



## 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, August 16, 2023, beginning at 6:02 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trustee	Present	Absent	Departed Early
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		9:11 PM
Homer Flores Jr.	X		8:22 PM
Manuel Lopez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

•PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

•TEXAS PLEDGE

•PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

#### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Meeting to discuss the 2023-2024 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding their partnership with First Book and the approval of \$40,000 worth of books to distribute in South San ISD.

Yvonne Saldivar, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the district website, she asked that it include an updated staff directory, she stated that the transportation route system is not accurate, she stated that school calendar was not up to date, that the water tasted bad at Shepard Middle School, and she asked for the meet the teacher dates.

#### TEA MONITOR REMARKS/REPORT

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor: None

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

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience regarding our steady increase in enrollment. He said there are approximately 7,200 students at this time and at last year's snapshot we were at 7,800. He said we are hoping to hit our target of 8,000 or more kids. He shared the meet the cougar and meet the bobcats information and he introduced new staff; West Campus HS Principal Ricardo Marroquin and Coordinator of Maintenance and Operations Moses Gutierrez.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President, addressed the Board and audience regarding the Board training later in the month on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. He recognized Dr. Saavedra for his Monitors Report and stated that it was fair he said as months go by he will see better progress and positivity.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

1. Frank Madla Elementary School Wins Recess Redo Contest for New Playground Structure  
Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. Academic Health Report  
Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, Kathleen Antoon, Director of REIS, Rebecca Herrera, Director of Head Start, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. South San Antonio ISD/Head Start Community Assessment  
Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
3. Head Start Governance Training  
Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
4. Annual Cooperative Management Fees 2023-2024  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
5. July 2023 Financials  
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. July 13, 2023 Special Called
  - B. July 19, 2023 Regular Called
  - C. August 9, 2023 Special Called
2. Wolfe Law Firm P.C. - H-1B visa for certified Bilingual Teachers
3. Approve the General Fund Public Agreement Between South San Antonio ISD and Bexar County Commissioners Court.
4. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Wayland Baptist University and SSAISD.
5. Approve the training agreement between The United States Army-University of Kentucky Social Worker Program and SSAISD.
6. Approve the service agreement between Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) and SSAISD.
7. Approve the TTESS Appraisers for 2023-2024 school year.
8. Approval and purchase of software licenses from Progress Learning for elementary campuses for the 2023-2024 school year
9. Approve the Texas Education Agency Innovative Courses
10. Approval of RFQ 2023-09 Professional Support Services for Special Education
11. Board Resolution - Appoints the District's Chief Financial Officer as the designated officer responsible for calculating and reporting the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate as determined by state law
12. Approval of RFP 2023-08 Medicaid Claiming and Billing Services
13. Region 20 Commitments for 2023-2024 School year
14. Approval of breakfast and lunch price increases for staff and visitors

15. Approval of RFP 2023-10 HVAC and Mechanical Trade Services
16. Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Independent School Districts Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 –14 & 16 as presented, Ms. Ibarra 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

#### **CONSENT Item pulled**

##### **Item #15**

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

Ms. Ibarra moved to approve the consent agenda item 15 as presented, Mrs. Ramirez 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Discussion and possible action to accept the Certified Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2023 for South San ISD

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Annual Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

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

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		

Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

3. Consideration and approval of a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the South San Antonio Independent School District providing for the defeasance of certain currently outstanding obligations, authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement, delegating to certain district officials and staff the authority to effectuate matters herein resolved  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

4. Discussion and possible action to accept the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Year 2023 for South San Antonio ISD

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

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

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

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution Adopting the Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 School Year

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Lopez 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

6. Discussion and possible action to dissolve the Budget Committee.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/2. Motion passed.

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

7. Discussion and possible action to dissolve the Facilities Committee.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/2. Motion passed.

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

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution declaring a good cause exception to the requirements of HB 3.

Mark Sanchez, Legal Counsel, recommended that the Board receive the presentation in closed session and reserve this action item until after executive session.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution declaring certain real estate holdings of South San Antonio Independent School District as surplus and no longer necessary for the operation of the school district.

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

10. Budget Amendment

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	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. Deliberation re: the deployment of security personnel. (551.076)
3. Consultation with Attorney re: status of TEA Investigation and all matters related thereto. (551.071)
4. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§551.001 and §§551.0821, deliberation and consultation with school attorney regarding pending litigation Student v. South San Antonio Independent School District, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the state of Texas; Docket No. 349-SE-0823.  
Start time: 8:22 PM.  
End time: 9:45 PM.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session  
Discussion and possible action #8: to approve a resolution declaring a good cause exception to the requirements of HB 3.  
Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Ibarra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Closed Session Item #4: Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§551.001 and §§551.0821, deliberation and consultation with school attorney regarding pending litigation Student v. South San Antonio Independent School District, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the state of Texas; Docket No. 349-SE-0823.

Mr. Araiza made a motion: to approve as presented by legal counsel, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

## ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Ibarra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM.

**ATTEST**

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**Manuel Lopez, Board President**

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**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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