

## 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, June 17, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to conduct this meeting primarily via teleconference pursuant to the Open Meetings Act procedures announced by Governor Abbot.

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

| Trustee             | Present | Absent | Late             |
|---------------------|---------|--------|------------------|
|                     |         |        | Arrival/Departed |
|                     |         |        | Early            |
| Stacey Alderete     | Х       |        |                  |
| Gilbert Rodriguez   | Х       |        |                  |
| Connie Prado        | Х       |        |                  |
| Shirley Ibarra Pena |         | Х      |                  |
| Homer Flores        | Х       |        |                  |
| Kevin Rasco         | Х       |        |                  |
| Veronica Barba      | Х       |        |                  |

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

•PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

•TEXAS PLEDGE

•PRAYER

•CALL TO ACTION

Led by Jennifer Suniga- Collier, Community Relations Officer Change order of the day by Mr. Rodriguez

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mrs. Rasco, Board Vice President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.

1. *Tom Cummins*, South San AFT, addressed the Board regarding a 3% pay increase for employees.

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

Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience recognizing the works of exceptional staff and students in the district; Canelo Ezequiel, Susan Arciniega, Nathaniel Soto, Juan Uribe, and Augustine Perez.

The Superintendent spoke to the most recent plan for our district regarding COVID19. He stated that we are making sure our district can lay the foundation for adequate technology to be provided to all students. He advised he would be having virtual meetings with staff to get their input and ideas on reopening of schools. He discussed the planning of a Board and Superintendent retreat. He stated that the compensation plan is on the way as well as zero based budget planning.

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

Gilbert Rodriguez, Board President, addressed the Board and audience recognizing Mrs. Sendejo for her hard work as Interim Superintendent as well as welcomed Dr. Puig as the new Superintendent. He recognized Canelo Ezequiel, the students that were instrumental in the startup of the CareZone and the Board for taking action to support them. He congratulated the graduates of 2020 across the district. He thanked the parents, the CareZone, teachers, administrators, and the counselors that were able to pull off distance learning.

#### 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 Waiver from the CPR instruction requirement due to COVID-19
- 2. Approve the state waiver for Parent Notice Requirement for Students at Risk of Failure
- 3. Approve Agreement between Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc. and SSAISD
- 4. Approve the Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding Between South San Antonio ISD and St. Philip's College, Alamo Colleges District
- 5. Approve the Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding Between South San Antonio ISD and Palo Alto College, Alamo Colleges District
- 6. Approve the Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding Between South San Antonio ISD and San Antonio College, Alamo Colleges District
- 7. Approve Agreement between Dr. Shaylon Rettig, MD and the SSAISD Health Services Department
- 8. Approve Agreement between Rise Recovery and SSAISD
- 9. Approve Agreement between Clarity Child Guidance Center and SSAISD

- 10. Approve Agreement between The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas and SSAISD
- 11. Approve Agreement between Jewish Family Service of San Antonio and SSAISD
- 12. Approve the Optional Flexible School Day for the 2020-2021 school year
- 13. Approval of the June Budget Amendment

Mrs. Alderete moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 - 13 as presented, Mrs. Prado seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | X   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | X   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | X   |    |           |

#### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. Financial Advisor Update: Financing Tools Supported by M&O Tax Fund Richard Acosta, RBC Capital Markets, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion and Possible action to approve an order authorizing the issuance of South San Antonio Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, series 2020.

Mrs. Alderete moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. <u>Motion passed.</u>

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | Х   |    |           |

2. Discussion and Possible action to approve Pre-K4 SA

Mr. Rasco moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Barba seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. Motion passed.

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | X   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | X   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | X   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | X   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |

| Veronica Barba X |
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#### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

- 2. Oral Report on Marketing Campaign 2020 Enrollment Jennifer Collier, Community Relations Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
- 3. Report on the Progress of the Veterans Memorial Project Chad Doucet, Interim Chief of Staff, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
- 4. Quarterly Investment Report Jeff Baum, Moak Casey Consultant, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
- 5. Monthly Financial Statements for May 2020 Jeff Baum, Moak Casey Consultant, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
- 6. Operational Update: Kazen MS Auxiliary Gymnasium fire related damage Chad Doucet, Interim Chief of Staff, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
- 7. Zero Based Budget Process Presentation Jeff Baum, Moak Casey Consultant, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
- 8. Presentation and Report on Methods of Procurement for Construction Services Kevin O'Hanlon, Legal Counsel, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

#### **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. Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 (Legal advice from school attorney)
- 3. Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 (personnel matters)
- 4. Hold a hearing on the grievance of Ruperto Becerra, deliberate on the grievance
- 5. Hold a hearing on the termination of James Schumann, deliberate on his termination

Section start time: 7:35 pm. Section start time: 12:03 am.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Discussion and Possible action to approve to amend the South San Antonio ISD 2020-2021 Academic School Calendar

Mr. Rasco moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Alderete name seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. <u>Motion passed</u>.

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | Х   |    |           |

3. Discussion and Possible action to approve Recommended Staff for Employment Mr. Rodriguez made a motion: I move to authorize the Superintendent to post and hire for the position of Deputy Superintendent of Innovation and Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations, Mrs. Alderete seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. <u>Motion passed.</u>

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | Х   |    |           |

Dr. Puig stated that this recommendation also included Valerie Menchaca as the CTE District Coordinator, and emphasized the transition that is taking place that is the promotion of Dolores Sendejo from Chief Academic Officer to Deputy Superintendent of Innovation. He also recognized Jeff Baum for the position the Board just authorized to post for and hire.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of District Insurance Consultant.

Mrs. Alderete moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. <u>Motion passed.</u>

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | X   |    |           |

5. Hold a hearing on the grievance of Ruperto Becerra, deliberate, and take possible action on the grievance

Mrs. Alderete made a motion to deny the grievance, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. <u>Motion passed</u>.

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | Х   |    |           |

6. Hold a hearing on the termination of James Schumann, deliberate, and take possible action regarding the termination.

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion: that we terminate the employment of James Schumann effective June 18, 2020, Mrs. Barba seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. <u>Motion passed.</u>

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | Х   |    |           |

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the request to rescind a teacher's resignation

Mr. Rasco moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Alderete seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve. Motion passed.

| Vote:             | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Stacey Alderete   | Х   |    |           |
| Gilbert Rodriguez | Х   |    |           |
| Connie Prado      | Х   |    |           |
| Homer Flores      | Х   |    |           |
| Kevin Rasco       | Х   |    |           |
| Veronica Barba    | Х   |    |           |

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### ATTEST

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Barba seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 AM.

Gilbert Rodriguez, Board President Shirley Ibarra Pena, 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.