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## **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

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

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A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held July 21, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas' Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 78570.

1. Welcome.

Doug Buchanan, Board President, welcomed the guests, staff and fellow Board members.

2. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Mr. Larry Cantú.

3. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence remembering Mr. Javier Farias and Hector Gonzales' wife.

4. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Doug Buchanan at approximately 6:00 p.m. at which time he was assured by Superintendent, Dr. Marco A. Lara, Jr. that notices of the meeting were posted properly according to the laws of Texas and that a quorum of the Board was present.

The following board members were present:

Douglas E. Buchanan	Raymondville
Eduardo L. "Larry" Cantu	Los Fresnos
Martin Castillo, DC	Edinburg
Sasha Crane	McAllen
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville

Ricardo Ochoa, MD	Weslaco
Israel G. Quintanilla	Raymondville
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
Natividad Sosa	Mission
David Torres	Edinburg

The following Board members were absent:

Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Javier Farias	McAllen
Richard Fleming, MD	Mission
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Hector Gonzales	Lyford
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Irma Perez-Treviño	Harlingen
Rick Villarreal, D.D.S.	Brownsville
Ruth Villarreal	Mission

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.	Frank Treviño
Efrain Garza	Ramon Longoria
Marla R. Knaub	Carmen Noriega
Lissa Frausto	

#### 5. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.

The Board did not receive any requests to address the Board of Directors on any agenda topics for this meeting.

Mr. Doug Buchanan, Board President, recommended moving Executive Session as the next item on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. LeVrier, seconded by Ms. Crane, approving the recommendation to move into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors ended Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

#### 6. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:

- A. Change order #17 to the contract in the amount of \$(4,600) for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- B. Change order #18 to the contract in the amount of \$12,935.23 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- C. Change order #19 to the contract in the amount of \$(97,760) for the New Central Office Renovation project.

- D. Change order #20 to the contract in the amount of \$15,384.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- E. Change order #21 to the contract in the amount of \$16,894.90 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- F. Change order #22 to the contract in the amount of \$16,418.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- G. Change order #23 to the contract in the amount of \$6,162.20 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- H. Change order #24 to the contract in the amount of \$9,067.30 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- I. Change order #25 to the contract in the amount of \$1,816.10 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- J. Change order #26 to the contract in the amount of \$5,550.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- K. Change order #27 to the contract in the amount of \$10,551.20 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- L. Change order #28 to the contract in the amount of \$1,254 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- M. Change order #29 to the contract in the amount of \$10,677.70 for the New Central Office Renovation project.
- N. Change order #30 to the contract in the amount of \$93,433.99 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

A motion was made by Mr. LeVrier, seconded by Mr. Lerma, approving the following Change Orders: Change order #17 to the contract in the amount of \$(4,600) for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #18 to the contract in the amount of \$12,935.23 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #19 to the contract in the amount of \$(97,760) for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #20 to the contract in the amount of \$15,384.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #21 to the contract in the amount of \$16,894.90 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #22 to the contract in the amount of \$16,418.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #23 to the contract in the amount of \$6,162.20 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #24 to the contract in the amount of \$9,067.30 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #25 to the contract in the amount of \$1,816.10 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #26 to the contract in the amount of \$5,550.60 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #27 to the contract in the amount of \$10,551.20 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #28 to the contract in the amount of \$1,254 for the New Central Office Renovation project; Change order #29 to the contract in the amount of \$10,677.70 for the New Central Office Renovation project; and Change order #30 to the contract in the amount of \$93,433.99 for the New Central Office Renovation project. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:

- A. Payment application #11 to D. Wilson in the amount of \$616,724.02 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Cantú, seconded by Mr. Solis, approving Payment application #11 to D. Wilson in the amount of \$616,724.02 for the New Central Office Renovation project. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention (Mr. Rodriguez).

- B. Payment application #14R to Gignac and Associates in the amount of \$10,463.42 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Cantú, seconded by Mr. LeVrier, approving the Payment application #14R to Gignac and Associates in the amount of \$10,463.42 for the New Central Office Renovation project. The motion passed with three against (Dr. Castillo, Mr. Solis, and Ms. Sosa).

- C. Payment application #16 to Gignac and Associates in the amount of \$11,043.05 for the New Central Office Renovation project.

A motion was made by Mr. L. Cantú, seconded by Mr. LeVrier, approving the Payment application #16 to Gignac and Associates in the amount of \$11,043.05 for the New Central Office Renovation project. The motion passed with three against (Dr. Castillo, Mr. Solis, and Ms. Sosa).

- 8. Action: Review and act on delegating authority for approval of construction change orders to the Superintendent or designee.

Mr. Doug Buchanan announced a recommendation from Administration to pull agenda item 8. Action: Review and act on delegating authority for approval of construction change orders to the Superintendent or designee. A motion was made by Mr. LeVrier, seconded by Mr. L. Cantú, to pull the agenda item as recommended by Administration. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **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 2022-2023 school year.
    - a. Principal
    - b. Assistant Principal(s)
    - c. Literacy Instructional Coach (Grant Funded)
    - d. Teacher(s)
- B. Consultation with legal counsel regarding construction issues and to obtain legal advice regarding same.

The Board of Directors ended Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

10. 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 2022-2023 school year.
  - a. Principal
  - b. Assistant Principal(s)
  - c. Literacy Instructional Coach (Grant Funded)
  - d. Teacher(s)

Dr. Tony Lara, Superintendent of Schools, recommended the retroactive employment of the following professional staff for the 2022-2023 school year: Dr. Reynaldo Daniel Rodriguez as Principal (12 months) and Loryn Ashley Rodriguez as Assistant Principal (11 months). In addition, Dr. Lara recommended the employment of the following professional staff for the 2022-2023 school year: Georgina Rae Blunt as Literacy Instructional Coach (Grant-Funded) (10 months); Gustavo A. Corrales as Teacher (10 months); Cassidy Elaine Sanchez as Teacher (10 months); Juan Rojelio Rodriguez Jr. as Teacher (10 months); Leroy G. Rodriguez as Teacher (10 months); Levi Aaron Landin as Teacher (10 months); Kristina Leonor Juarez-Garcia as Teacher (10 months); and Zuriel Asaf Lara as Teacher (10 month).

A motion was made by Mr. LeVrier, seconded by Mr. L. Cantú, approving the employment of professional staff as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding construction issues.

No motions were made for this agenda item. No Board action was taken.

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Mr. Quintanilla, seconded by Ms. Sosa, adjourning the board meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.