Public Hearing for Budget and Tax Rate/Special Called Board Meeting August 23, 2013

Minutes of the Public Hearing For Budget and Tax Rate/Special Called Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District held Friday, August 23, 2013, in the Administrative Office Board Room, 205 Memorial Drive, Del Rio, Texas.

Trustees present: Dr. Fernando Quiz; Amy Haynes; Joshua D. Overfelt; Charles A. Garabedian; Cecilia Martinez-Lozano; Raymond P. Meza; and Roberto Chavira

Trustees absent: None

Others present: Dr. Carlos H. Rios; Dr. Jorge Garza; Aidee Garcia; Yanakany Valdez; Dr. Patricia McNamara; Mike Salinas; Abelardo Casillas; news media and others

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Charles A. Garabedian determined that with seven members in attendance, a quorum was present, confirmed by Joshua D. Overfelt.

A few minutes of silence was observed for personal reflection.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was given.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing for Budget and Tax Rate - Yanakany Valdez

Mrs. Yanakany Valdez presented the 2013-2014 Budget including the following:

- District Vision and Goals
- 2013-2014 Highlights
- Budget Legal Requirements
- Property Tax Information
- General Fund Budget
- Debt Service Budget
- Child Nutrition Budget
- Executive Summary
- Refined Average Daily Attendance

There was discussion regarding the refined ADA and board members were pleased to see a balanced budget.

B. Public Comments

None

C. Public Hearing Closed at 6:25 p.m.

None

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. The administration recommended approval of the 2013-2014 District Official Budget, which includes the General Fund Budget, the Debt Service Budget, the Food Service Budget, and all the District pay schedules as presented by Yanakany Valdez

There was discussion regarding bus drivers, reduction in pay, reduction on pay schedule, TASB salary rates, communication to those impacted to avoid negative fallout, hourly waged employees, stipends for robotics coaches, disappointment in deletion of classroom supplies stipend, explanation of deletion of classroom supplies stipend and legalities, other avenues to assist teachers, hourly rates for summer school, title change for substitute/extra duty rates.

(Garabedian, Chavira) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

B. The administration recommended approval of the District's appraisal roll and the estimates of total taxes collectible, using a total rate of \$1.172400, as presented in the certification by Beatrice I. Munoz, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

(Martinez-Lozano, Chavira) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

C. The administration recommended approval of the Ordinance setting the M&O Tax Rate at \$1.040000 and the I&S Tax Rate at \$0.132400, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

(Garabedian, Chavira) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

D. The administration recommended approval of the engagement agreement with Southwest Securities as the District's Financial Advisor, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

(Overfelt, Meza) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

E. The administration recommended approval of the engagement agreement with Winstead PC as Bond Counsel, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

(Garabedian, Martinez-Lozano) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

F. The administration recommended approval of the Order authorizing the issuance of San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013; entering into an Escrow Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; delegating to Board President and Superintendent the authority to approve all final terms of the bonds; and other matters related thereto, as presented by Yanakany Valdez

There was discussion regarding cost to district.

(Martinez-Lozano, Chavira) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

The board adjourned into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

If, during the course of any duly posted meeting, the Board of Trustees determines that a closed or executive session is required regarding an item posted on the Agenda, that session will be held on any or all subjects and purposes permitted by Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.084 of the Government Code (The Texas Open Meetings Act). If a final vote is required on any matter considered in the closed or executive session, it shall be taken either upon the reconvening of the public session covered by this notice or at a subsequent, duly posted, public meeting as the Board shall determine.

- A. Pursuant to 551.074 Discussion of Personnel or to Hear Complaints Against Personnel:
 - 1. Discussion of Personnel Report to include the following:
 - New Hires
 - District Vacancies: Retirements/Resignations
 - 2. Discussion of the approval of the Principal at Del Rio Freshman School

The board reconvened into open session at 8:34 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board may vote upon, and/or take action as to, any or all of the items considered under "Closed Session".

- A. The administration recommended approval of New Hires, New Assignments, District Vacancies, and Reassignments, as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara
 - Dr. Rios requested Monica Luna be pulled from the recommendation list read by Dr. McNamara because she is related to Raymond Meza and this would give Mr. Meza an opportunity to vote for the other recommendations and the option to abstain on Ms. Luna's recommendation.

Laura Mundy – DRHS – Mathematics Teacher
Jose Luis Sifuentes – DRHS – Mathematics Teacher
Soveida Velasquez – SGLC – Science Teacher
Daniel Schlender – DRFS – English/Lang. Arts. Teacher
Manuel Munoz – DRMS – Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher
Maria Gutierrez – SFMMS – ESL English Teacher
Flor Almeda Munoz – Calderon Elem – Grade 4 Teacher
Miranda Gonzales – Lamar Elem – Grade 4 Teacher
Herlinda Sandborg – Cardwell Elem – PreKinder Teacher

Probationary
Probationary – Retired
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(Overfelt, Haynes) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

Monica Luna - Chavira Elem - Asst. Principal

Continue Multi-Year Contract

(Overfelt, Martinez-Lozano) Quiz, Haynes, Garabedian, Chavira voted "Aye"; Meza Abstained; Motion Carried 6-0-1

B. The administration recommended approval of the Principal at Del Rio Freshman School, as presented by Dr. Patricia McNamara

Jorge Limon

Continue Multi-Year Contract

(Overfelt, Quiz) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

Mr. Charles A. Garabedian made the motion to adjourn the meeting

(Overfelt, Haynes) all seven board members present voted "Aye"

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

President

Secretary