



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 September 28, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 78570.

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 Hearing on 2020-2021 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report.
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. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of Preparatory Academy and Rising Scholars Academy for being named 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools.

- B. Recognition of the district and all six campuses for ranking among the best in the state and nation for the eighth consecutive year in the Niche Best Schools Rankings.
- C. Unveiling of logo for STISD Virtual Academy.
- 8. *Action: Review and act on the August 19th special called board meeting and the August 24th regular board Meeting Minutes.
- 9. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
- 10. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
- 11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Richard Fleming, MD & Natividad Sosa, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on student graduation plans.
 - B. Report on the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Support (TCLAS) Award.
- 12. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
 - A. *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.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for Science Academy and Rising Scholars.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on amending the 2021-2022 school year stipends.
 - E. *Report on the 2020-2021 fourth quarter student activity accounts.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on the following budget amendments to carry forward the 2020-2021 federal funds:
 - 1. 211 Title I Part A
 - 2. 224 IDEA B
 - 3. 244 Carl D. Perkins
 - 4. 255 Title II Part A
 - 5. 263 Title III Part A
 - 6. 266 Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Grant I (ESSER I)
 - 7. 289 Title IV Part A SSAEP
 - G. *Action: Review and act on proposed calendar for South Texas ISD Audit.
 - H. *Action: Review and act on South Texas ISD's Emergency Operations Plan.
 - 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 #13 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$39,615.
 - 2. Payment application #8 to Gignac for the New Central Office Building Renovation Project in the amount of \$16,891.73.

3. Payment application #2 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$912,792.12.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the September 2021 review of Local Policies FB (LOCAL) through FG (LOCAL).
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Margarita Garcia & Yolanda Kamel, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
15. 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
 8. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
 - B. *Action: Review and act on request from Board Member Dr. Ricardo Ochoa for reimbursement of 2021 board approved travel and accept reimbursement as donation.
 - C. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. NSBA Annual Conference, April 2-4, 2022, San Diego, CA
 - E. *Action: Review and act on staff members to attend the following:
 1. ACTE's CareerTech Vision 2021 Hybrid Conference, December 1-4, 2021, New Orleans, LA.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on the Texas Association of Sports Officials Rio Grande Valley Softball Chapter's request for the extended use of Health Professions facilities.
 - G. Action: Review and Act on request for New Professional and Para-Professional Positions and approval of the Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
 1. Virtual Academy: Counselor, Special Education Teachers (2), Classroom Aides (2)
 2. Rising Scholars: Classroom Aides (2)
 3. Health Professions: Classroom Aides (3)
 4. Science Academy: Classroom Aide
 5. World Scholars: Classroom Aides (2)
 6. Central Office: Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, Literacy Coach (grant-funded), Secretary/Receptionist
 7. District-wide: Custodian/Bus Monitor (10)
 - H. Action: Review and act on authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and

execute a contract with the Architect(s) for the 2021-2022 Capital Projects.

- I. Action: Review and Act on approving the Resolution Regarding Local Remote Learning Program in accordance with Education Code 29.9091.
- J. Action: Review and act on rescinding board approved Resolution delegating authority to the Superintendent to Act in Place of the Board during an emergency closure.
- K. Action: Review and act on submitting nominees by Resolution for the following Appraisal district's Board of Directors:
 - 1. Cameron County
 - 2. Hidalgo County
 - 3. Willacy County

16. 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. Counselor
 - c. Accountant
 - d. Purchasing Agent/Accountant
 - 2. Discussion and consideration of filing a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding the resignation of an Educator's 2021-22 term contract without good cause pursuant Board Policy DFE (LEGAL), Education Code 21.210(c) 2 (AS).

17. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting

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 - a. Teacher(s)
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Accountant
 - d. Purchasing Agent/Accountant
 - 2. Discussion and possible action to file a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding the resignation of an Educator's 2021-22 term contract without good cause pursuant Board Policy DFE (Legal), Education Code 21.210(c) 2 (AS).

18. Adjournment.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on September 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Crystal Solis
For the Board of Directors