



Public Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held March 30, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM Via Video Zoom.

Audio Conferencing Notice: Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via video conference and/or audio conference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer or trustees will not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting on the video conference or phone. The public may access this meeting by clicking on the following link: [Zoom Link](#). An electronic agenda may be viewed at the following link [Electronic Agenda](#). A recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on the District's website. Any person who wishes to address the Board of Trustees for public comment or public audience shall sign up by submitting an email to public.audience@stisd.net 48 hours before the board meeting and attaching the [STISD Public Audience Sign-In Sheet \(posted on the district website\)](#), along with a public comment statement in writing to be shared with the Board. The written statement is required only while we are conducting video conference board meetings. For questions or assistance with the process, please call (956) 565-2454.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Welcome.
2. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD middle and high school teams for representing the district at the 4th Annual Regional Battle of the Books Competitions.
 - B. Recognition of Preparatory Academy for earning national distinction through its re-designation as a School to Watch.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda.
In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act upon more than one item by a single vote through the use of consent agenda. Consent items shall be items placed on the Agenda marked with an asterisk (*) for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. Prior to the meeting, at the request of any member of the Board of Directors, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed and given individual consideration. Requests for individual consideration are made at least a half-hour prior to Board meetings and requests must be directed to either the Board President or the Superintendent.
7. *Action: Review and act on the February 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez & Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on TASA Curriculum Executive Summary Review findings.
 - B. Action: Review and act on school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year and legend.
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Report on school district investments:
 1. Investments owned by the district.
 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation.
 - D. Report on the following projects:
 1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
 2. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
 3. Preparatory Academy Parking Lot Expansion
 4. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
 5. New Central Office Building Renovation project
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #8 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project in the amount of \$3,369.60.
 2. Payment application #7 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$200,812.90.
 3. Payment application #5 to Gonzalez Enterprise for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project in the amount of \$7,184.52.
 4. Payment application #5 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project in the amount of \$1,629.45.
 5. Payment application #5 to Gerlach Builders for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project in the amount of \$103,389.37.
 6. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$477.75.

7. Payment application #2 to D. Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$29,998.15.
8. Payment application #5 to Gignac & Associates for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$238,814.16.
- F. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendments:
 1. General Fund (199) Budget Amendment #4
 2. IDEA B (224) Budget Amendment #1
- G. Action: Review and act on Resolution extending the district's bank depository with Plains Capital Bank for 2021-2023 biennium.
- H. Action: Review and act on approving the ranking of proposals for the construction services for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on STISD Local Board Policy Review Timeline 2021.
 - B. Report on March 2021 Local Policy Review.
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
14. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus Reports
 1. Preparatory Academy - A. Castro
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - C. Rodriguez
 3. World Scholars - J. Ortiz
 4. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
 5. Health Professions - M. Flores
 6. Science Academy - L. Madrigal
 7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on announcement of vacancies for the 2021 summer programs.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on request for new professional positions for Special Programs Director, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, Math Coordinator, and English/ELL Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year and a non-professional position for Maintenance Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year and approval of the announcement of vacancies.
 - E. *Quarterly report on the Education Foundation of South Texas ISD.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on request to approve acting principal at Medical Professions and salary adjustment.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. TASB's Summer Leadership Institute, June 16-19, 2021 in San Antonio, TX or June 23-26, 2021 in Fort Worth, TX.

- H. Action: Review and approve the Hybrid Instruction During Scheduled Testing Days for K-8th grade Students Waiver to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by Superintendent of Schools.
 - I. Action: Review and approve the Hybrid Instruction for 40% Campus for 9-12th Grade Students Waiver to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by Superintendent of Schools.
 - J. Action: Review and act on Administrator/Teacher Appraisal Waiver to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by Superintendent of Schools.
 - K. Action: Cast votes for Place 1, Place 4 and Place 7 of the Region One ESC Board of Directors.
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
- A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting
 - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 school years.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - 2. Review recommendations for renewal/extension/non-renewal of employment contracts for the following: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Executive Director for Student Support, Chief Academic Officer, Administrator for Public Relations & Marketing, Principals, teachers and other professional staff.
 - a. Renewal/extension of contract for professional staff for 2021-2022 school year.
 - b. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, consider and discuss termination of probationary contract teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year (PM).
 - c. Discussion and consideration to propose the non-renewal of a teacher's 2020-2021 term contract at the end of the school year (JDL); Board Policy DFBB (Legal) and (Local); Tex. Edu. Code Sec. 21.206.
 - d. Discussion and consideration with Legal Counsel of legal issues regarding the proposed non-renewal of a teacher's 2020-2021 term contract at the end of the school year; (JDL).
 - e. Consultation with Legal Counsel pertaining to selection of Special Legal Counsel to advise the Board of Trustees at any Nonrenewal Hearing at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year.
16. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting
- A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:
 - 1. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - a. Teacher(s)
 - 2. Action: Review and act on recommendations for renewal/extension/non-renewal of employment contracts for the following: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant

Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Executive Director for Student Support, Chief Academic Officer, Administrator for Public Relations & Marketing, Principals, teachers and other professional staff.

- a. Renewal/extension of contract for professional staff for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. Action: Consider and take possible action regarding termination of probationary contract teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year (PM)
- c. Discussion, consideration and possible action to propose the non-renewal of a teacher's 2020-2021 term contract at the end of the school year(JDL); Board Policy DFBB (Legal) and (Local); Tex. Edu. Code Sec. 21.206.
- d. Consider and take Possible Action to select Special Legal Counsel to advise the Board of Trustees at any nonrenewal hearing during the 2020-2021 school year.

17. Adjournment.

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 or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). 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. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on March 25, 2021, at 6:15 p.m.

Carmen H. Noriega
For the Board of Directors