



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 March 29, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 78570.

Individuals who wish to address the Board during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by submitting an email to public.audience@stisd.net and attaching the District's Public Audience Sign- in Sheet available 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. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Districts of Innovation Public Hearing.
6. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of STISD Business Office for receiving the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) Purchasing Award of Merit.
7. 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.

8. *Action: Review and act on the February 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
9. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
10. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
11. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Richard Fleming, MD and Natividad Sosa, Co-Chairs
 - A. Action: Review and act on adoption of renewal of the District of Innovation Plan.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *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.
 - D. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General fund budget amendment #3
 2. Health Grant budget amendment #1
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following requisitions:
 1. Requisition #099909 to Tesoro Corporation dba AAA Electrical Signs for the marquee at the New Central Office in the amount of \$369,564.00.
 2. Requisition #099961 to Tele-Pro Communications for the Audio Visual equipment at the New Central Office in the amount of \$637,406.
 - F. Report on the following projects:
 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project
 2. New Rising Scholars Academy project
 3. New Health Professions Gymnasium project
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
 1. Change order #1 in the amount of \$63,389.70 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 2. Change order #2 to the allowances in the amount of \$16,215.81 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 3. Change order #3 to the betterment fund in the amount of \$160,000 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 - H. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #8 to Gerlach Builders for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project in the amount of \$14,155.
 2. Payment application #9 (final) to Gerlach for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project in the amount of \$31,276.98.

3. Payment application #8 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Renovation project in the amount of \$381,467.07.
4. Payment application #13 to Gignac for the New Central Office Renovation project in the amount of \$9,481.92.
5. Payment application #3 to Sam Garcia Architect for the New Rising Scholars Academy project in the amount of \$175,415.62.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the donation from Elizabeth and Richard Cantu to Science Academy Chess Club for flights valued at \$1,969.80.
- J. Action: Review and act on amending the Accounts Payable position on the Non-Exempt pay scale.
- K. Action: Consideration and approval of an order approving and authorizing publication of a notice of intent to contract under the Public Property Finance Act for constructing certain public school facilities.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Hector Gonzales and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
 - A. Action: Annual review and approval of revisions to update the Board Operating Procedures.
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Margarita Garcia and 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
 - B. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
 1. National High School Chess Championship, April 8-11, 2022 in Memphis, TN.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. Region One School Board Association Conference, May 20-21, 2022, South Padre Island, Texas.
 2. TASB's Summer Leadership Institute, June 15-18, 2022 in San Antonio, TX or June 29-July 2, 2022 in Fort Worth, TX.
 - D. *Quarterly report on the Education Foundation of South Texas ISD.
 - E. *Report on the 2021-2022 district's Organizational Chart.
 - F. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for a New Professional and a Non-Professional Position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Central Office: Career Technology Education Coordinator (Professional)
 2. Central Office: Accounts Payable Clerk (Non-Professional)

- G. Report from Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza on the 2022 NSBA Advocacy Institute.
 - H. Action: Review and act on letter to Congress to support extending waiver authority to USDA for school nutrition programs.
 - I. Action: Review and act on extending the contract for legal services with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle PC (RFQ 19-010) or authorize the administration to advertise for legal services.
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. Data Analytics Director
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Nurse
 - d. Teacher(s)
 - 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 RC.
 - 1. Consideration and possible action regarding DGBA Level III Grievance of RC.
17. 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. Data Analytics Director
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Nurse
 - d. Teacher(s)
 - B. Pursuant to Sections 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, consideration and deliberation of DGBA Level III Grievance of RC.
18. 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 March 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Crystal D. Solis
For the Board of Directors