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## SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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, October 18, 2017, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Section start time: 6:00 PM.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Mrs. Angelina Osteguín	X		
Mr. Louis Ybarra Jr.	X		
Mrs. Linda Longoria		X	
Mrs. Leticia Guerra	X		
Mrs. Connie Prado	X		
Mrs. Helen Madla-Prather		X	
Mrs. Elda Flores	X		

Change Order of the Day by Mrs. Osteguín, Board President.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Valerie Guerrero, student.
- TEXAS PLEDGE led by Valerie Guerrero, student.
- PRAYER led by Jocelyn Durand, Communications Officer.
- CALL TO ACTION led by Jocelyn Durand, Communications Officer.

Section end time: 6:02 PM.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Section start time: 6:02 PM.

Nicholas Maddox, lawyer, addressed the audience in regard to the guidelines and disruptions during citizens to be heard.

1. *Stacey Alderete*, parent, addressed the Board regarding transportation and campus

unity.

2. *Angelita Olvera*, parent, addressed the Board regarding the school closures and conflict of interest.
3. *Tom Cummins*, South San AFT, addressed the Board regarding school funding.

Section end time: 6:11 PM.

## **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

Section start time: 6:12 PM.

### **1. The Leader in Me**

Item start time: 6:12 PM.

Israel Lopez, coach, and Judy Benavidez, Palo Alto Elementary Principal, Shana Lawler, Assistant Principal, Cassandra Garcia, staff, Rebecca Toulain, staff, Herlinda Cervantes, staff, Anna Flores, Counselor, Angelica Aguilar, staff, Linda Gonzales, staff, Saulino Diaz, staff, Andrea Sanchez, Instructional Coach, Catricia Rocha, staff, Patricia Gamez, staff, and Aria Olivarez, staff, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Item end time: 6:24 PM.

## **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.

Entered Closed Session at 6:24 PM.

Returned from Closed Session at 6:54 PM.

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

Section start time: 6:54 PM.

In observance of the Principals Recognition Month of October, Dr. Saavedra addressed the Board and audience thanking the principals for all of their hard work. October is also Human Resource recognition week, he thanked director Monica Lopez and the entire HR staff for ensuring that all HR functions are executed successfully. He also thanked the Palo Alto Leader in Me students and staff for making this program successful. Dr. Saavedra also corrected misinformation that was presented by a speaker during citizens to be heard. He reassured the community that the school district does not have financial troubles at this time, and stated that at the end of the fiscal year, August 31, 2017, there was a budget surplus.

Section end time: 6:56 PM.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Section start time: 6:56 PM.

1. October's SuperStar Employee of the Month

Jocelyn Durand, Communication Officer, was called to recognize Jose Cruz Barrientos, custodian, for receiving October's Superstar Employee of the Month.

Section end time: 6:58 PM.

**PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

Section continued time: 6:57 PM.

2. Repurpose Committee Reports

Item start time: 6:57 PM.

Richard Perez, Chair of Kazen Repurpose Committee, and Tiffany Mesa, Chair of Athens Repurpose Committee, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Item end time: 7:22 PM.

3. Report on Constraint 1 Progress Measures: 1.2 Absence Rate

Item start time: 7:22 PM.

Monica Lopez, Director of Human Resources, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Item end time: 7:31 PM.

Section end time: 7:31 PM.

## **WORKSHOP AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Section start time: 7:31 PM.

1. Board of Trustees Self Evaluation

Ed Vara and Nichole Smith, Region 20 Representatives, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

The Board of Trustees met in a work session. No action taken.

Section end time: 8:20 PM.

## **CONSENT**

Section start time: 8:20 PM.

Item start time: 8:20 PM.

*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. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

- A. September 20, 2017 Regular Called
- B. October 11, 2017 Special Called

2. South San Education Foundation donation to the schools of SSAISD.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the October Budget Amendment.
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the additional 2017-2018 List of Certified Appraisers.
5. Discussion and possible action to renew Cisco Smartnet for network equipment.
6. Pregnancy-Related Services Compensatory Education Home Instruction Waiver.
7. Discussion and possible action to provide bus transportation to South San High School students who received transportation last year, 2016-2017 and establish additional bus routes.
8. Approve new budget proposal for Head Start Non Competitive Grant Renewal
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the installation of elevated platform bleachers to include: ramps, stairs and front walkway for the South San Antonio High School Softball Field.
10. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a scoreboard for South San High Antonio High School Softball Field.
11. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Lone Star Governance Quarterly Tracker Evaluation.
12. Approval for Superintendent to Serve as an Ambassador for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
13. Annual Review of South San Antonio ISD Investment Policy and Strategies

Mrs. Guerra moved to approve the consent agenda items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13 as presented, Mrs. Prado seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Item end time: 8:21 PM.

### **CONSENT Items pulled**

#### **Item #- 2**

Item start time: 8:21 PM.

Michael Balderrama, Executive Director of School and Community Partnership, and Dr. Alma Ortiz, South San Scholarship Foundation President, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Osteguin, Board President, called a 5 Minute Recess 8:26 PM – 8:32 PM

Mrs. Osteguin recalled the motion made to adopt consent items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13 for clarity as consent item 7 is ambiguous and was pulled for

discussion.

Mr. Ybarra moved to approve the consent agenda items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, and 13 as presented, Mrs. Flores seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Mrs. Flores moved to approve consent item #2 as presented, Mr. Ybarra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Item end time: 8:33 PM.

**Item #-7**

Item start time 8:33 PM

Mrs. Guerra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado moved to approve consent item #7 as presented, and Mrs. Guerra seconded.

Mr. Ybarra made a substitute motion that the effective date of board action taken on May 17, 2017 and any related action taken by the board after December 1, 2016 having the effect of reducing transportation routes provided by the district is delayed until June 1, 2018; and, that no later than March 31, 2018, the superintendent is required to present recommendations for a substitute transportation plan, including specification of hazardous routes, that have been developed after considering documented feedback from the community, any changes that make new school choice options available to students under the district's System of Great School initiative, as well as any other relevant changes in district operations or policy; and that from October 23, 2017 until July 1, 2018, the exact transportation routes in effect during the 2016-2017 school year will be reinstituted and remain in effect unless the superintendent documents that after implementation of the restored routes for at least 45 school days, fewer than 20 students participated in a route on 50% or more days, in which case the superintendent may combine that route with another route that will accommodate the participating students affected or implement another solution that will accommodate those students; and that if the board does not adopt a substitute transportation policy and resolution specifying hazardous routes by June 1, 2018, the transportation policy, hazardous routes resolution, and waivers in effect as of October 16, 2017 would be reinstated effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Flores, and the board of Trustees moved to approve the substitute motion. 5/0 Motion passed.

Item end time: 9:00 PM.

**Item #-9**

Item start time 9:00 PM

Ruperto Becerra, Executive Director of Operations, and Jerry Blizzard, Director, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado moved to approve consent item #9 as presented, Mrs. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

Item end time: 9:03 PM.

**CONSENT Items pulled**

**Item #-10**

Item start time 9:03 PM

Ruperto Becerra, Executive Director of Operations, and Jerry Blizzard, Director, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado moved to approve consent item #10 as presented, Mrs. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

Item end time: 9:06 PM.

Section end time: 9:06 PM.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

Section start time: 9:06 PM.

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the starting pay for bus driver positions that do not require a CDL at \$13.00 per hour.

Item start time: 9:06 PM.

Mr. Ybarra moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve. Motion passed.

Item end time: 9:07 PM.

2. Discussion and possible action to increase the starting pay for bus driver positions that require a CDL to \$14.75 per hour.

Item start time: 9:07 PM.

Mr. Ybarra moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve. Motion passed.

Item end time: 9:08 PM.

3. Instructional Materials/Equipment for the Electrical Technology Shop at South San Antonio High School.

Item start time: 9:08 PM.

Item withdrawn. No action taken.

Item end time: 9:08 PM.

Section end time: 9:08 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Flores moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM.

### **ATTEST**

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Angelina Osteguín, Board President

*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.*