



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 May 24, 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.

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.
 - A. Recognition of all four high schools for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the U.S. News & World Report 2022 Best U.S. High Schools.

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 April 26, 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. Report on the 2022-2023 District and Campus Improvement Plans (First Reading).
 - B. Action: Review and act on the following Proposed Actions:
 1. Medical Professions Course Additions: Practicum in Entrepreneurship; Practicum in Health Science II; Practicum in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Art Appreciation Dual; Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers Dual; Principles of Microeconomics Dual; and Public Speaking Dual.
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Israel Quintanilla and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. Action: Review and act on the City of Mercedes' Tax Resale Private Bid on struck off properties and approval of a Resolution as submitted by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.
 - C. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General fund budget amendment #5.
 - D. Report on the following projects:
 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 2. New Rising Scholars Academy project.
 3. New Health Professions Gymnasium project.
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
 1. Change order #10 to the contract in the amount of \$34,820.50 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 2. Change order #11 to the contract in the amount of \$9,625 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 3. Change order #12 to the contract in the amount of \$(1,261.80) for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 4. Change order #13 to the contract in the amount of \$17,430.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 5. Change order #14 to the contract in the amount of \$8,531.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
 6. Change order #15 to the contract in the amount of \$3,241.70 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

7. Change order #16 to the contract in the amount of \$(17,780) for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 1. Payment application #10 to D. Wilson for the New Central Office Renovation project in the amount of \$373,028.62.
 2. Payment application #5 to Sam Garcia Architect for the New Rising Scholars Academy in the amount of \$340,200.
- G. Action: Review and act on approving the 2022-2023 Compensation Plan.
- H. Action: Review and act on approving the 2022-2023 Stipends.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving the 2022-2023 Benefits.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 1. Donation from University of Houston Clear Lake in the amount of \$4,000 to Science Academy.
 2. Donation of a flight simulator from Hector Zuniga valued at \$9,750 to Science Academy.
 3. Donation from H.E. Butt of \$100 in gift cards to Virtual Academy.
 4. Donation from the Texas Association of Sports Officials, Rio Grande Valley (TASO) in the amount of \$550 to Health Professions.
- K. Action: Review and act on approval of an underwriting syndicate for the South Texas Independent School District Public Facility Corporation Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2022.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Eduardo R. Rodriguez and Irma P. Treviño, Co-Chairs
 - A. Review and discussion on developing the framework for an STISD Employee Longevity Incentive.
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Jaime Solis and David Torres, 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 - M. Guajardo, Ed.D.
 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 request to approve acting principal at Rising Scholars Academy and salary adjustment.
 - C. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the following Memorandum of Understanding related to the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

- E. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district staff travel:
 - 1. National Schools to Watch Conference, June 23-25, 2022 in Washington, D.C.
 - 2. International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), June 26-29, 2022 in New Orleans, LA.
 - F. Action: Review and approve nomination of Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza to the Region I, Position B seat on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors.
 - G. Discussion on resources available to campuses to proactively address mental health and substance abuse issues, as requested by Board Member, Dr. Ricardo Ochoa.
 - H. Discussion, consideration, and action to include a monthly agenda item to the regular board meeting for questions that may arise under personnel matters in Executive Session, as requested by Board Member, Dr. Ricardo Ochoa.
 - I. Discussion, consideration, and action on the deadline to submit items to be placed on the agenda as per the Board Operating Procedures, as requested by Board Member, Dr. Ricardo Ochoa.
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. Secs. 551.071 and 551.074, Consultation with Attorney, Personnel Matters:
 - 1. Recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school years.
 - a. Principal
 - 2. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Career and Technical Director
 - b. Assessment and Accountability Coordinator
 - c. Bilingual Coordinator
 - d. ELL/ELA Coordinator
 - e. Science Coordinator
 - f. Social Studies Coordinator
 - g. Licensed Specialist(s) in School Psychology
 - h. Speech Language Pathologist
 - i. Principal
 - j. Assistant Principal(s)
 - k. Counselor(s)
 - l. Librarian(s)
 - m. School Nurse
 - n. Teacher(s)
 - 3. Discussion and consideration to set date for a Special Called Meeting to conduct a hearing on the proposed non-renewal of a teacher's 2021-2022 Chapter 21 term contract, R.C.
 - 4. Discussion and consideration to approve a compromise and settlement agreement and rescind proposed non-renewal of a counselor's 2021-2022 Chapter 21 term contract, G.H.
16. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting

- A. Secs. 551.071 and 551.074, Consultation with Attorney, 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. Principal
 2. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. Career and Technical Director
 - b. Assessment and Accountability Coordinator
 - c. Bilingual Coordinator
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 - i. Principal
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 - l. Librarian(s)
 - m. School Nurse
 - n. Teacher(s)
 3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set date for a Special Called meeting to conduct a hearing on the proposed non-renewal of a teacher's 2021-2022 Chapter 21 term contract, R.C.
 4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the compromise and settlement agreement and rescind the proposed non-renewal of a counselor's 2021-2022 Chapter 21 term contract, G.H.

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 May 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Crystal D. Solis
For the Board of Directors