



## Public Notice of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held June 28, 2021, beginning at 7:15 PM Via Video Zoom.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of the Open Meetings Act Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting may be conducted in-person, via audioconference or videoconference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer, or trustees may not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting to proceed via videoconference or audioconference. A recording of the meeting will take place and be available to the public.

The exclusive way to participate in public comment is to send an e-mail to [public.audience@stisd.net](mailto:public.audience@stisd.net) attaching any public comment statement, in writing, to be shared with the board at the public meeting. All written public comment statements shall be sent no later than June 26th by 7:15 p.m.

District facilities where the board meeting will be broadcast from will be closed to the public and members of the public will not be permitted inside the board meeting room. The public may access the board meeting at: <https://stisd-net.zoom.us/j/84311482216>.

This virtual meeting method allows for two-way public communication as required by law. A recording of the public meeting will be posted on the District's website. An electronic agenda will also be on the District's website.

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 retirees who have dedicated 25 years or more to STISD.
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 May 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
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 2020-2021 third quarter student activity accounts.
  - D. \*Annual review of district policy CDA (LOCAL) Other Revenues & Investments.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on 2021-2022 Employee Benefits and Travel Reimbursement Schedule.
  - F. \*Action: Review and act on extending the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
    1. Employee Uniform - RFP 19-001
    2. Workers' Compensation Insurance RFP 19-012
    3. Mats & Linens RFP 20-017
    4. Pizza Products RFP 20-018
    5. Petroleum Products RFP 20-019
    6. Tow Truck Services RFP 20-020
    7. General Merchandise RFP 20-002
    8. Instructional Material & Technology Products RFP 20-003
    9. Document Imaging, Shredding & Retention Services RFP 20-004
    10. Building Materials RFP 20-005
    11. Building Grounds Repairs & Equipment RFP 20-006
    12. Drug Testing Services RFP 20-007
    13. Video Productions & Photography Services RFP 20-008
    14. Travel Agent & Charter Bus Services RFP 20-014
    15. Bus & Auto Parts RFP 20-016
  - G. Report on Public & Board Notice of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II & III (ESSER II & ESSER III or ARP ESSER) fund.

- H. Action: Review and act on Resolution: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund adopting text for inclusion in district policy CB(LOCAL) regarding State and Federal Revenue Sources.
- I. Action: Review and act on 2020-2021 General Fund (199) Budget Amendment #7.
- J. Action: Review and act on the 2021-2022 Employee Compensation Plan.
- K. 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
- L. Action: Review and act on accepting the Science Academy CATE Renovation project as substantially complete.
- M. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
  - 1. Change Order #1 to the betterment fund in the amount of \$4,696.02 for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project.
  - 2. Change Order #1 to the contract as a credit in the amount of \$28,360.48 for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project.
  - 3. Change Order #2 to the betterment fund in the amount of \$24,922 for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility.
  - 4. Change Order #3 to the betterment fund in the amount of \$85,1832 for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility.
- N. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
  - 1. Payment application #10 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$245,771.65.
  - 2. Payment application #5 to D. Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$33,652.92.
  - 3. Payment application #7 to Gerlach Builders for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project in the amount of \$19,021.81.
  - 4. Payment application #6 to Gignac & Associates for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$9,596.50.
- 12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee, Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Review Policy Update 117, first reading.
  - B. Report on the June 2021 Review of Local Policies DB (LOCAL) through DEAA (LOCAL).
- 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
7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
- B. \*Report on professional vacancies.
- C. \*Action: Review and act on request to approve acting Transportation Coordinator & Child Nutrition Supervisor and salary adjustment.
- D. Report on role of Technology Support Specialists as requested by Board Member Ricardo Ochoa, MD.
- E. Report on district's hiring practices as requested by Board Member Ricardo Ochoa, MD.
- F. Review and act on the following regarding the South Texas ISD Virtual Academy:
  1. Creation of the South Texas ISD Virtual Academy effective 2021-2022 school year for grades 6-12th and approve the official campus name.
  2. Establishing a Campus ID with the Texas Education Agency
  3. Apply with the Texas Virtual School Network system
  4. Proposed admission qualifications for students and campus target populations for 2021-2022 school year
  5. Funding options to create and sustain the new campus
  6. Report on the Instructional Implementation Plan
- G. Action: Review and act on request for New Professional and Para-Professional Positions and approval of Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
  1. South Texas ISD Virtual Academy: Assistant Principal, Campus Secretary, PEIMS Clerk
  2. World Scholars: Special Education Teacher
  3. Business Office: Finance Director
- H. Report on the 2021 NSBA Advocacy Institute from Henry LeVrier, Sylvia Sanchez Garza, Ph.D. and Yolanda Kamel.
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 2021-2022 school year.
      - a. Principal(s)
      - b. Career & Technical Education Coordinator
      - c. Special Programs Director
      - d. School Nurse
      - e. Teachers
      - f. Assistant Principal

2. Report on employee removal of certification stipends and employee ineligibility for future salary compensation as requested by Board Member Ricardo Ochoa, MD.
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 2021-2022 school year.
      - a. Principal(s)
      - b. Career & Technical Education Coordinator
      - c. Special Programs Director
      - d. School Nurse
      - e. Teachers
      - f. Assistant Principal
    2. Action: Review and possible action on employee removal of certification stipends and employee ineligibility for future salary compensation as requested by Board Member Ricardo Ochoa, MD.
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 June 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Carmen Noriega  
For the Board of Directors