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# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Minutes of Special Called Meeting

### The Board of Trustees South San Antonio ISD

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, April 12, 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		6:01 PM
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 Communications Officer, Jocelyn Durand.
- TEXAS PLEDGE led by Communications Officer, Jocelyn Durand.
- PRAYER led by Communications Officer, Jocelyn Durand.
- CALL TO ACTION led by Communications Officer, Jocelyn Durand.

#### 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.
2. Discussion regarding non-renewal of Chapter 21 Probationary Contract employee.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:00 PM.

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

1. Possible action regarding the non-renewal of a Chapter 21 Probationary Contract employee.

No action taken.

2. 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.

Dr. Aja Gardner, Director of STEM, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Ben Castillo, lawyer, addressed the audience regarding the citizens to be heard process during a special called meeting.

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

1. *Lisa Wilburn*, music coordinator, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
2. *Greg Martinez*, principal, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
3. *Judi Delgado*, District of Innovation committee member, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
4. *Daniel Meza*, former Edgewood ISD staff, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.

5. *Stacey Estrada*, parent, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
6. *Nicki Speer*, principal, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
7. *Sylvia Ortiz*, teacher, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
8. *Griselda Balzadua*, parent, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
9. *Belinda Zepeda*, South San AFT representative, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.
10. *Pete Alaniz*, South San AFT representative, addressed the Board regarding the District of Innovation.

Dr. Saavedra addressed the community and Board explaining that the Board will be voting on the exemptions and whether or not the district will become a District of Innovation.

Mrs. Flores moved to approve the Local District of Innovation Plan, seconded by Mr. Ybarra, the vote results are 4/3. The motion fails as there is not 2/3 majority vote to approve.

<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. Prado made a substitute motion to approve exemptions 1,2,3,4, with the exception of class size and notice of class size, seconded by Mrs. Guerra. Vote results are 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. Osteguín		X	

Dr. Castleberry, Conservator, gave a directive to the Board of Trustees to approve the item as presented.

Mrs. Prado asked Mr. Castillo, if a third party were to sue TEA because there is not a 2/3 vote to approve the District of Innovation, would the Board have a case.

Mr. Castillo advised this is a question to be discussed in executive session and he also asked the conservator if she would be willing to table the item until further clarification on the authority the conservator has with respect to the District of Innovation.

Dr. Castleberry informed Mr. Castillo that she was authorized by TEA to give this directive. She agreed with legal counsel's request to withdraw her directive and allow this item to be tabled until the next meeting.

3. Approve the Lone Star Governance (3) Goals as established by the Lone Star Governance Committee to increase student outcomes in reading and math performance and post-secondary readiness.

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

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

Mrs. Osteguín presented an item germane to the Lone Star Governance. A Board self-evaluation document was distributed to each Trustee for review as it will pertain to the next meeting.

## **WORK SESSION**

1. The Board will meet in a work session to plan for the allocation of District resources to support student learning in the 2017-2018 school year.

JC Zamora, Chief Financial Officer, Delinda Castro, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Lee Hernandez, principal, Xochitl Martinez, director, Michael Balderrama, Chief of Staff, Scott Laleman, Director of Technology, Dr. Aja Gardner, Director of STEM, Eugene Tovar, Chief of Police, Ruperto Becerra, Director of Operations, Jesse Berlanga, Director of Transportation, Dr. Saavedra, Superintendent, Monica Lopez, Director of Human Resources were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado distributed and explained a district budget projection document she prepared.

The Board of Trustees met in a work session. No action taken.

2. Discuss the Superintendent's options for the improvement of the district's efficiency in student enrollment and school staffing.

Dr. Saavedra, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Osteguín asked that each Board member share their thoughts and questions regarding school closures.

Ben Castillo, lawyer, advised the audience against interruptions during the Boards discussion.

Open discussion among the Board and Superintendent regarding school closures.  
No action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Madla-Prather moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Longoria seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 pm.

## **ATTEST**

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Angelina Osteguín, Board President

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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.*