

**Questions Submitted by Trustee Connie Prado
September 20, 2017 Regular Called Board Meeting
Discussion and Possible Action Agenda Item #4**

1. Does the school district have any correspondence from the auditing firm which indicates their desire to withdraw from the contract?

Yes

2. Since they are requesting to withdraw from the engagement at a late and inopportune time for the school district did the Board's legal counsel review the contract and consider the Board's options?

The auditor's request to withdraw was discussed with the school district's legal counsel.

3. Did the school district provide the current auditing firm any correspondence releasing them from their auditing contractual responsibilities?

Yes, the superintendent has signed a form releasing the auditing firm from their engagement with the school district.

4. If a parting of ways becomes necessary, has the administration considered other auditing firms among the other fifteen ISD's in Bexar County who conduct their annual audit?

Due to the urgency of engaging a new auditing firm, the administration does not recommend issuing a request for proposals.

5. If I recall correctly, the TEA became involved in the selection process when the Board initially selected Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP. Will the TEA insist on being involved in the selection of a new auditing firm?

A representative from TEA will need to answer this questions.

6. In the event the Board is asked to approve Garza/Gonzalez & Associates on September 20th, I do have a question: Are there any professional, personal or political conflict of interest between any SSAISD Board Member, Superintendent or Senior Executive Administrator and the Garza/Gonzalez & Associates, to include any of the firm's employees?

I am not aware of any.

7. Additionally, are there any professional, personal or political relationships between any SSAISD Board Member, Superintendent or Senior Executive Administrator and the Garza/Gonzalez & Associates, to include any of the firm's employees? If any, would the relationship give the appearance of any impropriety? Or not "pass the smell test"?

I am not aware of any.