



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 October 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. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of all six STISD campuses for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the 2021 U.S. News & World Report Best Schools Rankings, including the two middle schools in the first-ever ranking for their category.
 - B. Recognition of Human Resources Staff in honor of Texas Education Human Resources Day, October 13.
 - C. Recognition of principals in honor of Principals' Month.
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 September 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Dr. Richard Fleming and Ms. Natividad Sosa, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on College Entrance Scores.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on proposed admission qualifications for students and campus target populations for 2022-2023 school year.
 - C. Report on the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan (First Reading).
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Mr. Javier Farias and Mr. Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on Requisition 095526 to Insight Public Sector for the New Administration Building Network.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on extending the lease agreement with Delfino Cornejo, Jr. for the San Benito property.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on revising the STISD Non-Exempt Compensation Plan for Payroll/Insurance Clerk position.
 - E. Report on the following 2021-2022 Federal budgets:
 1. 211 Title I Part A
 2. 212 Title I Migrant
 3. 224 IDEA B
 4. 244 Carl D. Perkins
 5. 255 Title II Part A
 6. 263 Title III Part A
 7. 281 ESSER II
 8. 282 ESSER III
 9. 289 Title IV, Part A SSAEP
 10. 410 Instructional Materials Allotment
 - F. Action: Review and act on the approval of the ranking of the request for qualifications for Construction Management Services and authorize the Superintendent to work with the top two firms on approved capital improvement projects and negotiate and execute a contract with one or both firms.
 - G. Report on the following projects:
 1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
 2. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
 3. New Central Office Building Renovation project
 - H. Action: Review and Act on the following projects as substantially complete:
 1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
 2. Edinburg Exterior Restroom Project
 - I. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:

1. Change Order #1 to contract for the Science Academy CATE Building Renovation Project.
2. Change Order #1 to the contract for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project.
- J. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #8 (final) to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom Project in the amount of \$11,301.74.
 2. Payment application #9 to Gignac for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$5,410.58.
 3. Payment application #3 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$391,102.88.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Mr. Hector Gonzales and Mr. Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on the September 2021 review of Local Policies FJ (LOCAL) through GRA (LOCAL).
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Ms. Margarita Garcia and Ms. Yolanda Kamel, 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
 8. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Report on local teaching certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - D. *Report on proposed dates for the required Annual Team Building training for the South Texas ISD Board Members and Superintendent.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on the appointment of South Texas ISD Board members as liaisons to the Education Foundation of STISD Board of Directors.
 - F. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. TASB Fall Legal Seminar, November 20, 2021, South Padre Island, TX.
 - G. *Action: Review and act on staff to attend the following:
 1. National Blue Ribbon Schools Program Recognition, November 3-5, 2021, Washington, D.C.
 - H. Action: Review and Act on request for New Professional and Para-Professional Positions and approval of the Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
 1. Special Education Teacher (1) - District-Wide
 2. Classroom Aides (3) - District-Wide

- I. Action: Review and act on Resolution of Board to Convene the District’s School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to recommend Curriculum Materials for Human Sexuality Instruction.
- J. Action: Review and Act on request from Cameron County for resolution endorsing the Cameron County Venue Arena Project.
- K. Report on South Texas ISD Board member training continuing education credit report.
- L. Report from the Superintendent of Schools on district activities and events.
- 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. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - b. Teachers
 - 2. Rescission of professional employment contract for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year.
 - a. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - b. Teachers
 - 2. Action: Review and act on the rescission of professional employment contract for the 2021-2022 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 October 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Crystal Solis
For the Board of Directors