



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, July 19, 2023, 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
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		6:03 PM
Homer Flores Jr.		X	
Manuel Lopez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board congratulating the new Trustee and new Board Officers and asked that the Board contact to the legislature to further support the district. Dawn Thomas. Teacher, thanked the Board for the pay increase the Board passed and expressed her excitement for the new year.

TEA MONITOR REMARKS/REPORT

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to start my remarks by congratulating Mr. Araiza as a new Board member and I commend the Board for moving quickly to fill your vacant Board vacancy and so I think that's good. I also want to commend the Board in the reorganization that took place recently. It's an opportunity for the district, for the Board to reboot if you would, it's a new start. It's an exciting time of the year. You're within weeks of starting school and hopefully everyone will make the right decisions as you move forward for a very successful school year. It's a new opportunity Mr. Lopez, and all members of the Board. Let's provide the right guidance for our young people. Let's change the dialogue to what's important, as to what's important for kids and I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience acknowledging new staff member Mr. Douglas, Director of Special Education. He stated we have our Back to School Bash July 27th at SSHS where there will be free school supplies as well as services provided to our students. He stated the first day of school is August 9th. He informed that our teachers will come back on the 1st of August. He stated that Meet the Teacher nights; the Elementary Schools will be on August 7th Middle Schools on the 4th and High Schools will be a 2 day split on the 25th and 26th of

July. He informed that Convocation will be Wednesday August 2nd from 8-11 am. He informed that the summer work hours end next Friday. He stated that our schools are ready to receive our staff and students.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President, addressed the Board and audience welcoming Mr. Araiza. He stated that he brings maturity and respect to District 7 and informed that he's worked with him in the past. He also welcomed Cyndi Ramirez as the new Vice President and stated that she leads with dignity. He stated that he can only lead with his colleagues support towards achieving critical goals to include, improving student outcomes, improving fiscal responsibilities and stability, and restoring South San as the pride of the South Side. He acknowledged Dr. Saavedra as our TEA Monitor and stated that he would be recognized at every meeting and treated professionally. He told Mr. Yzaguirre that he would work with his colleagues to cooperate with him in making South San great again. He stated that they not agree at times but that he and his staff would always be treated with respect. He gave a message to the voters and taxpayers stating that this is their district and that the doors will always be open to them adding that no citizen will ever be barred from speaking his/her mind. He closed with thank you, and God bless South San.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Presentation of Transwestern Commercial Real Estate opinion of values for vacant properties and land.
Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. Early College High School Programs
Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
3. June 2023 Financials
4. 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. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
 - A. June 13, 2023 Special Called
 - B. June 21, 2023 Regular Called
2. Approval of New Playground (Kidd Kraddick Morning Show Recess Redo Contest)
3. Waiver of penalty and interest for property tax collection
4. MOU between South San Antonio ISD and Brident Dental & Orthodontics
5. MOU between South San Antonio ISD and DYS Group LLC, subsidiary Diversified Youth Services, DYS Families
6. MOU between South San Antonio ISD and Empower House
7. MOU between South San Antonio ISD and Family Service of San Antonio, Inc.
8. MOU between South San Antonio ISD and Incarnate Word Nursing Cardinal Wellness Center
9. MOU between South San Antonio ISD and Texas A&M AgriLife Extensions Service (Texas A&M University System)
10. Approve the 2023-2024 Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding between South San Antonio Early College High School in Partnership with Palo Alto College-Alamo Colleges South San Antonio ISD of Texas and Palo Alto College Alamo Colleges District

11. 2023-2024 Pathways in Technology Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding between South San Antonio West Campus P-TECH Academy in Partnership with Palo Alto College-Alamo Colleges District South San Antonio Independent School District and Palo Alto College Alamo Colleges District
12. Approve the 2023-2024 Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding between South San Antonio ISD and Palo Alto College-Alamo Colleges District
13. South San Antonio ISD Student Code of Conduct for the 2023-2024 school year
14. Approve the 2023-2024 Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding between South San Antonio West Campus Early College High School in Partnership with Palo Alto College-Alamo Colleges South San Antonio ISD of Texas and Palo Alto College Alamo Colleges District
15. Approval and purchase of NWEA - MAP
16. Approval and purchase of Branching Minds
17. Grand Canyon University Affiliation Agreement with South San Antonio ISD
18. Imagine Math K-5th grade Digital Math Platform and professional development for 2023-2024.
19. Approve the Optional Flexible School Day Program application for the 2023-2024 school year.
20. Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Incarnate Word and South San Antonio ISD
21. McGraw Hill Tx Social Studies Text, Student Learning Center, and professional development for 2023-2024 school year.
22. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rise Recovery and SSAISD.
23. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between San Antonio Council on Alcohol & Drug Awareness and SSAISD.
24. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between San Antonio Education Partnership and SSAISD.
25. Annual Review of Investment Policy CDA (Local)

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented, and Mrs. Ramirez seconded. Mr. Arrellano amended his motion: to items 1&2 & 4 – 25, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez, 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

CONSENT Items pulled

Item #3

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Ms. Ibarra moved to approve the consent agenda item #3 as presented, Mrs. Ramirez 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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approve 2023-2024 Health Insurance Administrator, Health Plan Design, Self-Insured Health Plan Premium Structure and Stop Loss Insurance Provider

Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources, Xavier Guevara, SWBC Consultant, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

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

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

2. Approve 2023-2024 Pharmacy Benefits Management

Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources, and Xavier Guevara, SWBC Consultant, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

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

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

3. Head Start Fiscal Year Four Carry Forward Application

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		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

4. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit Engagement Letter

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

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

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

5. Budget Amendment

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, and Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

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

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	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 also 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. Consultation with attorney regarding status of pending TEA investigations and matters related thereto.
Start time: 7:35 PM.
End time: 8:38 PM.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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 8:39 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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