

ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
17th & Caria – P.O. Box 158
Zapata, Texas 78076-0158

2 Action:

TO: Board of Trustees

DATE: February 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of E-rate Budget Yr 9

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

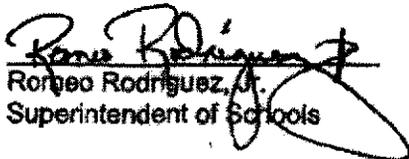
The E-rate or more precisely, the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism – exists as a result of Section 254(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

Zapata County ISD Technology Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the budget to pay our share of the discounts for the four service categories we are applying for in Yr 9:

- ❖ Telecommunications Services
- ❖ Internet Access
- ❖ Internal Connections
- ❖ Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve
the E-rate Budget Yr 9 as presented.


Roneo Rodriguez, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools


Gilberto Flores
Technology Support

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ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
17th & Carla - P.O. Box 158
Zapata, Texas

2 (a) Action: _____

TO: Board of Trustees

DATE: March 6, 2006

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

LOCATION: Professional Staff Development Center, 17th & Carla St., Zapata, Texas

School Board President Veronica P. Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
She stated that there was a quorum.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Romeo Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Pledge.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Veronica P. Gonzalez
Mrs. Dora O.S. Martinez Mr. Armando Paredes
Mr. Zachary O. Garza Mr. Jose M. Ramirez
Mr. Anselmo Treviño, Jr. Mr. Ricardo X. Ramirez

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Staff members present included: Laura A. McCoy, Jose Luis Morales, Gerardo D. Montes, Rebecca Salinas, Connie Gray, Gilberto Flores, Jorge Montes III, Norma Garcia, Olinda Flores, Jose M. Flores, Maria G. Loza, and Juan J. Cruz, school counsel.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

None

2. Approval of E-Rate Budget Year 9 (2006-2007)

Mr. Gilberto Flores, Technology Specialist presented this item for Board approval. He informed the Board of Trustees that the E-rate or more precisely, the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism – existed as a result of Section 254(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

He stated that Zapata County ISD Technology Department was requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the budget to pay our share of the discounts for the four service categories we are applying for in Yr 9:

- ❖ Telecommunications Services
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Mr. Armando B. Paredes made a motion to approve the E-rate Budget Yr 9 as presented. Mrs. Dora O.S. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Hearing - 2004-2005 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Reports

Mrs. Norma Garcia, Administrative Assistant informed the Board of Trustees that according to the Texas Education Code the Board shall hold a hearing for public discussion of the annual performance report within 90 days of receipt of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report from the Texas Education Agency. She stated that the hearing may be and was being combined with a regularly scheduled meeting of the local Board of Trustees.

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She expressed to the Board that administration was recommending that the Board conduct a hearing presented by central office administration for the purposes of public discussion of the Annual Performance Report.

Mr. Jose M. Ramirez, III made a motion to approve the hearing. Mr. Armando Paredes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Norma Garcia proceeded with the hearing and reviewed and shared the 2004-2005 AEIS report with the Board.

Board President Veronica P. Gonzalez called for comments from the audience. There being no comments, Mr. Ricardo X. Ramirez made a motion to close hearing. Mrs. Dora O.S. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive closed session at 6:55 p.m.
The Board returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Board President Veronica P. Gonzalez announced that no action had been taken in executive session.

In open session

4. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Govt. Code, the Board will discuss Resignations, Retirements, and Leaves of Absence, New Employment, New Personnel Positions, Return from Leave of Absence, and Contract Renewal for Teachers

- Approval of Zapata South Elementary Principal
- Approval of Computer Specialist II

This item was discussed in closed session.
No action was taken.

5. Action, if any, on items discussed in closed session

- Approval of Zapata South Elementary Principal
- Approval of Computer Specialist II

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Superintendent Romeo Rodriguez, Jr. announced that Mr. Pedro Morales was being recommended for the position of Zapata South Elementary Principal, effective the 2006-2007 school year

Mr. Ricardo X. Martinez made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented by Superintendent Rodriguez. Mrs. Dora O.S. Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Board Information Items:

7. Calendar:

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Regular Board Meeting
PDC Building 6 p.m.

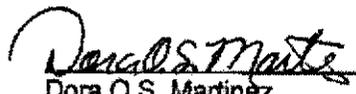
8. Comments

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Zachary O. Garza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jose M. Ramirez III seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Veronica P. Gonzalez
President


Dora O.S. Martinez
Secretary

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**Zapata County Independent
School District**

Funding approval for E-rate Year 9

February 2006

Submitted by Gil Flores
Technology Support



Schools and Libraries Program

- ❑ Provides discounts to eligible schools and libraries for Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, Internal Connections, and Basic Maintenance
- ❑ Discounts range from 20% - 90% of the costs of eligible services, depending on the school's level of economic disadvantage as determined by the percentage of its students eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch
- ❑ Applicants must apply for discounts each year (Form 471 application filing window)
- ❑ Funding cap each year is \$2.25 billion



Category One: Telecommunications

- Priority 1 – Funded First

- District qualifies for 89%

- Basic Telephone Service (POTS) SBC
 - Fax Machine Lines SBC
 - Long Distance Service ATT
 - Cellular Service Cingular



Category Two: Internet Access

- Priority 1

- District qualifies for 89%

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| □ Internet Access | Trillion |
| □ Wireless Wide Area Network | Trillion |
| □ E-mail Services and Accounts Fees | eChalk |
| □ Web Hosting Service | eChalk |



Category Three: Internal Connections

- Priority 2

- District qualifies for 89%

- District Wide

Integrity

- Zapata High School

- Zapata Middle School

- Fidel and Andrea R Villarreal Elementary School

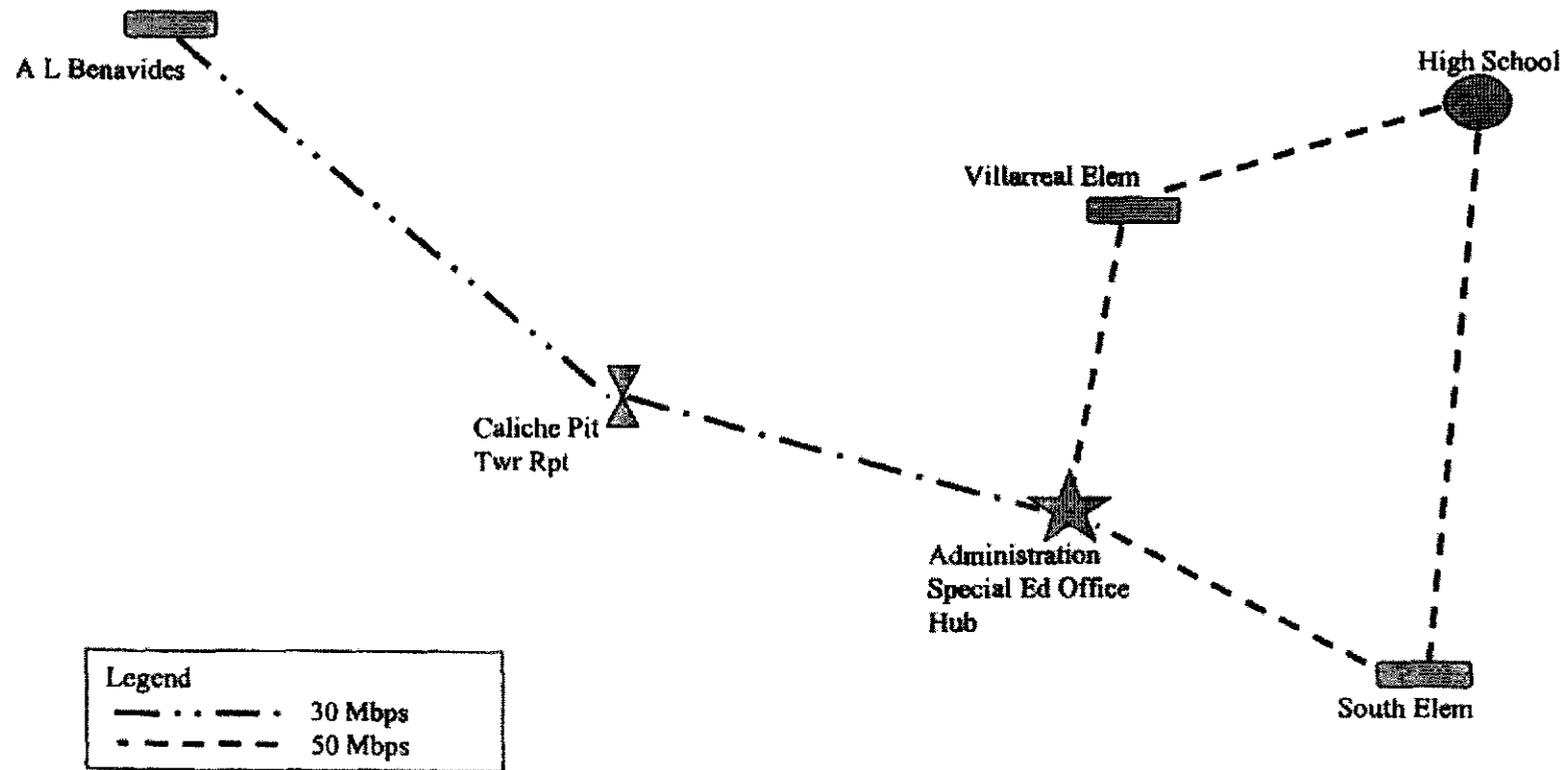
- Zapata South Elementary School

- A. L. Benavides Elementary School

- Zapata North Early Childhood Center

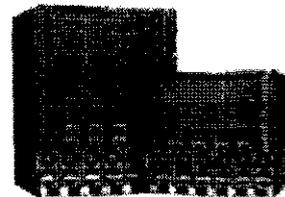


Proposed WAN Service Design



District Wide Infrastructure Project

- ❑ Rewire all the campuses with CAT6 drops, test and certify the networks
- ❑ Install new switching devices supporting Layer 3 Protocols
- ❑ Install Gigabit fiber backbone throughout campus's IDF's
- ❑ Build a solid foundation for the deployment of voice, video, and data





Questions

That is all!

