



## 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 24, 2021, beginning at 7:00 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 Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 7:00 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: [Zoom Link](#).

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 packet will also be on the District's website.

During the course of a board meeting the Board may discuss any item on the agenda in a closed meeting if permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act. 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, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E.

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. Public Budget Hearing for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
4. Moment of Silence.
5. Board Meeting called to order.

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 August 3, 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. \*Action: Review and act on 2021-2022 school calendar for the STISD Virtual Academy.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on the administrators to hold ARDs for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on list of appraisers for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) Members for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - E. Action: Review and act on 2021-2022 Campus Course Sequence for the Virtual Academy.
  - F. Report on 2021 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores.
  - G. Report on State Assessment 2021 STAAR scores.
  - H. Action: Review and act on the following proposed action(s):
    1. 03200510 English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 6
    - 02810000 Reading, Grade 6
    - 02640040 Mathematics, Grade 6
    - 03060600 Science, Grade 6
    - 02660060 Social Studies, Grade 6
    - 02670060 Technology Applications, Grade 6
    - 02850000 Physical Education, Grade 6
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act on the 2021-2022 school year stipends.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on designating \$8,300,000 from fund balance for future projects.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on the following budget amendments:
    1. Budget amendment #8 (final) General Fund (199)
    2. Budget amendment #1 for Carl D. Perkins (244)
  - F. Action: Review and act on extending the TASB Risk Management Unemployment Compensation program.
  - G. Action: Review and act on the Resolution adopting the tax rate for the 2021- 2022 fiscal year.

- H. Action: Review and act on Resolution adopting the General Fund, Child Nutrition and Debt Service Budgets for the 2021-2022 school year.
- I. Report on the following projects:
  - 1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
  - 2. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
  - 3. Preparatory 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 #7 to D. Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$13,470.05.
  - 2. Payment application #5 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$1,653.75.
  - 3. Payment application #6 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$220.50
  - 4. Payment application #12 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$119,103.02.
  - 5. Payment application #10 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$10,857.60.
  - 6. Payment application #1 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$1,203,546.45.
- K. Action: Review and act on the facilities/capital improvement projects for the 2021-2022 school year, pending approval of budget.
- 12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Action: Review and act on amending Policy BQB (LOCAL) Planning and Decision-Making Process Campus Level.
  - B. Report on the August 2021 Review of Local Policies EB (LOCAL) through EMI (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 - J. Ortiz
    - 3. World Scholars - J. De Luna, Ph.D.
    - 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 to retroactively approve acting Finance Director and retroactive approval of salary adjustment.

- D. \*Action: Review and act on rescheduling the November 23, 2021, March 22, 2022 & June 28, 2022 board meetings.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on approval of Board delegates to attend the NSBA's Advocacy Institute (formerly Federal Relations Network) January 23-25, 2022, Washington, DC.
  - F. \*Action: Review and act on proposed Education Foundation of South Texas ISD Memorandum of Understanding for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - G. \*Annual report on the Education Foundation of South Texas ISD.
  - H. \*Action: Review and act on the Highland Hustlers 4-H Club request for the extended use of Rising Scholars Academy facilities.
  - I. Request for new Professional Positions for 2021-2022 school year and approval of Announcement of Vacancy.
    - 1. South Texas ISD Virtual Academy: (2) Teachers
  - J. Action: Review and act on endorsing a candidate for the TASB Board of Directors, Region I, Position A.
  - K. Action: Review and act on awarding architectural services RFQs for the 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Projects.
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. Teacher(s)
      - b. Assistant Principals
  - B. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney concerning possible legal issues in connection with DGBA Level III grievance of JDL.
    - 1. Consideration and possible action regarding DGBA Level III Grievance of JDL
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. Teacher(s)
      - b. Assistant Principals
  - B. Pursuant to Sections 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, consideration and deliberation of DGBA Level III Grievance of JDL.
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 August 21, 2021 @ 10:21 a.m..  
Sonia E. Rodriguez  
 For the Board of Directors

