

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Southwest ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, beginning at 11:30 AM in the Central Office, Building 800, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX 78252.

The public may access this meeting by clicking on the following link: http://youtube.com/channel/UC_bEJcktTOZtDm0hIYvWmQw/live

Members of the public who desire to address the board regarding general comments or an item on this agenda must sign up in person at least 10 minutes before meeting start time. The board president or designee will call for public comments at the beginning of the meeting. All other public comment rules will be followed. After the close of public comment, the Board will proceed with the rest of the agenda.

No formal action will be taken on subjects to be discussed.

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The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on _____, at the Central Office.

For the Board of Trustees

Public comments related to posted board agenda items.

Citizens wishing to address the Board will be heard at this time.

Consider approval of Southwest Independent School District Scholarship Committee
Recommendations 2025

1. Background:

The Southwest Independent School District Scholarship Committee (DSC) met to review and update the scholarship guidelines and bylaws for the 2024-25 school year. The SWISD Scholarship Committee is recommending the following changes and updates. The committee recommends that students must be a graduating senior for the entire school year, with a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, along with 95% attendance rate for their senior year calculated using ADA attendance period standards. The committee also recommends that for the disbursement of the scholarship, the minimum college hours of enrollment be changed from 12 hours to 9 hours.

2. Process:

The DSC met and evaluated the current bylaws and guidelines during the Southwest ISD Scholarship Committee Fall meeting on November 13, 2024. The committee will reconvene for the Spring meeting after the board decision.

3. Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

4. Recommendation:

That the board approves the Southwest Independent School District Scholarship Committee recommendations to update the bylaws and guidelines for the 2024-2025 school year.

5. Required:

Board action.

Consider approval of CAST STEM High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Pensacola, FL

- 1. Background:
Mrs. Jacque Rodriguez, CAST STEM High School School Principal, requests approval of an overnight trip for CAST STEM High School during the 2024-2025 school year.

| Organization | Event | Location | Dates |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| CAST STEM High School Electric Car Team | Emerald Coast Electrathon Race | Pensacola, FL | March 28-30, 2025 |

- 2. Process:
Parent permission slip will be required for participation.

- 3. Fiscal Impact:
Club funds will provide funding for this overnight trip.

- 4. Recommendation:
That the Board approves the CAST STEM High School 2024-2025 overnight trip to Pensacola, FL

- 5. Required:
Board action.

Southwest Independent School District

MEMO

Date: 12/9/2024

To: Dr. Jeanette Ball

From: Jacque Rodriguez

RE: Overnight Trip



Request SWISD Board or Trustees approval for an overnight trip for:

CAST STEM HS Electric Car Team
ORGANIZATION

Michael Driesse
SPONSOR
Rick Rios

Emerald Coast Electrathon Race
EVENT

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
Cerina Zamora
ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

March 28-30, 2025
DATE(S) OF EVENT

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

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| <u>12</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> |
| # OF STUDENTS | MALE | FEMALE |

Pensacola, Florida
LOCATION OF EVENT

Home2Suites
NAME OF HOTEL/MOTEL

March 28, 2025 @ 6:00 am
DEPARTURE TIME

March 30, 2025 @ 8:00 pm
RETURN TIME

Charter Bus
MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

\$6,000.00
ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT

EXPLANATION OF ACTIVITIES:

Students will participate in the Emerald Coast Electrathon Race at Pensacola Speedway in Pensacola, Florida.

Signature of Requestor

12/9/2024
Date

Administrator Signature

11/11/2024
Date

Consider approval of Southwest Legacy High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Pensacola, FL

1. Background:

Mrs. Roxie Freeman, Southwest Legacy School Principal, requests approval of an overnight trip for Southwest High Legacy High School during the 2024-2025 school year.

| Organization | Event | Location | Dates |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Southwest Legacy High School Electric Car Team | Emerald Coast Electrathon Race | Pensacola, FL | March 28-30, 2025 |

2. Process:

Parent permission slip will be required for participation.

3. Fiscal Impact:

STEM local funds and club funds will provide funding for this overnight trip.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approves the Southwest Legacy High School 2024-2025 overnight trip to Pensacola, FL

5. Required:

Board action.

Southwest Independent School District

MEMO

Date: 12/19/2024

To: Dr. Jeanette Ball

From: Roxie Freeman/Dr. Bertha

Ortiz RE: Overnight Trip



Request SWISD Board or Trustees approval for an overnight trip for:

Legacy High School Electric Car Team
ORGANIZATION

Emerald Coast Electrathon Race
EVENT

March 28-30, 2025
DATE(S) OF EVENT

Pensacola, Florida
LOCATION OF EVENT

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Mark Sherwood
SPONSOR

Alejandro Urby
ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

Roxie Freeman
ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

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Mark Sherwood
Signature of Requestor

12/19/24
Date

Roxie Freeman
Administrator Signature

12/19/24
Date

Item of Information: Gaining Early Awareness Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
(GEAR UP) Grant with The University of Texas at Austin

1. Background:

The Gaining Early Awareness of Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) State Grant is a seven-year federal initiative designed to increase early college awareness, readiness, and success for historically underrepresented students. The grant follows a cohort of students starting in 7th grade through their first year of postsecondary education.

2. Process:

The Southwest Independent School District partnered with the Institute of Public School Initiatives at The University of Texas at Austin, along with other districts across Texas to write the federal GEAR UP grant. The grant was awarded in October of 2024 with expectations to implement immediately; SWISD's portion of the award is approximately \$2,045,400 over seven years. We are currently in year one of seven for this grant award.

3. Fiscal Impact:

This is a match grant and the match provided by the district will come from local funding sources and will almost entirely be made through in-kind funds.

4. Recommendation:

Item of Information

5. Required:

N/A

Closed Session

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, discussion of Superintendent's performance evaluation.

Any required action by the Board regarding matters considered in closed meeting will be taken in open session.

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

Other business

Adjournment