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## **Public Notice of Regular Meeting**

### **The Board of Directors South Texas ISD**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held April 26, 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](mailto: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.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body or a private consultation with its attorney in a closed meeting of the governmental body.

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.

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 March 29, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D. and Ricardo Ochoa, MD, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Action: Review and act on the annual instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2022-2023 school year.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on the application for a County District Campus Number (CDCN) for South Texas ISD Virtual Academy effective 2023-2023 school year for grades 6-12th.
  - C. Report: Professional Development for Summer 2022.
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
  - C. Report on tax delinquent collection from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, Attorney Michael Cano.
  - D. Report from Financial Advisor, Raul Villasenor, Hilltop Securities.
  - E. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
    1. General Fund budget amendment #4
  - F. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #100128 to McAllen Roofing LLC for roof repairs at Science Academy in the amount of \$82,062.37.
  - G. Report on the following projects:
    1. New Central Office Building Renovation project update:
      - a. Gignac and Associates
      - b. D. Wilson Construction
    2. New Rising Scholars Academy project presentation by Sam Garcia, Architect.
    3. New Health Professions Gymnasium project update by Frank Treviño, Construction Manager for STISD.
  - H. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
    1. Change order #3 to the betterment fund in the amount of \$160,000 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
    2. Change order #4 to the contract in the amount of \$1,463 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
    3. Change order #5 to the contract in the amount of \$64,434.40 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

4. Change order #6 to the contract in the amount of \$7,586.04 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
  5. Change order #7 to the contract in the amount of \$12,767.70 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
  6. Change order #8 to the contract in the amount of \$25,795 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
  7. Change order #9 to the contract in the amount of \$2,022.90 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- I. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
    1. Payment application #4 to Sam Garcia Architect for the New Rising Scholars Academy project in the amount of \$255,150.00.
    2. Payment application #9 to D. Wilson Construction for the New Central Office Building Renovation project in the amount of \$390,024.55.
  - J. Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
    1. Donation of gaming equipment from Elizabeth and Richard Cantu to Science Academy E-Sports valued at \$964.24.
    2. Donation of gaming equipment from PTSO at Science Academy to Science Academy E-Sports valued at \$2,148.00.
    3. Donation from Dr. Janis De Luna to World Scholars to assist student with registration fee for the 2022 Great Debate Program in the amount of \$200.00.
  - K. Action: Review and act on authorizing administration to go out for Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSPs) for the New Rising Scholars Academy project.
  - L. Action: Review and act on awarding Request for Proposals (RFP 22-004) for Landscaping and Maintenance.
  - M. Action: Review and act on approving the Interlocal Agreement with Political Subdivision Alliance of Texas.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Hector Gonzales and Robert J. Lerma, Co-Chairs
    - A. Action: Review and act on the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Local Teacher Designation System and Compensation Plan.
  13. 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.
  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. \*Action: Review and act on amending summer 2022 office hours.

- C. \*Report on the 2022 summer programs.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
    - 1. National Conservation Foundation Envirothon Competition, July 23-30, 2022 in Oxford, Ohio.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
    - 1. TASA/TASB Annual Convention, September 23-25, 2022 in San Antonio, TX.
  - F. Action: Name delegate and alternate for the TASA/TASB Convention, September 23-25, 2022 in San Antonio, TX.
  - G. Action: Review and act on approving the request for new Professional positions for the 2022-2023 school year and the announcement of vacancies for the following:
    - 1. Professional Positions:
      - a. Special Education Teacher (4) - District-Wide
      - b. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math(STEM) Teacher (1) - Science Academy
      - c. Career and Technology(Law Enforcement) Teacher (1) - World Scholars
      - d. Bilingual Coordinator (1) - District-Wide
      - e. Assessment and Accountability Coordinator (1) - District-Wide
      - f. Science Coordinator (1) - District-Wide
      - g. Social Studies Coordinator (1) - District-Wide
      - h. Speech Language Pathologist (1) - District-Wide
      - i. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (1) - District-Wide
      - j. Human Resources Coordinator (1) – District-Wide
    - 2. Non-Professional Positions:
      - a. Special Education Classroom Aides (3) – District-Wide
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:**
- A. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters
    - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school years.
      - a. Teacher(s)
    - 2. Review recommendations for renewal/extension/non-renewal of employment contracts for Central Office Administrators, Principals, Teachers and other Professional staff.
      - a. Renewal of Chapter 21 term and probationary employment contracts for Central Office Administrators, Principals, Teachers and other Professional staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
      - b. Consider and discuss termination of Chapter 21 probationary contract(s) of teacher(s) at the end of the 2021-2022 contract period, in the best interest of the District (L.U.P.) and (A.C.).
      - c. Consider and discuss the proposed non-renewal of 2021-2022 Chapter 21 term contract(s) of teacher(s) (R.C.) and (G.H).
  - B. Sections 551.071, 551.074 and 551.0821, Consultation with attorney

1. Discussion and consideration with Legal Counsel of legal issues regarding the termination of teacher(s) 2021-2022 Chapter 21 probationary contracts at the end of the contract period, in the best interests of the District. (L.U.P.) and (A.C.).
  2. Discussion and consideration with Legal Counsel of legal issues regarding the proposed non-renewal of a teacher(s) 2021-2022 Chapter 21 term contracts. (R.C.) and (G.H.)
  3. Presentation of Investigation and legal analysis of certain special education practices at World Scholars.
  4. Discussion with legal counsel regarding construction issues and to obtain legal advice regarding same.
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 remainder of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school years.
      - a. Teacher(s)
    2. Action: Review and act on recommendations for renewal/extension/non-renewal of employment contracts for Central Office Administrators, Principals, Teachers and other Professional staff.
      - a. Review and act on renewal of Chapter 21 term and probationary employment contracts for Central Office Administrators, Principals, Teachers and other Professional staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
      - b. Discussion, consideration and possible action to terminate teacher(s) Chapter 21 probationary contract(s) at the end of the 2021-2022 school year in the best interest of the District (L.U.P.) and (A.C); Board Policy DFAB (Legal) and Tex. Edu. Code Sec. 21.103.
      - c. Discussion, consideration and possible action to propose the non-renewal of teacher(s) Chapter 21 2021-2022 term contract(s) (R.C.) and (G.H.); Board Policy DFBB (Legal) and (Local) and Tex. Edu. Code Sec. 21.206.
  - B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding construction issues.
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 April 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

*Crystal D. Solis*  
For the Board of Directors