

Southwest Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 20, 2025
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Tuesday, May 20, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in Building No. 800 Cafeteria, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, Texas.

The following Trustees were present: *Florinda Bernal, Daniel Carrillo, Jose Diaz, James Gonzalez, James Sullivan, and Ida Sudolcan*

The following Trustees were absent: *Sylvester Vasquez Jr.*

I. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Ida Sudolcan.

II. Invocation and Pledges to Allegiance

Roger Campos gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III. Recognitions

The following Southwest ISD students were recognized as students of the month for their outstanding leadership and achievements: Iker Fuentes of Sun Valley Elementary, Matthew Rodriguez of Scobee Middle School, and Jason Eslora-Castillo of CAST STEM High School.

Daniela Olivo was recognized as the Salutatorian of Southwest Legacy High School and Jose Espitia Jr. received the honor of Valedictorian.

Our Rising Stars with perfect attendance were Miracle Virginia Lopez of Sky Harbour Elementary, Gilbert Mendez of McNair Middle School, and Christian Gonzales of CAST STEM High School.

The Penguin Project students received the Magna Silver Award from the National School Board Association's conference in Atlanta, Georgia this March.

The Southwest High School Boys Soccer team received recognition for making school history by becoming the first team to ever reach a State Final.

Communications AV Technician, Mathew Campos, stepped up to assist his team by covering photography of the SWHS Boys Soccer State Semifinal game. Although new to him, he rose to the challenge after a 1-day crash course and captured one of the most iconic and emotional moments of the season.

Representatives of the Assistance League of San Antonio, Kathy Bustos, Ruth Heller, Jo McCollum, and Linda Patton, were recognized for awarding the Southwest ISD a \$25,000 grant through their Enhanced Learning Program providing Southwest elementary students district-wide with hands-on learning experiences like trips to iFly, Pinstack, and Twin Lakes all connected to what they are learning in class.

Administrator, Salina Palomo-Scott, was presented a certificate of bravery for her quick thinking and life-saving act for a family whose house was on fire.

For the first time at Southwest ISD, the district was able to designate Teacher Incentive Allotment educators. Awarded funds went to:

Recognized Designation: Jeanine Garcia and Anna Thedford of Spicewood Park Elementary, Jacquelyn Huerta of Big Country Elementary, Liliana Lopez and Beronica Martinez of Elm Creek Elementary, Monica McMorris and Hannah Toussaint of Sun Valley Elementary, Jake Olvera of Southwest Legacy High School, Jose Luis Perez of Southwest High School, Sarah Rocha Barnes of McAuliffe Middle School, Stephanie Trevino of Medio Creek Elementary, Valerie Trevino of Southwest Elementary, and Alexis Zamora of Kriewald Road School of the Arts.

Exemplary Designation: Priscilla Aldana, Leonor Gallegos, Jennifer Main, Aida Perez, and Cynthia Sosa of Big Country Elementary, Christine Bendele and Yara Schutter of Southwest Elementary, Amber Boggs of Spicewood Park Elementary, Donna Burell, Erin Drew, Anaïd Duenes, Krystal Garcia, Stephanie Laird, Sara Maciel, Kristy Pais, Abigail Rodriguez, and Jessica Welch of Sun Valley Elementary. Regina Castillo and Bridget Stuart of Elm Creek Elementary, Samantha Cordaro, Cynthia Soto, and Melissa Torres of Medio Creek Elementary, Maria Diaz of Scobee Middle School, Angela Garza and Nancy Gonzalez-Barta of Indian Creek Elementary, Nicole Hazen-Richards, Matthew Martinez and Cecilia Rodriguez of McNair Middle School, Gina Huerta of Bob Hope Elementary, and Delicia Mendez-Villegas of Sky Harbour Elementary.

Master Designation: Jorge Alvarez Luna of Indian Creek Elementary, Diane Hernandez and Danielle Waldie of Medio Creek Elementary, Angeles Leal of Big Country Elementary, Irene Mauricio of Bob Hope Elementary, Norma Perez of Kriewald Road School of the Arts, Michele Vardo-Garza of Sun Valley Elementary, and Ana Villarreal of Hidden Cove Elementary.

IV. Public general comments and/or comments related to posted agenda items.

Representatives from the American Heart Association shared information regarding CPR education for high school seniors.

V. Consent Agenda

V.A. Review approval of minutes:

V.A.1. Regular meeting of April 15, 2025

V.A.2. Special meeting of May 6, 2025

V.A.3. Special meeting of May 14, 2025

V.B. Consider approval of overnight trips.

V.B.1. Southwest High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Kerrville, TX

V.B.2. Southwest High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Fort Worth, TX

V.B.3. Southwest High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Nashville, TN

- V.B.4. Southwest High School NJROTC 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Kingsville, TX
- V.B.5. Southwest Legacy High School Legacy Cheer 2024-2025 overnight trip to San Marcos, TX
- V.B.6. Southwest Legacy High School Dance 2024-2025 Overnight to Austin, TX
- V.B.7. Southwest High School Cheer 2024-2025 Overnight to San Marcos, TX
- V.B.8. Southwest High School Dance 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Austin, TX
- V.B.9. Southwest High School and Southwest Legacy High School Boys Basketball
- V.B.10. Southwest High School and Southwest Legacy High School Girls Basketball
- V.C. Board amendment
- V.D. Consider approval of the report on purchasing cooperatives.
- V.E. Consider approval of amendments to the 2025-2026 Stipend List.
- V.F. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 application for the low attendance days waiver.
- V.G. Consider approval of Board Policy update for FDA (LOCAL) policy.

Board action: *Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Carrillo seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VI. Items of Information

- VI.A. Construction update
Central Office construction, Bob Hope Elementary renovations, Alvarado Elementary construction, and district-wide fencing project.
- VI.B. Monthly tax report
- VI.C. Monthly financial report
- VI.D. Monthly investment report
- VI.E. Report on gifts & bequests
- VI.F. Enrollment report
- VI.G. Review purchases over \$50,000
- VI.H. Cohort 2025 Graduation Update

Principals from CAST STEM High School, Southwest Legacy High School, and Southwest High School presented 2025 graduation information.

VII. Administration & Human Resources

There are no items under this section.

VIII. Business & Finance

- VIII.A. Consider approval of furniture purchase for the New Central Office and Professional Development Building.

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the furniture purchase for the new Central Office and Professional Development building as presented. Mr. Carrillo seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.B. Consider approval of the New Above Ground Fuel Tanks at Transportation.

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to table discussion on the new above ground fuel tanks for a future meeting. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.C. Consider approval of Central Office access control system.

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the access control system installation at the new Central Office facility and secondary campuses as presented. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.D. Consider approval of Raptor Technologies safety platform.

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the purchase of the Raptor Technologies safety platform as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.E. Consider approval of purchase and installation of district-wide surveillance camera system.

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the purchase and installation of district-wide surveillance servers and equipment to support the Video Insight surveillance camera system as presented. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

IX. Curriculum & Instruction

IX.A. Consider approval of participation in math Spanish Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials Pilot

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the district's participation in the math Spanish Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials Pilot. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

X. Special Programs

There are no items under this section.

XI. Closed session

As permitted by Sections, 551.001-551.146 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Law).

Vice President Sudolcan announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.001-551.146 the Board would convene in closed session at 7:33 p.m.

XI.A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, discussion on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, contract renewals.

XII. Convene in open session and take appropriate action on items discussed in closed session.

The board reconvened in open session at 8:26 p.m. and acted on items discussed in closed session.

XII.A. Superintendent's recommendations on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, contract renewals

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations as presented. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

XIII. Other business

Superintendent Dr. Ball shared information on upcoming district events.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary