



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, January 22, 2025, 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		
Elsa Gonzales		X	
Shirley Ibarra	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

MISSION

Led by Trustee Arrellano

VISION

Led by Trustee Arrellano

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board recognizing the South San School Board for their service. He stated that the Bluebonnet Curriculum agenda item was a poor program and it pushes for one religion. He stated that the Trump Administration is allowing for students to be taken out of class and/or for their parents to be gone when they get home from school and asked for procedures to be in place.

TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: Mr. Lopez and members of the Board I just want to also congratulate the Board and thank you for your service as well. I have no other comments. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience extending the districts condolences for the passing of our Teacher of the Year Salena Sanchez. A moment of silence was held in her honor. He continued with stating that this is the first Board meeting since Christmas break. It is the beginning of the second semester; it brings the testing season. He stated that we will put our focus on STAAR EOC exams. He informed that central office is transitioning to Ray Ellison Blvd. He informed the parents that our attendance today was 81%, he encouraged them to have their children in school even on the colder days as they will be warm in their classroom's.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President: None

RECOGNITIONS

1. Spelling Bee Recognition

Dr. Greta Adame, Director of Bilingual and ESL, and Vanessa Dominguez, Director of Teaching and Learning, were called to recognize students for their achievements.

2. SSAISD School Board Appreciation Month

Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. December 2024 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. December 19, 2024 Regular Called

2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between San Antonio Council on Alcohol & Drug Awareness and SSAISD.

3. Approve the purchase of Bluebonnet curriculum

4. Targeted Improvement Plan

5. LOTE Credit by Exam Approval

6. Approve South San ISD to pay legal fees, government filing fees and administrative fees for permanent residency of certified teachers to the Wolfe Law Firm P.C.

7. Budget Amendment

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Lone Star Governance Student Outcome Goal Report

Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic 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 6/0. Motion passed.

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

2. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Jobana Tavera, Weaver Audit Firm, 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 6/0. Motion passed.

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

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. Personnel §551.074: deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of personnel.
2. Consultation with Attorney §551.071 – Martinez v. South San ISD, et al, Cause No. 5:24-CV-01381.
3. Superintendent Summative Evaluation
4. Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Agreed Order between South San Antonio ISD and the Texas Education Agency.

Start time: 7:01 PM.

End time: 9:04 PM.

OPEN SESSION

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

Consultation with Attorney §551.071 – Martinez v. South San ISD, et al, Cause No. 5:24- CV-01381.

Ms. Ibarra made a motion: I have a motion I move that I we will the oh my goodness move that the Board of Trustees authorize legal counsel to file representative responsive pleading on behalf of the Superintendent in the lawsuit Martinez vs South San and to provide representation to him until the litigation is concluded, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Ibarra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM.

ATTEST

Raymond Tijerina, Board President

Darrell Balderrama, 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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