



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 September 26, 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/staff for excellence in academic, athletic and/or extracurricular endeavors.
 - B. Recognition of all four STISD High Schools for ranking among the best in the state and nation in the US News and World Report Best High Schools Rankings.
 - C. Recognition of STISD Business Office for receiving an A Rating on the 2022-2023 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report.
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 August 22, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.
10. *Action: Review and act on the August 29, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes.
11. *Action: Review and act on the September 14, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes.
12. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - David Briones and Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on STISD Leader Monthly Newsletter.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on appointing Education Improvement Council Members for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - C. Report on 2023 College Entrance Scores.
 - D. Report on 2023 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores.
 - E. Action: Review and act on approving an agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station for Science Academy.
13. Buildings and Grounds Committee - E. Larry Cantu and Ruth Villarreal, Co-Chairs
- A. Report on the following projects:
 - 1. Preparatory Academy Pavilion
 - 2. Cameras and Access Controls
 - 3. Health Professions Parking Lot project
 - 4. Health Professions Gymnasium
 - 5. 2023-2024 Capital Projects
 - B. Action: Review and act on approving the Health Professions Window Replacement project as substantially complete.
14. Finance & Operations Committee - Javier Farias and Rudy Ramirez, Co-Chairs
- A. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - B. *Report on the 2022-2023 fourth quarter student activity accounts.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on removing assets from the capital asset listing.
 - D. *Action: Review and act on bank resolutions for Medical Professions and World Scholars.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on the proposed calendar for the South Texas ISD Audit.

- F. *Action: Review and act on South Texas ISD's Emergency Operations Plan.
- G. *Action: Review and act on Resolutions/Interlocal Agreements to participate in the following cooperatives:
 - 1. Harris County Department of Education Purchasing Co-op (Choice Partners)
 - 2. Houston- Galveston Area Council Buy Co-op (H-GAC)
 - 3. OMNIA Partners National IPA & US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Region 14 ESC National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
 - 4. Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)
 - 5. Region 19 ESC Allied States Cooperative
 - 6. Region One Purchasing Cooperative
 - 7. Region III ESC Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA)
 - 8. Region VIII ESC TIPS Purchasing Cooperative
 - 9. Texas Association of School Boards Purchasing Co-op (BUYBOARD)
 - 10. Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)
 - 11. Texas SmartBuy Membership Program
 - 12. Sourcewell Cooperative
 - 13. 791 Purchasing Cooperative (Region 15)
- H. *Action: Review and act on the following budgets for the 2023-2024 federal funds:
 - 1. 211 Title I Part A
 - 2. 212 Title I Migrant
 - 3. 224 IDEA B
 - 4. 244 Carl D. Perkins
 - 5. 255 Title II Part A
 - 6. 263 Title III Part A
 - 7. 289 Title IV, Part A SSAEP
 - 8. 410 Instructional Materials Allotment
 - 9. 429 Autism Grant
- I. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):
 - 1. General Fund (199) Budget Amendment #1
- J. Action: Review and act on the following Change Orders:
 - 1. Change order #1 to the contract in a credit amount of \$15,000 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.
- K. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
 - 1. Payment application #2 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$13,074.15 for the Cameras and Access Control District-wide project.
 - 2. Payment application #3 to TelePro Communications in the amount of \$639,071.77 for the Cameras and Access Control District-wide project.
 - 3. Payment application #2 to D.Wilson in the amount of \$110,337.59 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 - 4. Payment application #2 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$622.76 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.

5. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$1,729.87 for the Preparatory Academy Pavilion project.
 6. Payment application #2 to D. Wilson in the amount of \$130,214.60 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.
 7. Payment application #3 (final) to D. Wilson in the amount of \$7,800 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.
 8. Payment application #3 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$282.15 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.
 9. Payment application #4 (final) to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. in the amount of \$1,382.85 for the Health Professions Window Replacement project.
- L. Action: Review and act on approving the following donations:
1. Donation from Yolanda Kamel to World Scholars in the amount of \$275.71.
 2. Donation of a microwave valued at \$70-\$80 from PTSO to World Scholars.
15. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Douglas Buchanan and Noel Garza, DDS, Co-Chairs
- A. *Action: Review and act on appointing School Health Advisory Council Members for the 2023-2024 school year.
16. 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.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action on formal announcement and/or opening event for STISD Central Administration Building and Teaching & Learning Center.
17. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
- A. *Campus and District Reports
 1. Preparatory Academy - M. Zamora
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - R. Rodriguez, Ed.D.
 3. World Scholars - C. Chairez, Ed.D.
 4. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
 5. Health Professions - M. Guajardo, Ph.D.
 6. Science Academy - E. Gutierrez
 7. Virtual Academy - M. Valdez
 8. Enrollment & Attendance Report
 9. 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 NSBA Annual Conference, April 6-8, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on salary adjustment for acting Assistant Principal at Health Professions.
 - F. Action: Review and Act on approving the request for a New Professional Position for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and the Announcement of Vacancy for the following, as requested by Board Member, Jaime Solis:

1. Chief of Security
18. **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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Science Coordinator
 - b. Literacy Instructional Coach
 - c. Assistant Principal
 - d. 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 of Security Devices/Security Audits.
 - C. 551.071 Consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation: Closed Meeting.
 1. Ryan Busse, Josh Klostermann, Russell Klostermann, Mitch Thomas, Olivia Rincones, Robert Rincones, Ruben Rincones, Enrica Rincones, Adelaida Garcia, Gary Busse, Alison Savage and Lyford Consolidated Independent School District vs. South Texas Independent School District, Elizabeth Barnhart, Willacy County Tax Assessor-Collector in her Official Capacity, and Willacy County, Texas, Cause No. 2023-CV-0282-A.
19. 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 2023-2024 school year.
 - a. Science Coordinator
 - b. Literacy Instructional Coach
 - c. Assistant Principal
 - d. Teacher(s)
 - B. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Security Devices/Security Audits.
 - C. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding pending or contemplated litigation:
 1. Ryan Busse, Josh Klostermann, Russell Klostermann, Mitch Thomas, Olivia Rincones, Robert Rincones, Ruben Rincones, Enrica Rincones, Adelaida Garcia, Gary Busse, Alison Savage and Lyford Consolidated Independent School District vs. South Texas Independent School District, Elizabeth Barnhart, Willacy County Tax Assessor-Collector in her Official Capacity, and Willacy County, Texas, Cause No. 2023-CV-0282-A
20. 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 **September 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

Crystal D. Solis

For the Board of Directors