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Minutes of Special Called Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD was held November 9, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Central Office Teaching and Learning Center, 7001 E. Expressway 83, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

1. Welcome.

Henry LeVrier, Board President, welcomed the guests, staff and fellow Board members.

2. Board Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Henry LeVrier, Board President at approximately 7:00 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
Abiel J. Cantú	Raymondville
Eduardo L. “Larry” Cantu	Los Fresnos
Adrian Garcia	Brownsville
Sylvia Sánchez Garza, Ph.D.	Edinburg
Hector Gonzales	Lyford
Henry LeVrier	Brownsville
Sandra Garza Ochoa, Ph.D.	Weslaco
Israel G. Quintanilla	Raymondville
Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez	Edinburg
Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez	Brownsville
Natividad Sosa	Mission
David Torres	Edinburg
Rick Villarreal, DDS	Rancho Viejo

The following Board members were absent:

David Briones	La Feria
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Sasha Crane	McAllen
Javier Farias	McAllen
Margarita Garcia	San Juan
Noel Garza, DDS	Mission
Yolanda Kamel	McAllen
Robert J. Lerma	Brownsville
Sylvia S. Lopez	Brownsville
Jaime R. Solis	Edinburg
Ruth Villarreal	Mission

The following staff members were present:

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.

Efrain Garza

Marla Knaub

3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.

The pledges were led by Abiel J. Cantú.

4. Moment of Silence.

The Board held a moment of silence.

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.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Directors met on November 9, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. in 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 Secretary, Israel G. Quintanilla served to record the minutes of the closed session to discuss the following:**

A. 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.

The Board ended the Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting

- A. 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.
- B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on hiring legal counsel for the appeal process, Cause No. 2023-CV-0282-A.

A motion was made by Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, seconded by Rudy Ramirez, authorizing Legal Counsel, Board President, and Superintendent to engage services of necessary professionals to defend Cause No. 2023-CV-0282-A, including attorneys and finance experts. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Rudy Ramirez, seconded by Doug Buchanan, adjourning the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.