



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 August 3, 2021, beginning at 7:15 PM in the 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 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 August 1st 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/85917897639>.

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. 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.

6. *Action: Review and act on the June 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
7. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
8. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
9. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez & Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct.
 - B. Report on Career & Technology Audit findings.
 - C. Action: Review and act on 2021-2022 Campus Course Sequences.
10. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *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.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on approving 13 paychecks for new employees.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on setting date for public meeting to discuss the 2021-2022 budget and proposed tax rate to be published on the notice of the public hearing.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for Health Professions, Medical Professions, Science Academy, Rising Scholars and World Scholars.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on Hidalgo County Appraisal District's agreement for the allocation of quarterly payments.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on 2021-2022 school lunch and breakfast prices.
 - H. Review proposed preliminary general fund budget.
 - I. 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
 - J. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #11 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$88,734.75.
 2. Payment application #6 to D. Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$59,437.37.
 3. Payment application #7 to Gignac & Associates for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$5,545.05.

4. Payment application #5 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$1,653.75.
11. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on the following Memorandums of Understanding related to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year:
 1. Cameron County
 2. Hidalgo County
 - B. *Action: Review and act on amending Policy BQA (LOCAL) Planning and Decision-Making Process District-Level.
 - C. Action: Review and act on Policy Update 117, final reading.
 - D. Report on the July 2021 Review of Local Policies DED through DP (LOCAL)
12. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
13. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus Reports
 1. Preparatory Academy - A. Castro
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - J. Ortiz
 3. World Scholars
 4. Medical Professions - C. Rodriguez
 5. Health Professions - M. Flores
 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
 7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on request for New Professional and Para-Professional Positions and approval of Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
 1. Rising Scholars: Assistant Principal
 2. Special Education Dept.: Special Education Secretary & Special Programs Secretary
 - D. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on 2021-2022 appraisal calendar.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on Resolutions/Interlocal Agreements to participate in the following cooperatives:
 1. Harris County Department of Education Purchasing Co-op Choice Partners
 2. Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Buy Co-op
 3. OMNIA Partners National IPA & U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
 4. Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)
 5. Region 14 ESC National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
 6. Region 19 ESC Allied States Cooperative

7. Region One Purchasing Cooperative, ESC Library, PEIMS, Cafeteria & Food, Transportation Coops
8. Region One Personnel Services Cooperative
9. Region III ESC Purchasing Cooperative of America
10. Region VIII ESC TIPS Purchasing Cooperative
11. Texas Association of School Boards Purchasing Co-op
12. Texas Department of Information Resources - DIR
13. Texas SmartBuy Membership Program
- G. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to contract for school-related services.
- H. *Action: Review and act on going out for request for qualifications for architectural services for the 2021-22 Capital Improvement Projects.
- I. Superintendent's Report on 2021 Summer Activities.
14. **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. Teacher(s)
 - b. Counselors
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Assistant Principal
 - e. Principal
15. 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. Teacher(s)
 - b. Counselors
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Assistant Principal
 - e. Principal
16. 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 July 29, 2021 at 3:15 p.m.

Carmen Noriega
For the Board of Directors