



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 23, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 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.

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 April 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Natividad Sosa and Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on students eligible for College Board National Recognition Programs.
 - B. Action: Review and act on the 2023-2024 District and Campus Improvement Plans (Final Reading).
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Jaime Solis and David Torres, Co-Chairs
 - A. Report on Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.
 - B. Report on the following projects:
 1. New Central Office Renovation project
 2. Preparatory Academy Pavilion
 3. Health Professions Window System
 4. Cameras and Access Controls
 5. New Health Professions Gymnasium
 - C. Action: Review and act on approving Job Order Contracting through an approved purchasing cooperative for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 - D. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #110779 to D. Wilson for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 - E. Action: Review and act on approving requisition #110774 to D. Wilson for the Health Professions Window System project.
12. Finance & Operations Committee - Sylvia S. Garza, Ph.D. and Israel Quintanilla, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on update of 2023-2024 Budget.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from district inventory.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approving a donation from TASO Rio Grande Softball Chapter in the amount of \$700 to Health Professions.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on extending the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
 1. RFP 21-004 Special Education Contracted Services
 2. RFP 21-006 Awards, Incentives & Printed Materials
 3. RFP 23-001 General Merchandise
 4. RFP 23-002 Document Imaging, Shredding, & Retention Services
 5. RFP 23-003 General Maintenance, Building, Grounds Services
 6. RFP 23-004 Building Materials
 7. RFP 23-005 Drug Testing Services
 8. RFP 23-006 Video Productions & Photography Services

9. RFP 23-008 Petroleum Products
10. RFP 23-012 Instructional Supplies and Technology Products
11. RFP 23-014 Employee Uniform
- F. Action: Review and act on awarding the following Request for Proposals (RFPs):
 1. RFP 24-003 Travel Agent & Charter Bus Services
 2. RFP 24-004 Pizza Products
 3. RFP 24-005 Bus & Auto Parts
 4. RFP 24-006 Mats & Linens
 5. RFP 24-007 Tow Truck Services
 6. RFP 24-008 Maintenance & Building Repair Services
 7. RFP 24-009 Building Materials
 8. RFP 24-010 Instructional Materials
 9. RFP 24-011 Unemployment Compensation
- G. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 1. General Fund (199) Budget Amendment #5
 2. 2021-2022 IDEA B (224) Carryover
 3. 2022-2023 IDEA B (224) Adjustment
 4. Schools Safety Standards Formula Grant (429)
- H. Action: Review and act on the following requisitions:
 1. Requisition #110589 to TESCO Specialty Vehicles for a Mobile Clinic for Medical Professions.
 2. Requisition #110602 to Toolkit Technologies, Inc. for a switch electric vehicle for Science Academy.
 3. Requisition #110603 to Guamard for a birthing mannequin for Medical Professions.
 4. Requisition #110604 to Guamard Scientific Co. for an interdisciplinary simulator mannequin for Medical Professions.
 5. Requisition #110605 to Capsahealthcare for a robotic dispensing system for Medical Professions.
- I. Action: Review and act on approving revisions to the 2022-2023 Stipend Schedule.
- J. Action: Review and act on approving a retention stipend to returning employees for the 2023-2024 school year.
13. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Hector Gonzales and Bobby Lerma, Co-Chairs
14. Community & Governmental Relations Committee - Eduardo Rodriguez and Norberto 'Beto' Salinas, 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
 8. Attendance Report
 9. Enrollment Report
 10. Human Resources Report
 - B. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - C. *Report on local certification through the District of Innovation Plan.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the TASA TASB Annual Convention, September 29 - October 1, 2023, in Dallas, TX.
 - E. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for New Professional Positions for the 2023-2024 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following:
 1. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern (1) – District-Wide
 2. Special Education with Core Teacher (1) – District-Wide
 3. Disciplinary Alternative Education Program Teacher (1) – District-Wide
 4. English Language Arts/ESL Teacher (1) – Rising Scholars Academy
 5. Mathematics Teacher (1) – Rising Scholars Academy
 6. Science Teacher (1) – Rising Scholars Academy
 7. Social Studies Teacher (1) – Rising Scholars Academy
 8. Technology Applications Teacher (1) – Rising Scholars Academy
 9. Mathematics Teacher (1) – Preparatory Academy
 - F. Action: Review and act on approving members to the District’s Safety and Security Committee.
 - G. Discussion and possible action on items requested by Board Member, Natividad Sosa:
 1. Employee and Parent Survey to be conducted by outside firm.
 2. Formation of a district committee on mental health and support programs.
 3. Monthly Reports on Student Enrollment, Student Discipline, and Staffing Changes including resignations, hires, and leaves.
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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Teacher(s)
 - B. 551.071, 551.076, 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits and consultation with school attorney regarding Security Devices or Security Audits: Closed Meeting
 1. Discussion and consideration regarding Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings.

- C. 551.129, 551.071 Discussion with attorney regarding legal issues related to multi-party legal representation on possible Shared Services Agreement for autism related services between South Texas ISD and Excellence in Leadership Academy.
 - D. 551.071 Consultation with attorney regarding pending or threatened litigation.
 - 1. Juan De Leon, Jr. – EEOC Complaint # 451-2021-02288
 - 2. Elva C. Villarreal vs. South Texas Independent School District, Cause No. CL-22-2425-G
 - 3. Sam Garcia Architects, LLC
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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Assistant Principal
 - b. Counselor
 - c. Teacher(s)
 - B. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Security Devices/Security Audits.
 - C. Consideration and possible action regarding consent to multi-party legal representation by Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson, P.C. related to possible Shared Services Agreement for autism related services between South Texas ISD and Excellence in Leadership Academy.
 - D. Consideration and possible action regarding possible shared services agreement for Shared Services Agreement for autism related services between South Texas ISD and Excellence in Leadership Academy, including possible delegation of authority to Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute an agreement in a form approved by legal counsel.
 - E. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding pending or threatened litigation.
 - 1. Juan De Leon, Jr. – EEOC, Complaint # 451-2021-02288
 - 2. Elva C. Villarreal vs. South Texas Independent School District, Cause No. CL-22-2425-G
 - 3. Sam Garcia Architects, LLC

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 **May 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors