



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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Minutes of Special Called

**The Board of Trustees
South San Antonio ISD**

A Special Called of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, August 9, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza		X	
Abel Martinez Jr.		X	
Homer Flores Jr.		X	
Manuel Lopez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

Mr. Lopez, Board President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

TEA MONITOR REMARKS/REPORT

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor: Just some quick comments, this is a budget workshop and the reason I wanted to make some remarks today is that previously some Board members, not necessarily you folks but some Board members, have criticized the Administration that not enough information was provided concerning finances, we didn't know about the deficit until way late, all that kind of stuff. These are the meetings where you as Board members need to be asking questions. It's your responsibility as Board members as fiduciaries for the district to be responsible. If you don't understand something, and let me tell you school finance is difficult to understand, so there's no shame in asking questions so I would encourage you to really understand your budget as you discuss it today, so when you come back to vote, I guess next week, you're well prepared. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience regarding our Back to School Bash that provided immunizations, school supplies and haircuts. He thanked the staff for putting that together. He said that our Convocation was last week and he thanked Trustees Lopez and Flores for attending. He stated that today was the first day of school. He shared that last year's enrollment on the first day was at 6,466 and today 6,903 showed up. He said that increase is a very

good sign. He thanked the district staff that have put in efforts to recruit and reaching out to our community.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

None

Mr. Sanchez, Legal Counsel stated: I can short circuit the meeting. I wanted to inform the Board I have nothing new to report on the status of the TEA investigations at this time so we don't need to go into executive session on that item.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, and Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

No action taken.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOTICE: The Board of Trustees may elect to go into Closed Meeting any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board of Trustees elects to go into Closed Meeting regarding an Agenda Item, the Board of Trustees will hold a Closed Meeting to discuss individual personnel matters including termination, litigation and other matters the Board deems necessary. Upon completion of Closed Meeting, the Board of Trustees may, in the open session, take such action as appropriate on items discussed in a Closed Meeting. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in Closed Meeting, the Board will convene in such Closed Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.001 -

551.088. The Board members may take action in the open portion of the meeting on items discussed in the Closed Meeting but no action will be taken in closed session.

The Board will return to open session and take appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in closed session. No Action will be taken in closed session. Further, Board Members are reminded that all items discussed in closed session must remain confidential also as to avoid liability to the district. The Board will consider and discuss, the following items:

Closed Meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, and 551.0821

1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
2. Consultation with attorney regarding status of pending TEA investigations and matters related thereto.

The Board did not go into closed session.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM.

ATTEST

Manuel Lopez, Board President

Shirley Ibarra, Board Secretary

NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Trustees is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Superintendent. Closed meeting, if required and if authorized by the statute, will be conducted prior to the conclusion of the meeting for any item listed on this agenda.

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