



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees South San Antonio ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 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
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Shirley Ibarra		X	
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez		X	

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER
- CALL TO ACTION

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

Mr. Arrellano, Board President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

None

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

None

TEA MONITOR REMARKS/REPORT

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor stated: Thank you Mr. Arrellano. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. You know last week in my remarks, my comments, I said, you have an opportunity to have a new start and I want to the reason I want to make some remarks today is because you have a budget workshop and I want the Board to really pay attention to the financial standing of the district. It's not to say that the district is not paying its bills. You're doing all of that. But one thing that has occurred over many many years in South San, with different Boards, over a period of time, for decades quite frankly. There is always a desire to kind of push things down the road. I used to say kick the can down the road. The can is close to the end of the road at this point. You have a

lot of debt as a school district. You're nearly at 50 cents in the interest and sinking and you have several million dollars in your maintenance notes as well. The reason I mention this is most of this cannot be addressed as you adopt your budget this month. But it is something that I want this Board to always kind of keep in mind as you move forward. You have, the ESSER monies over the last couple of years have propped, have kept you up, but that money is running out this coming year. I think this school year the last fiscal year, this coming year will be the last one we have ESSER money. It's very significant amount of money that came from the federal government. That will no longer exist after this next budget that you're adopting. So some really tough decisions will need to be made by this district at some point in the future, not now but, at some point in the future. I want you to always keep that big picture in mind. Let's not sweat the small stuff, I really want you to sweat the big stuff because that really will determine the future of this district is whether you can make the right decisions so that this district can have a new start. Because when you look at the big picture, the Boards a part of it. You govern what goes on in this district. You make those decisions. But the ones on the receiving end are those kids and the quality of education that you can produce for those students. And that's why I would encourage you to pay attention to, like I said, pay attention to the big situations and ask questions of Mr. Kingman or Mr. Yzaguirre, the Superintendent, because I think it's something that can be salvaged. I think something that can be, the ship can be righted. But it will take some time and it will be difficult not something that's gonna be real simple. So anyway, with that those are my remarks for tonight and again congratulations to this new start and you know I do hope that this is a new school district moving forward.

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 Board Meeting Minutes

- A. July 14, 2022 Special Called
- B. July 26, 2022 Special Called
- C. August 1, 2022 Special Called

Mrs. Alderete requested to pull item 1B July 26, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Alderete stated: And the reason I am asking for this to be pulled is to change and reflect the correct vote on item of the agenda on July 26th from 3 yes to 2 no. I'm sorry from 3 yes to 1 no. My mistake, my bad. So let me let me say it very clear. I'm pulling the consent item to change and reflect the correct vote on item #1B of the agenda on July 26th to 3 yes and 1 no.

Ms. Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1A & 1C as presented, Mrs. Alderete seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve the item as presented.

Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

CONSENT Item pulled

Item #1B- July 26, 2022 Special Called Meeting

Mrs. Alderete made a motion: I'd like to make a motion that we approve as presented in correction. The discussion and possible action, discussion and possible action to fill vacant seat of Connie Prado District 5 via appointment.

Mr. Arrellano: And you want to change that to?

Mrs. Alderete: The vote on that item is incorrect so the vote should read as follows: 3 yes and 1 no. The 3 yes were Mr. Homer Flores, myself, yourself, and the 1 no was Mr. Rodriguez.

Seconded by Ms. Ramirez, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

Dr. Saavedra stated: Mr. Arrellano, let me clarify one thing. I realize y'all have voted on this already and I believe the amendment Mrs. Alderete was 3 yes and 1 no?

Mrs. Alderete: Yes sir

Dr. Saavedra: And you and you identified the 3 yes'?

Mrs. Alderete: Yes sir, I did

Dr. Saavedra: And did you identify the 1 no?

Mrs. Alderete: Yes I did

Dr. Saavedra: So I guess that name will need to be added as you corrected?

Mrs. Alderete: Yes I did mention the name

Dr. Saavedra: Thank you

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt/approve Order of General and Special Election for November 2022
2. Mrs. Alderete made a motion: I'd like to make a motion that we approve the discussion and possible action to approve or adopt the Order of General and Special Election for November 2022, Ms. Rovello seconded

Mrs. Alderete amended her motion: My amendment is that we adopt the order and the of the General and Special Election, the General being District 1, District 4, District 5, no District 6 and the Special being District 5

The Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

3. Discussion and possible action to approve School District Teaching Permits

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

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

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		

Mr. Arrellano called a recess starting from 6:23 PM – 6:31 PM

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Henry Yzaguirre, Interim Superintendent, and Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, were 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.
Start time: 7:23 PM.
End time: 8:02 PM.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session
None

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

ATTEST

Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President

Homer Flores, 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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