

Southwest Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
August 5, 2025
11:30 a.m.

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Tuesday, August 5, 2025, beginning at 11:30 AM in the Central Office Building No. 800, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX.

The following Trustees were present: *Florinda Bernal, Daniel Carrillo, James Gonzalez, Ida Sudolcan, and Sylvester Vasquez Jr.*

The following Trustees were absent: *Jose Diaz and James Sullivan Jr.*

I. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Board President Vasquez.

II. Invocation and Pledges to Allegiance

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

III. Public comments related to posted agenda items

San Antonio City Councilman, Edward Mungia of District 4, introduced himself and shared information on current projects and his commitment to work with Southwest ISD on concerns and growth within the area.

IV. Consider the approval of the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

V. Consider approval to purchase supplies and equipment from Pocket Nurse.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the purchase of supplies and equipment from Pocket Nurse as presented. Mr. Carrillo seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VI. Consider approval to purchase supplies and equipment from DiaMedical, USA.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the purchase of supplies and equipment from DiaMedical, USA as presented. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VII. Consider approval to purchase supplies and equipment from zSpace.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the purchase of supplies and equipment from zSpace as presented. Mr. Carrillo seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 Secondary New Courses.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the 2024-2025 Secondary new courses as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

IX. Items of Information

IX.A. 2025-2026 Student & Parent Handbook

Executive Director, Mary Lou Hernandez, reviewed a summary of changes to the student & parent handbook.

IX.B. 2025-2026 SWISD Employee Handbook

Chief of Staff, Adrian Ramirez, presented a summary on the employee handbook changes.

IX.C. Review of House Bill 1481 Personal Communication Devices - the Cell Phone Policy.

Assistant Superintendent, Frances Barcenez, provided information on HB 1481 which prohibits students from using personal wireless communication devices during the school day in Texas public schools.

IX.D. First Read of TASB Update 125 of Local Policies BDAA, BDB, BDF, EI, FDE, FEC, and FFAC.

Assistant Superintendent, Frances Barcenez, shared information on TASB Board Policy update 125 for LOCAL Policies BDAA, BDB, BDF, EI, FDE, FEC, and FFAC.

IX.E. First Read of TASB Policy Review changes to Local Policies AE, AF, BBB, BE, BED, BQA, BQB, CDA, CFB, CFE, CKEA, CO, CQ, DBA, DCA, DCB, DEA, DEC, DFE, DK, DNB, EB, EEB, EFB, EHAD, EHBE, EI, EIA, EIC, EIE, FD, FFA, FL, FM, FNAA, FNCE, FNG, FO, GF, GKD, and GKDA.

Assistant Superintendent, Frances Barcenez, reviewed TASB policy changes to Local Policies.

X. Closed session

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

President Vasquez announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.001-551.146 the board would convene in closed session at 12:58 p.m.

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

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

The board reconvened in open session at 1:13 p.m. and took the following action:

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

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations on personnel. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.*

XII. Superintendent Remarks

Superintendent Dr. Ball invited City Councilman, Edward Mungia, to introduce himself to the Board of Trustees and staff. Dr. Ball reminded the Board of Convocation, Athletic events, first day of school Transportation send-off, Stuff the Bus, and the upcoming Growth & Planning meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary