00. The recommendation for this award was made by a parent from Armstrong Elementary. The grant money will be used to purchase books for the parents to use as well as books for parents to check out and read to their children at home.

Second we have Dwight Middle School A Team and B Team Volleyball who have done extremely well with a perfect 10-0 record. They also won the San Antonio Big Athletic Conference Championship in both A and B Divisions. The girls were also invited to be ball girls for the Big 12 NCAA Soccer Tournament. They presented the Board members with a T-Shirt from the West Zone Conference Championship. Congratulations Dwight Girl and Coaches Mr. Paul Suarez and Ms. Melissa Casarez.

Third we have Mr. Mario Losoya from Toyota who is the External Affairs Representative who have donated several laptops to our South San Antonio High School Robotics Team 457— Grease Monkeys. These computers will help the students get ready for the Alamo Regional Robotics Competition which will take place in March in the Henry B. Gonzalez Center. We also want to thank Councilman Rey Saldana for his part for this contribution and also welcome Chango the robot. We would also like to acknowledge Mrs. Sherry Moore, Principal; Science Teachers Mr. Juan Lizalde, Ms. Mary Baughman, and Mr. Henry a former South San High School teacher. Again, good luck to the South San Antonio High School Robotics Team 457 – Grease Monkeys.

Mrs. Prado, members of the board for our final presentation we have our last presentation and this presentation is from the Texas Education Agency Accountability Ratings. The award presented is known as the Superintendent's Certificate for 2011 Gold Performance Acknowledgement. The schools awarded this certificate were Five Palm Elementary; Hutchins Elementary; Kindred Elementary; Frank Madla Elementary; Price Elementary; Dwight Middle School; Shepard Middle School; Zamora Middle School and South San Antonio High School. Ms. Zeigler was also given an award for its commended Social Studies and for having the high percentage of students in the recommended high school program.

1. Public Hearing Public Hearing on the Local Option to Tax Certain Tangible Property held temporarily at a location in the State of Texas (also known as good-in-transit) as set forth in Texas Tax Code, section 11.253 (a)(2).

Mr. Landeros spoke on the overview background of this subject and presented a Power Point presentation primarily for the board and the public. Mr. Landeros was also available to answer any questions.

2. Discussion/Possible Action Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution by the South San ISD Board of trustees authorizing the continued taxation of goods-in-transit.

Upon Motion by Mr. Mata, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a resolution by the South San ISD Board of Trustees authorizing the continued taxation of goods-in-transit as presented. *Motion Passes 7-0.*

Mr. Landeros spoke as stated in the public hearing that it's the staff recommendation that is based on the information provided that the board approve the resolution as presented.

3. Discussion/Possible Action Discussion and possible action to hear and approve the results of Staffing Review.

Upon Motion by Mrs. Tomlinson seconded by Mr. Mata the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the results of Staffing Review Study as presented. *Motion Passes 7-0.*

Mr. Lane, TASB spoke about the results of the study regarding the TASB staffing Review.

4. Discussion/Possible Action Discussion and possible action to authorize the Interim Superintendent, in conjunction with legal counsel and district staff, to prepare and execute a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) seeking proposals from professional search firms to conduct a Superintendent search.

Upon Motion by Mrs. Tomlinson seconded by Mrs. Madla the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the RFQ's from professional search firms to conduct a Superintendent search as presented. *Motion Passes 7-0.*

Mrs. Prado asked to put this on the agenda for the board to consider, as Ms. Zeigler is serving as Interim Superintendent so therefore now search needs to be conducted.

5. Discussion/ Possible Action **Discuss and consider the approval of continued work by the Accounting firm of Smith, Patterson & Johnson, specifically Task Order #4.**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Madla seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson voted unanimously to approve the continued work by the Accounting firm Smith, Patterson & Johnson, specifically Task Order #4. Motion Passes 7-0

(Tomlinson-yes; Martinez-yes (pending that we find out that communication has been done per you and per the discussion with Interim Superintendent and the Executive Director, David Landeros. I just want to make sure that they are involved in this. I don't want anybody in our staff who isn't); Flores-yes; Ponce-yes; Mata-yes; Madla-yes; Prado-yes). Mrs. Prado recommended that Mr. Azuada sit down with Ms. Zeigler and Mr. Landeros and staff members as well. Mr. Landeros introduced the firm and Mr. Azuada spoke on the Task Order #4 and was available to answer any questions.

6. Discussion/ Possible Action **Discussion and possible action on the renewal of the Retainer Program with Law Firm of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos, et al.**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Madla, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson voted unanimously not to approve the renewal of the Retainer Program with Law Firm Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos, et al. The Superintendent's recommendation not to approve this Retainer Program. Motion Passed 7-0.

Mrs. Zeigler addressed on she bought this item before the board because Special Ed. has fallen under Walsh, Anderson, Brown, and Gallegos. However, our prime attorney company provides Special Education attorney as well and I think we are absolutely covered with Ms. Stacy Ferguson who is the Special Education Counselor, the attorney. So I really suggest that we do not renew this.

7. Discussion/ Possible Action **Discussion and possible action to approve contract with Texas Correction Industries to rebuild up to 3 school buses to be used as South San Antonio ISD School Activity buses pending review by legal counsel.**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Madla, seconded by Mr. Mata move to approve contract with Texas Correction Industries to rebuild up to 3 school buses to be used as South San Antonio ISD Activity bus, reflect that it's approved pending its invaluable process. Motion Passed 7-0.

Mrs. Martinez stated on how she felt it was a good idea when they saw the buses out there and they were excellent. She thinks this is the best idea we do for the district. Ms. Zeigler also stated on how acquiring these buses would help eliminate some expenses and how they could benefit the district.

**8. Discussion/ Discussion and possible action to approve
Possible Action resolution pertaining to the voting phase of
Selection process for election of Bexar
Appraisal District Board of Directors for
2012-2013.**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Madla, seconded by Mr. Mata that we use our 44 votes for Rick A. Schroder Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2012-2013. Motion Passed 7-0.

Mrs. Prado addressed about the letter regarding the members of the board have to be re-elected or be voted into. Each district in San Antonio gets so many votes per district depending on size of the district. South San needs to have 44 votes. Mrs. Madla read the resolution.

**9. Discussion/ Discussion and possible action to approve
Possible Action the purchase of Child Nutrition Employee
Uniforms.**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Madla, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson to approve the purchase of Child Nutrition Employee Uniforms with Ameriform as recommended by staff. Motion Passed 7-0.

Ms. Arrendondo addressed on the recommendation of Ameriform for her staff. And was available for any questions.

**10. Discussion/ Discussion and possible action to approve
Possible Action the implementation of “Reducing the Risk,”
human sexuality curriculum at South San
High School.**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Tomlinson, seconded by Mrs. Martinez to approve the implementation of “Reducing the Risk” curriculum at South San High School until the caveat that the parents have the opportunity to review the curriculum first before they sign it. Motion Passes 7-0.

Mr. Gary Sadlon and Mrs. Sharon Nodine addressed that the school health advisory council is recommending that you implement to new Human Sexuality curriculum reducing the risk at the High School level only. Dr. Palestine addressed on the program regarding the curriculum and the goals for the next 4 years on a 5 year grant are to decrease the teen pregnancy by 10%. Mrs. Sharon Nodine was available for any questions.

11.	<u>Discussion/ Possible Action</u>	<u>Discussion and possible action of professional resignations, leaves of absence, retirements, and employment of new personnel/personnel returning from leave of absences.</u>
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Upon Motion by Mrs. Tomlinson seconded by Mr. Mata voted unanimously to approve Item # 11. Motion Passes 7-0.

Mrs. Martinez had a question regarding Daniella Garcia a substitute teacher at Kazen Middle School regarding her substitute position and credentials. Mr. Aldana was available for any questions.

12.	<u>Discussion/ Possible Action</u>	<u>Discussion and possible action of auxiliary resignations, leaves of absences, retirements, and employment of new personnel/personnel returning from leave of absences.</u>
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Upon motion by Mr. Mata seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson Board of Trustees voted unanimously on item #12. Motion Passes 7-0. Mr. Aldana was available for any questions.

13.	<u>Discussion/ Possible Action</u>	<u>Discussion and possible action of consideration and approval of an order by the Board of Trustees of the South San Antonio I.S.D. authorizing the issuance of “South San Antonio Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, Series 2012.” Levying a continuing direct annual ad Valorem Tax for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving the other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds, including the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, an escrow and trust agreement, and a purchase contract; complying with the letter of representations with the depository trust company, delegating the authority to certain members of the board of trustees and district staff to execute certain documents relating to the sale of the bonds; and providing an effective date.</u>
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Upon Motion by Mrs. Tomlinson, seconded by Mrs. Madla to approve the order by the Board of Trustees of the South San Antonio ISD authorizing the issuance of “South San Antonio Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, Series 2012.” As presented including the Current Capital Markets as a new manager. Motion Passed 7-0.

Mr. Richard Acosta, District Financial Advisor addressed regarding where the refinancing stands at the present time and how we can take advantage of the current market commissions and lower the cost that were spent last year and also lower the tax rate. Mr. Landeros and Mr. Acosta were available to answer questions.

14.	Discussion/ Possible Action	Discussion and possible action to approve extension of consultant services for Middle School Algebra grant pending review and approval by legal counsel.
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Upon Motion by Mrs. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Madla to approve the extension of consultant services for Middle School Algebra grant pending review and approval of legal counsel. Motion Passed 7-0.

Mrs. Evelyn Trinidad was available to answer questions.

15.	Discussion/ Possible Action	Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of student subscription renewals from Wireless Generation.
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Upon Motion by Mrs. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Madla to approve the purchase of student subscription renewals of Wireless Generation. (but when you get that end of the year report well you provide the board with a copy of it, that report so we can see where we are at.) Motion Passes 7-0.

Mrs. Trinidad addressed on this item explaining what the RPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) program and software consists of and how it was used by teachers. Mrs. Trinidad was also available for questions.

16.	Discussion/ Possible Action	Discussion and possible action to approve Secondary Science State Supplementary Adoption for Middle and High School.
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Upon Motion by Mr. Mata, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson to approve Secondary Science State Supplementary Adoption for Middle and High School, as presented. Motion Passes 7-0.

Mr. David Ochoa addressed on the staff recommendations of the Science Supplemental Materials which were done with teacher inputs. Mr. Ochoa was available for questions.

17. Discussion/ Possible Action Discussion and possible action to approve the rescheduling of the Regular Board Meeting on December 21, 2011 to December 14, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. Madla, seconded by Mrs. Martinez to approve the change in the Regular Board Meeting in December. Motion Passes 7-0.

18. Discussion/ Possible Action Discussion and possible action to approve consultant serviced of Maria Solis to assist the delivery of instruction as it relates to student engagement in each classroom.

Upon Motion by Mrs. Tomlinson, seconded by Mr. Flores to approve the consultant services of Maria Solis as presented. *Motion Passes 7-0.* Mrs. Zeigler addressed the board about the services, Mrs. Solis would be providing to the District.

Mrs. Zeigler addressed the Board in the matter of discussing Item #21 and Item #22 before going into close session. Board approved.

21. Oral Report Report on the Common Core Curriculum Standards Conference.

Dr. Alvarez spoke on the Common Core Curriculum Standards Conference. He was also available for any questions.

22. Oral Report Presentation of South San Antonio ISD's organization chart.

Ms. Zeigler spoke on the South San Antonio ISD organization chart. Ms. Zeigler was also available for any questions.

The Board of Trustees went into Closed Executive Session at 9:22 p.m. The Board of Trustees reconvened to Open Session at 11:22 p.m. to take such action as appropriate on items discussed in an Executive Session.

WRITTEN/ORAL REPORTS /INFORMATION ITEMS

19. Discussion of Personnel: Consideration of assignments, promotions, and reclassifications. Texas Government Code § 551.071, 551.074,

No action taken on Item #19.

20. Consultation with attorney and discussion regarding legal and personnel implications of investigation into UIL violation of the South San Antonio High School. Texas Government Code §§551.0771, 551.074, 551.082 and 551.0821

No action taken on Item #20.

23. Written Report Maintenance Report – October 2011

24. Written Report Police – October 2011

25. Written Report Child Nutrition – October 2011

26. Written Report South San Antonio I.S.D. Worker’s Compensation Fund – October 2011

27. Written Report South San Antonio I.S.D. Unlimited Tax Building Build America Bonds Taxable Series 2010 October 2011

28. Written Report Tax Collection – October 2011

29. Written Report South San Antonio I.S.D. Unlimited Tax Building Build America Bonds Taxable Series 2010 October 2011

30. Written Report South San Antonio I.S.D. Unlimited Tax School Building CAB Bond Series 2010 October 2011.

31. Written Report Instructional Facilities Allotment Series 2005 – Construction Fund October 2011

32. Written Report Existing Debt Allotment-Series 2007 Construction Fund – October 2011

Upon motion by Mrs. Tomlinson seconded by Mr. Flores Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Items 19, 20 and Items 23—32. Motion Passes 7-0.

Upon motion by Mrs. Tomlinson seconded by Mr. Flores Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn, the time is 11:22p.m.

Adjournment

ATTEST

Connie Prado, President

Rose Marie Martinez, Secretary