

Southwest Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
May 6, 2025
11:30 a.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Thursday, May 6, 2025, beginning at 11:30 AM in the Central Office, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, Texas.

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

The following Trustee was absent: *None*

I. Call meeting to order

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

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

There were no citizens signed up to address the Board.

Board President, Sylvester Vasquez Jr., announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, chapter 551.001-551.146, the Board would convene in closed session at 11:33 a.m.

The Board convened in open session and took appropriate action on items discussed in closed session.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to propose the nonrenewal of the term contract of Elsa Sanchez Quintanilla and further moved that the Board direct the Superintendent to give written notice to Elsa Sanchez Quintanilla, as required by law. Mr. Carrillo seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Mrs. Sudolcan moved that, in the event of a nonrenewal hearing, the hearing will be conducted by the Southwest ISD School Board, and further moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize a Walsh Gallegos attorney to advise and assist the Board in connection with any nonrenewal hearing and with the Board President, to impose procedural rules for any hearing as well as move to authorize another Walsh Gallegos attorney to present the case for the administration. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.

IV. Consider approval of 95 Phonics

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the purchase of the 95 Phonics for the 2024-25 school year for 5th grade as a supplemental resource. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

V. Items of Information

V.A. Budget Update

Chief Financial Officer, Scott Stephens, presented district budget information to include; budget goals, legislative updates, year to date budgets, review of 2026 budget assumptions, and a preview of the 2026 revenue projections, budgeted campus allotments, and draft of general fund budget.

V.B. First read of FDA Local Policy update and revision.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources, Frances Barcenez, presented information on Board Policy FDA (LOCAL) which addresses interdistrict student transfers.

VI. Closed session

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

Board President, Sylvester Vasquez Jr., announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, chapter 551.001-551.146, the Board would convene in closed session again at 12:22 p.m.

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

VI.B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, attorney consultation regarding legal issues related to proposed nonrenewal of term contract.

VI.C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, consider and discuss recommendation for proposed nonrenewal of the term contract for employee Elsa Sanchez Quintanilla.

VI.D. Pursuant to Tex. Government Code Section 551.087 deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.

Pursuant to Tex. Government Code Sections 551.071; 551.129, consultation with the District's Legal Counsel.

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

No action was taken on any further items discussed in closed session.

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

VII.B. Consider and take possible action regarding the recommendation for proposed nonrenewal of the term contract for employee Elsa Sanchez Quintanilla.

VIII. Other business

Superintendent, Dr. Jeanette Ball, recognized Teacher Appreciation week, Nurses week, Communications Day, and upcoming district events.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary