



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 28, 2023, 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. Board Meeting called to order.
3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
4. Moment of Silence.
5. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
6. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
7. Awards & Recognitions.

- A. Recognition of STISD students for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of Medical Professions principal Criselda R. Flores for being named a Principal Finalist in the 2023 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.
8. 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.
9. *Action: Review and act on the February 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Sylvia S. Lopez, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Margarita Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - 2. 2022-2023 Capital Projects
 - 3. CATE
 - B. Report from Structural Engineer regarding existing Rising Scholars Academy.
 - C. Action: Review and act on design development for Preparatory Academy Pavilion.
 - D. Action: Review and act on cost analysis for Preparatory Academy Pavilion.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Adrian Garcia, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on the 2022-2023 second quarter student activity accounts.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
 - 1. Donation from TSTC to Science Academy of equipment valued at \$1,000.
 - 2. Donation from Gabriela De La Garza to Science Academy BPA in the amount of \$300.
 - 3. Donation from City of McAllen to Health Professions in the amount of \$300.
 - 4. Donation from Criselda Flores to Medical Professions in the amount of \$1,000.
 - 5. Donation from H-E-B to Medical Professions in the amount of \$2,500.
 - E. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 - 1. Child Nutrition Program (242) Summer Feeding Program budget amendment #1.
 - F. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
 - 1. Change order #72 to the contract in the amount of \$18,208.38 for the New Central Office Building Renovation project.
 - G. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #2 to The Warren Group in the amount of \$63,000 for the New Health Professions Gymnasium project

2. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$59,400 for the Cameras and Access Control project.
3. Payment application #1 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$4,500 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.
- H. Action: Review and act on awarding Request for Proposals (RFP 24-002) for Property, Liability and Auto Insurance proposals.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #109359 for TelePro for the Cameras and Access Controls District-wide project.
- J. Discussion, consideration and possible action on priorities for the \$8 million dollar gift received from Mackenzie Scott.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Doug E. Buchanan and Abiel J. Cantú, Co-Chairs
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Sasha Crane 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 - M. Zamora
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - R. Rodriguez, Ed.D.
 3. World Scholars - C. Chairez, Ed.D.
 4. Medical Professions - C. Rodriguez
 5. Health Professions - M. Flores
 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
 7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
 - B. *Report on the 2023 summer programs.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. Region One School Boards Association Conference, May 19-20, 2023 in South Padre Island, TX.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on the following out of district student/staff travel:
 1. Atmosphere Aruba Annual Conference, April 23-28, 2023 in Las Vegas, NV.
 - E. Report from Sasha Crane on the 2023 NSBA Advocacy Institute.
 - F. Action: Cast votes for Place 2 and Place 5 of the Region One ESC Board of Directors.
 - G. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for new Professional and Non-Professional positions for the 2023-2024 school year and the Announcement of Vacancies for the following:
 1. Assistant Principal(1)
 2. Counselor(1)
 3. Teacher(3)
 4. Custodian(1)
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 remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. District Student Wellness Specialist
 - 2. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. District Student Wellness Specialist
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - 3. Review recommendations for renewal/extension 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 2023-2024 school year.
 - 4. Discussion and consideration of filing a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding the resignation of an Educator’s 2022-2023 term contract without good cause pursuant Board Policy DFE (LEGAL), Education Code 21.210(c) 2 (C.C.).
- 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 remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. District Student Wellness Specialist
 - 2. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. District Student Wellness Specialist
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - 3. Action: Review and act on recommendations for renewal/extension 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 2023-2024 school year.
 - 4. Discussion and possible action to file a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) regarding the resignation of an Educator’s 2022-2023 term contract without good cause pursuant Board Policy DFE (Legal), Education Code 21.210(c) 2 (C.C.).

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 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors