



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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, April 19, 2017, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Mrs. Angelina Osteguín	X		
Mr. Louis Ybarra Jr	X		
Mrs. Linda Longoria	X		
Mrs. Leticia Guerra	X		
Mrs. Connie Prado	X		
Mrs. Helen Madla-Prather	X		
Mrs. Elda Flores	X		

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by student, Angelina Morales.
- TEXAS PLEDGE led by student, Angelina Morales.
- PRAYER led by Executive Director Budget & Fiscal, Jesse Martinez.
- CALL TO ACTION led by Executive Director Budget & Fiscal, Jesse Martinez.

#### 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**

Entered Closed Session at 6:02 pm.

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

Returned from Closed Session at 7:06 pm.

Deputy Commissioner, A.J. Crabill, addressed the Board and audience regarding the presence of the Conservator in our district and the Board's pursuit of student success.

Ben Castillo, lawyer, addressed the audience in regard to disruptions during citizens to be heard.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

1. *Tiffany Mesa*, parent, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
2. *Ambar Rios*, UT Teen Health home educator, thanked the Board for our districts collaboration with their organization.
3. *Angelita Olvera*, community member, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
4. *Irma Vigil*, parent, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
5. *Stacey Estrada*, parent, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
6. *Yvonne Cardona*, teacher, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
7. *Sylvia Ortiz*, teacher, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
8. *Belinda Zepeda*, President of South San AFT, addressed the Board regarding campus closures and the District of Innovation.
9. *Anna Esparza*, member of St. Bonaventure COPS Metro, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
10. *Gabriel Rosales*, member of the League of Latin American Citizens, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
11. *Rudy Lopez*, member of the community, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
12. *Linda Santillan*, teacher, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
13. *Augie Melchor*, parent, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.
14. *Michele Vardo*, teacher, addressed the Board regarding campus closures.

Mrs. Osteguín read a letter aloud from state representative, Phillip Cortez, regarding campus closures.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Dr. Saavedra addressed the Board and audience regarding end of the school year activities. He stated that the Board may refer to the district website or campus website and district offices for activity info Retesting assessments will begin May 8. May 1-5 is designated as teacher appreciation week. He thanked the teachers for their hard work. Custodial, maintenance, and transportation employees have received new uniforms. He congratulated the South San High School soft ball team for winning district championship and qualifying for the playoffs. He provided tentative future game dates. He invited the public to the next Board meeting May 3, 2017.

### **RECOGNITION**

1. April Employee of the Month Recognition.

Jocelyn Durand, Communications Officer, was called to recognize Maritza Serna.

2. Recognition of Gloria Galvan, SSAISD Teacher of the Year, as the recipient of the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

Jocelyn Durand, Communications Officer, was called to acknowledge Ms. Galvan and she will be recognized in a future meeting as she was not in attendance.

3. Education First Exchange Global Education Excellence Award presented to South San Antonio ISD for outstanding support in offering a global education.

Jocelyn Durand, Communications Officer and EF High School Exchange Year Coordinator, Carlos Martinez, were called to recognize the foreign exchange student program.

### **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. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

- A. March 8, 2017 Special Called
- B. March 9, 2017 Special Called
- C. March 22, 2017 Regular Called
- D. March 28, 2017 Special Called
- E. March 29, 2017 Special Called
- F. March 30, 2017 Special Called

2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between South San Antonio ISD and the Alamo Community College District for the implementation of the South San Antonio Early College Academy to afford students opportunities to earn college credit.
3. Approve the purchase of technology devices (Elite Books) to provide access to high quality reading and math interventions for special education students.

#### Consent Items 1&2

Mrs. Flores moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented, Mrs. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0 to approve the items as presented. Motion passed.

#### Consent Item 3

Mrs. Madla-Prather moved to approve the consent agenda items 3 as presented, Mr. Ybarra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2017-2018 District Academic Calendar.

Dr. Saavedra asked that this item be moved to after the District of Innovation action item.

After the Local District of Innovation Plan was approved, Delinda Castro, Chief Academic Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Flores moved to approve the item, Mrs. Madla-Prather seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the constraints as they relate to the Lone Star Governance goals adopted by the Board.

Angelina Osteguín, Board President, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Osteguín made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mrs. Flores. No action taken.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Local District of Innovation Plan for South San Antonio ISD to better meet the needs of the students and community.

Mrs. Flores moved to approve, Mrs. Madla-Prather seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted by a show of hands 4/3. Motion fails as it was not 2/3 majority.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Mrs. Flores	X		
Mrs. Madla-Prather	X		
Mrs. Prado		X	
Mrs. Guerra		X	
Mrs. Longoria		X	
Mr. Ybarra	X		
Mrs. Osteguin	X		

Mrs. Prado made an amendment to the item presented, Mrs. Longoria seconded to approve the Local District of Innovation Plan with local guidelines for the exemptions, and the Board of Trustees voted by a show of hands 3/4. Motion fails.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Mrs. Flores		X	
Mrs. Madla-Prather		X	
Mrs. Prado	X		
Mrs. Guerra	X		
Mrs. Longoria	X		
Mr. Ybarra		X	
Mrs. Osteguin		X	

Dr. Judy Castleberry, Conservator, directed the Board of Trustees to approve the Local District of Innovation Plan as recommended by the administration.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the consolidation of the Athens Elementary student enrollment with Carrillo Elementary and Price Elementary and the approval of the consolidation of the Kazen Middle School enrollment with Zamora Middle School and Dwight Middle School starting with the 2017-2018 school year and approve the closure of the Alternative School program.

Dr. Saavedra, Superintendent, Delinda Castro, Chief Academic Officer, and JC Zamora, Chief Financial Officer, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Ybarra made a motion to approve the item as follows:

1. To close the alternative school and partner with other San Antonio school districts for those services;
2. To temporarily suspend operations at Kazen Middle School and Athens Elementary School beginning with the 2017-2018 school year;
3. To consolidate current student populations of Athens Elementary with Carrillo Elementary and Price Elementary and consolidate current enrollment of Kazen Middle School with Zamora Middle School and Dwight Middle School; AND

4. To direct the Superintendent to take the following actions:
- a. Convene a committee of stakeholders named by the Lonestar Governance Committee by May 17, 2017, to develop a long-term plan for facilities use that will support student outcome goals adopted by the Board and grow enrollment;
  - b. Publish and disseminate by paper copies and send home with students a transition plan that includes a summer visit to intercepting schools, identifies a single point of contact for questions, and explains transportation options;
  - c. By May 1, specify by budget function, where and how the savings from temporarily suspending operations at Athens Elementary, Kazen Middle School, and the Alternative School Program will be used to support the South San Antonio ISD Board's student outcome goals; AND
  - d. Provide a report by February 1, 2018 that (1) summarizes community feedback throughout the past year and during the course of the new committee's work and (2) provides multiple options for repurposing Kazen and Athens for uses that reflect community feedback, serve South San students directly, advance the Board's student outcome goals, and grow enrollment.
- Mrs. Flores seconded Mr. Ybarra's motion, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/3 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Mrs. Flores	X		
Mrs. Madla-Prather	X		
Mrs. Prado		X	
Mrs. Guerra		X	
Mrs. Longoria		X	
Mr. Ybarra	X		
Mrs. Osteguín	X		

Mrs. Guerra made a sub motion of an option 5 to 1.) Delay the closures of Kazen and Athens for 1 year, and the Alternative School Program to close the Hernandez Learning Center and transfer those students into the Administration Office to establish a school of choice at Hernandez. 2.) The Board and Superintendent start working on cost saving measures at each campus by adjusting utilization of buildings. 3.) The Board and the Superintendent begin the process for bond election and TRE by November or May of next year. 4.) The Superintendent begin review of each school attendance zone, have recommendations for the Board by January 2018, and notify parents of this by the Spring of 2018. 5.) The Board and Superintendent think outside the box to propose programs which will make us competitive with charter schools and other public school districts by forming a citizen's advisory committee to study and recommend schools of choice, bond, TRE, campus and facility utilization. 6.) The Board, Superintendent, and citizen's advisory committee present bond and TRE recommendations to the community at meetings throughout the district like we did with this closure, at the same time the Superintendent will present his recommendation for consolidation of schools and other educational functions if the bond and TRE are not approved and by doing this giving the

community the choices, Mrs. Prado seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 3/4 by a show of hands on the sub motion. Motion failed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Mrs. Flores		X	
Mrs. Madla-Prather		X	
Mrs. Prado	X		
Mrs. Guerra	X		
Mrs. Longoria	X		
Mr. Ybarra		X	
Mrs. Osteguin		X	

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Guerra moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Ybarra seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 pm

### **ATTEST**

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Angelina Osteguin, Board President

Linda Longoria, 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*