



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

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### Minutes of Regular Meeting

#### The Board of Trustees

#### South San Antonio ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 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       |        |                             |
| Joe Araiza            | X       |        |                             |
| Homer Flores Jr.      | X       |        |                             |
| Manuel Lopez          | X       |        |                             |
| Abel Martinez Jr.     | X       |        |                             |
| Shirley Ibarra        | X       |        |                             |

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

•PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

•TEXAS PLEDGE

•PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding Policy Update 123 and proposal of a TRE.

#### MISSION

Led by Trustee Flores

#### VISION

Led by Trustee Flores

#### TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: Mr. Lopez and members of the Board, first of all, congratulations for having a full Board. All seven of you are here. I think that good and important as well. I also want to encourage you to plan activities that puts you out to your community. I think there is something lacking there. I think it would be, like the mission statement stated, it's important to engage your community and I think that's something that I would encourage y'all to work on. Thank you.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience passing condolences to 3 former employees: Antonio Rodriguez (maintenance/custodial department for 33 years) Homer Macal Sr. (29 years in the District) and Coach Judy K. Davenport (31 years in the District). He informed that today begins the Intermurals and that students need to be in good standings with grades and attendance to participate. He stated that progress reports are going out and Open Houses are coming up; the Elementary's will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and the Middle Schools will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. He recognized the Board and our finance team for the Bond refinancing. He stated it would bring in a savings of 1.2 million dollars over the next 13 years which is an average of \$95,000 a year in interest. He stated that our attendance enrollment is doing fantastic and we are 224 students over than the number we used to build our budget. He informed that Monday is no school for students.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President: None

## **RECOGNITIONS**

1. Armstrong Elementary is recognized as an Apple Distinguished School  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

## **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. Attendance: A Habit of Champions  
Kathleen Antoon, Director of Assessment and Accountability, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. August 2024 Interim Financials  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
3. August 2024 Quarterly Investment Report  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

## **CONSENT**

*Policy BE (Local) states that the consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board Member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.*

1. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - A. August 21, 2024 Regular Called
2. Board Policy Update 123
3. Approve the service agreement between San Antonio Behavioral Hospital and South San Antonio ISD.
4. Budget Amendment
5. District Improvement Plan
6. Campus Improvement Plan

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 6 as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

| Vote:                 | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X   |    |           |
| Cyndi Ramirez         | X   |    |           |
| Joe Araiza            | X   |    |           |
| Homer Flores Jr.      | X   |    |           |
| Manuel Lopez          | X   |    |           |
| Abel Martinez Jr.     | X   |    |           |
| Shirley Ibarra        | X   |    |           |

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Lone Star Governance Superintendent Constraints Progress Measure Report on Staffing  
Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.  
Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0. Motion passed.

| Vote:                 | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X   |    |           |
| Cyndi Ramirez         | X   |    |           |
| Joe Araiza            | X   |    |           |
| Homer Flores Jr.      | X   |    |           |

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| Manuel Lopez      | X |  |  |
| Abel Martinez Jr. | X |  |  |
| Shirley Ibarra    | X |  |  |

2. Lone Star Governance Student Outcome Goal Report

Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, and Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0. Motion passed.

| Vote:                 | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X   |    |           |
| Cyndi Ramirez         | X   |    |           |
| Joe Araiza            | X   |    |           |
| Homer Flores Jr.      | X   |    |           |
| Manuel Lopez          | X   |    |           |
| Abel Martinez Jr.     | X   |    |           |
| Shirley Ibarra        | X   |    |           |

3. House Bill 3 Student Outcome Goals 2025-2029

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Araiza moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0. Motion passed.

| Vote:                 | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X   |    |           |
| Cyndi Ramirez         | X   |    |           |
| Joe Araiza            | X   |    |           |
| Homer Flores Jr.      | X   |    |           |
| Manuel Lopez          | X   |    |           |
| Abel Martinez Jr.     | X   |    |           |
| Shirley Ibarra        | X   |    |           |

**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 so 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 collaboration/partnerships with other educational institutions for early childhood education.
3. Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Agreed Order between South San Antonio ISD and the Texas Education Agency.

Start time: 7:12 PM.

End time: 7:43 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

**ATTEST**

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Manuel Lopez, Board President

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Ernesto Arrellano Jr., 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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