



**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 Monday, August 22, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Meeting to discuss the 2022-2023 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding longer teacher work days, academic concerns, and the proposed substitute pay.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Interim Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience introducing Laura Ramirez, Principal at Armstrong ES, Juan Garza, Principal at Shepard, Greta Adame, Bilingual Director, and Rita Uresti, HR Director. He stated that we started the 3rd week of school and he asked that parents request and utilize the school bus transportation that is available. He stated that there have been campus visits by the Executive Leadership Team. He informed that there is a team who is checking doors and securing campuses. He informed that this Friday is the first home football game at South San HS and West Campus HS will play away. He stated that we have an upcoming holiday/day off of Labor Day. He stated that there is currently a proposed incentive performance pay for campuses based on accountability and ADA. He stated that non-campus assigned staff it is based on the districts rating.

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

Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President, addressed the Board and audience regarding the 100th year of the district. He stated that with the recent changes that the Board is now moving in the direction that the community and TEA is looking for. He reminded that the board is responsible for the stability of the district’s finances and hiring of the Superintendent. He said that the Superintendent is the only employee of the Board of Trustees. He shared that the changed Board is being collaborative with the Superintendent as well as the Superintendent being collaborative with the Board. He said that the Board knows that Mr. Yzaguirre will work to provide the quality of education that is expected. He stated he is hopeful that the action taken tonight will send a bold to the staff and community that we are finally taking a giant leap for the positive future for South San Antonio ISD.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA)
Kevin Rasco, Director of Teaching and Learning, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. July 2022 Financials
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. 2021-2022 Campus and District Accountability Presentation
Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Henry Yzaguirre, Interim Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
3. Annual Cooperative Management Fees
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was 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. Board Meeting Minutes
 - A. August 10, 2022 Special Called
2. Budget Amendment
3. Extracurricular Status Request - 4H Resolution
4. Approval to join the Central Texas Purchasing Alliance interlocal purchasing cooperative
5. 2022-2023 Pay and Compensation Plan Amendment
6. Edmentum
7. Memorandum of Understanding between Clarity Child Guidance Center and SSAISD
8. Approve the MOU between Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) and SSAISD
9. Special Education Contracted Services for 2022-2023
10. Approval of breakfast and lunch price increases for staff and visitors
11. Region 20 Commitments for 2022-2023 school year

Ms. Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 11 as presented, Mrs. Alderete seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion and possible action to accept the Certified Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2022 for South San ISD

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

Ms. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Rovello seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

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

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Annual Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

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

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

3. No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Year 2022 for South San Antonio ISD

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

Mr. Flores moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Rovello seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

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

4. Resolution Adopting the Tax Rate for the 2022-2023 School Year

Mr. Arrellano made a motion: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.353600, which is effectively a 10.19 percent increase in the tax rate, Ms. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Stacey Alderete	X		
Cynthia Ramirez	X		
Gina Rovello	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Homer Flores	X		

Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
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5. District of Innovation Resolution

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Ms. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Rovello seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

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

6. Resolution of the Board Regarding Extension of Leave for Employee Quarantine

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

Ms. Ramirez Flores moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0. Motion passed.

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

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. Discussion concerning Superintendent contract with Henry Yzaguirre pursuant to Texas

Government Code 551.074 & 551.071.

- 3. Discussion concerning personnel matters involving former Trustee Gilbert F. Rodriguez.
Start time: 7:27 PM.
End time: 8:42 PM.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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

Discussion concerning Superintendent contract with Henry Yzaguirre pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 & 551.071.

Mr. Flores made a motion: I hereby move that we approve the Superintendent’s contract as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mrs. Alderete, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0/1. Motion passed.

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

Discussion concerning personnel matters involving former Trustee Gilbert F. Rodriguez.

Mr. Flores made a motion: I hereby move that legal counsel proceed as directed in closed session regarding the investigation into former Trustee Gilbert Rodriguez, Mrs. Alderete seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/1. Motion passed.

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

TEA MONITOR REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor stated: Thank you Mr. Arrellano. First of all, let me congratulate Mr. Yzaguirre for his contract and becoming Superintendent. Superintendent but Superintendent of the school district where he grew up. I had a similar experience Henry years back. I grew up in Corpus Christi and my career eventually brought me to become Superintendent there as well. I can tell you that it’s a very rewarding appointment, a very rewarding opportunity that you have to give back to your community and build the district that South San needs to be. I congratulate the Board for coming together and making a decision for the appointment of Mr. Yzaguirre as your Superintendent. One thing that a community needs is continuity in leadership a I would encourage the Board to continue your support of your leader, of your Superintendent. You can disagree with him; you don’t have to agree with everything he puts out there but you need to be able to follow his leadership. And I also want to congratulate the staff and really the community, because I think at this point, you have a real opportunity as a Board to bring this district to a higher standard and I think Mr. Yzaguirre is the right leader at the right time for South San.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 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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