# Workshop/Emergency School Board Meeting March 14, 2020

Minutes of the Workshop/Emergency School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District held Saturday, March 14, 2020 in the Student Performance Center and Administration Building Auditorium, 315 Griner Street, Del Rio, Texas.

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Raymond Meza called this Workshop/Emergency School Board Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Diana Gonzales called roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival
Mr. Alfredo Contreras	X		
Mrs. Diana Gonzales	X		
Mrs. Amy Haynes-Sanders	X		
Mrs. Linda Guanajuato-Webb	X		
Mr. Raymond P. Meza	X		
Mr. Joshua D. Overfelt	Χ		
Mr. Kenneth Smith	X		

Others present: Dr. Carlos H. Rios, Mrs. Sandra T. Hernandez, Mrs. Aidee Garcia, Mrs. Aida Gomez, Mr. Leslie Hayenga, Ms. Amy Childress, Mr. Duane Maldonado and others.

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.

## SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

A. Discussion pertaining to imminent threat to public health and safety

(Dr. Carlos Rios)

Recommended Action: Discussion

Dr. Carlos Rios presented to the Board of Trustees and members of the audience the following:

#### COVID-19 Update

- SFDRCISD's Current Status & Risk Level
- Our Goal
- Recommendation
- The District's Child Nutrition Services
- Instructional Continuity for SFDRCISD Students
- Other Administrative Actions
- Questions, Suggestions, Discussion

There was extensive discussion regarding the report back to work day for teachers, communication to business entities for the prevention of students gathering at these businesses while not in school, clarification regarding the latitude to work with staff, clarification regarding required quarantine, testing kit availability, clarification of sufficient infrastructure for method of lesson delivery to students, working together as a community, same latitude for paraprofessionals as well, and request for administration to be transparent as possible.

The Workshop adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The Emergency Meeting opened at 8:34 a.m.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Marcela Gonzales John Sheedy Beatrice Arizpe

An emergency or urgent public necessity exists that requires immediate action of the Board or an imminent threat to public health and safety or a reasonably unforeseeable situation exists, as follows:

A. Immediate action is required due to an imminent threat to public health and safety relating to COVID-19. The District has also learned of several members of the community who have traveled to countries designated with COVID-19 outbreaks and with travel warnings and bans from the CDC. The threat to the State, community and District is imminent as reported by federal and state officials and the situation qualifies as an epidemic under 551.045(b)(2)(C).

There was discussion regarding authorization for SFE to call in additional resources needed for the production of meals and discussion regarding additional resources monitored by Ms. Childress in order to apply for assistance from the State and Federal Government. Dr. Rios shared that Administrators have the latitude to utilize staff as necessary. There was clarification regarding the district receiving notifications from the Del Rio/Val Verde County Emergency Operations Management team. Mrs. Guanajuato-Webb urged parents to not send children who are sick to school. Mr. Meza stated that every entity, whether it be hospital, county, city, are having their discussions regarding this very important topic, but as a school board, no one is going to address the needs of the students and staff better than they would as elected officials. Mr. Meza further stated that the discussions held today have not been disheartening and are very worthwhile and will proceed as changes are made every day.

Dr. Rios thanked the Board for their availability and for the Team of Eight working together and moving forward. Dr. Rios also stated that the lines of communication between the school district and community leaders are open and they are all working together as well. In addition, Dr. Rios also thanked the school district administrators for their contribution and working together on home-based instructional plans to get through this situation.

The board adjourned into executive session at 8:58 a.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, 551.087 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 Section 551.071 (Consultation with legal counsel on COVID-19 related matters), 551.074 (personnel), 551.0821 (confidential student matters)

The board reconvened at 9:33 a.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. Consider and take possible action on board emergency resolution relating to COVID-19 Response and discussion pertaining to same.

(Mr. Raymond P. Meza)

Recommended Action: To be determined

Dr. Carlos Rios read the Resolution.

Members of the Board thanked administration for their efforts and support, and requested a list of hotspots. There was clarification of the District would expand this list as needed. A request was made to extend the collaboration discussion with Cd. Acuna or the State of Coahuila. The Board sought clarification regarding the registration process for Irene C. Cardwell Elementary and new students to the district and whether it would continue as scheduled; clarification whether Principals would be contacting personnel and seeking cooperation of certain personnel who would be asked not to report on Monday due to their risk level. The Board also requested that Dr. Rios inform them if TEA Board provides any updates pertaining to STAAR testing and additional waivers.

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

Mr. Raymond Meza made the recommendation to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned on at 9:48 a.m.

President

Secretary