



## **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 Monday, April 5, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Teleconference/Virtual.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Stacey Alderete	X		
Gilbert Rodriguez	X		
Connie Prado	X		
Shirley Ibarra Pena	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

•PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

•TEXAS PLEDGE

•PRAYER

•CALL TO ACTION

Led by Brad Domitrovich, Public Relations Consultant

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

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

None

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

The Board of Trustees will conduct a hearing of a Level III Grievance filed by Chad A. Brit and any other matter related thereto.

Mr. Rodriguez read aloud: For the record my name is Gilbert F. Rodriguez, and I am the President of the Board of Trustees for South San Antonio Independent School District. Today is Monday, April 5, 2021, and the time is 6:02 PM. We are meeting this evening at the South San Antonio Independent School District Administrative Offices. Without objection a recording of this meeting of this hearing is being made to capture an accurate record of the proceedings. I ask that everyone wait to be recognized before speaking. Mr. Chad Brit is represented by Mr. John F. McCormick. The South San Antonio Independent School District Administration is represented by Sanchez & Wilson, which is the general counsel for the school district. The following persons are also present in participating in this hearing; Trustee Mr. Homer Flores, Trustee Ms. Gina Villagomez, Trustee Mrs. Stacey Alderete, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marc Puig, Trustee Mr. Ernest Arrellano, Trustee Mrs. Connie

Prado, we also have our Chief Academic Officer Ms. Theresa Servellon, and Trustee Shirley Ibarra Pena who is participating virtually. The Board shall hear the grievance and may request a response from the Administration. Policy DGBA Local and Legal will control this hearing and the rules for conducting this grievance hearing are as follows: parties will limit their presentation to ten minutes, board members will subsequently have three minutes to ask questions to the grievant and three minutes to ask questions to administration.

John F. McCormick, legal counsel representing Chad A. Brit, and Woody Wilson, representing South San Antonio ISD, were called to present and answer questions related to this item. Grievance concluded in open session at 6: 42 PM.

### **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**

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

551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding *James E. Schumann v. South San Antonio Independent School District*; Docket No. 051-R10-08-2020; 048-R10-07-2020; Before the Commissioner of Education, State of Texas.

551.074: Personnel: 551.071 Consultation with Attorney: Level III Grievance of Mr. Chad A. Brit will be heard and considered by the Board of Trustees for the South San Antonio Independent School District.

Start time: 6:44 PM.

End time: 7:17 PM.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Reconvene into open session: consideration and possible approval of items discussed in closed session

Mrs. Prado made a motion: I make a motion that we deny the grievance of Mr. Brit at Level III, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 6/0/1 to approve. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Stacey Alderete	X		
Gilbert Rodriguez	X		
Connie Prado	X		
Shirley Ibarra Pena			X
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez	X		

Mr. Rodriguez stated: we are just going to reconvened back into Executive Session to discuss the additional personnel matters and the Schumann item on the agenda

Start time: 7:23 PM.

End time: 8:22 PM.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Reconvene into open session: consideration and possible approval of items discussed in closed session

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion: that we authorize legal counsel to file a motion for a rehearing with the Commissioner of Education and file for judicial review if the rehearing is denied in the matter of James Schumann, Mrs. Alderete. seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 7/0 to approve. Motion passed.

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Stacey Alderete	X		
Gilbert Rodriguez	X		
Connie Prado	X		
Shirley Ibarra Pena	X		
Homer Flores	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Gina Villagomez	X		

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Villagomez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

### **ATTEST**

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Gilbert F. Rodriguez, Board President

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Stacey E. Alderete, 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.*