



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, March 27, 2024, 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		
Shirley Ibarra		X	
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to discuss the 2022-2023 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Lopez announced that he would allow for a speaker to give their 3 minutes to another speaker. Andrea Cedillo, community member, spoke on Ernest Arrellano’s dedication and commitment to this community.

TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: Thank you Mr. Lopez. I will start my remarks by saying welcome to Mr. Flores welcome back and I wish you good health. The Board had a very good training last night, it was good to have at least 5 of y’all were present and everyone participating, I think everyone seemed to appreciate the training. Its important training because starting this last month, the monthly report that I submit to TEA, in addition to that report, we will be using the Lone Star Governance Integrity Instrument which is what y’all reviewed last night. And so every month I will be scoring the Board and the activities of the district based on that so I would encourage you to engage in these trainings and engage in this program of Lone Star Governance because I think it will help the Board tremendously and I commend the Board members that were here last night and participated so with that I’m gonna cut my remarks and I have a report later on today and we will talk about that at that point. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience welcoming the parents and communities present at the meeting. He welcomed Mr. Flores back and wished him good health. He stated that

STAAR end of course testing will begin next month and stated that it is important that students are attending school every day. He stated that April 8th there will be an eclipse, students were already scheduled to be off that day and staff will be working. He informed that April 4th will be the next Safety and Security meeting. He stated that we will be having the South San Block Party on Friday the 12th of April from 6-9 PM. He invited all to attend. He stated that March 7th the campus kitchens had a competition and the winners were; 1st place Shepard MS, 2nd place Five Palms ES, and 3rd place Carrillo ES. He recognized National Women's History Month.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President, addressed the Board and audience welcoming Mr. Flores back stating he was missed and needed.

RECOGNITIONS

1. SSAISD Elementary UIL Academics Event
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. February 2024 Financials
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. February 2024 Quarterly Investment Report
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
3. TEA District Needs Assessment
Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Conservator, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
4. 2024-2025 Financial Planning - Addressing the district's deficit
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Yzaguirre, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
5. Future Planning on Consolidated Campuses
Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, and Eugene Tovar, Chief of Police, were 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. February 21, 2024 Regular Called
 - B. February 22, 2024 Special Called
 - C. February 26, 2024 Special Called
2. Approval of RFP 2023-22 District Wide Copier /Multifunctional Device (MFD) Fleet Services
3. Approval of RFQ 2023-17 Architectural Services
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of HVAC equipment from Trane for Benavidez Elementary using SSAISD RFP# 2023-10 HVAC and Mechanical Trade Services.
5. Approval of RFQ 2023-18 Financial Advisor Services
6. Approval of RFP 2023-14 3M Safety and Security Window Film Installation Alternate
7. Approval to Submit Application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for Attendance Waivers for the Low Attendance Days at all campuses on January 16, 2024
8. Amendment of contract with Sanchez & Wilson

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 8 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		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Budget Amendment

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Arrellano 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		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

2. SSAISD Board District Goals

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, made a recommendation to adopt the SSAISD Board and District Priorities as presented.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Araiza 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		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

3. SSAISD Student Outcome Goals

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Arrellano 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		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

4. Update to Policy AE(Local)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Lopez 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		

Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

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1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

The Board did not go into closed session

OPEN SESSION

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

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

ATTEST

Manuel Lopez, Board President

Shirley Ibarra, 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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