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The Spring ISD Board of Trustees on Thursday unanimously voted to name Dr. Lupita Hinojosa as the lone finalist for superintendent of the Spring Independent School District, which would make her the first Hispanic woman in the district’s history to hold the top leadership position.

Hinojosa, who currently serves as the district’s chief of Innovation and Equity, would officially become superintendent after the required 21-day waiting period designated under statute. She begins in her position on Feb. 1. Hinojosa succeeds Dr. Rodney E. Watson, who announced in October that he was departing the district to become deputy executive director for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

Spring ISD Board President Justine Durant said Hinojosa stood out among the candidates vying for the position, citing her three decades as a public education leader as well as her deep commitment to serving students first.

“Dr. Hinojosa brings to this role tremendous experience, dedication and heart,” Durant said. “She is sharply focused on providing every student what they need to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. She has a proven track record of success as an advocate for students and families, and as a board we know Dr. Hinojosa will take Spring ISD to even greater heights.”

Hinojosa said the opportunity to serve the students of Spring ISD as superintendent is an honor and a responsibility she intends to approach with commitment, innovation and tenacity.