



**SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION**

**Monday, June 30, 2014**

**6:00 p.m.**

**A G E N D A**

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room located at 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, Texas 78592.

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, please contact Elizabeth Stenhouse, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**OPEN FORUM**

Public participation is limited to the designated open forum portion of the meeting, pursuant to District Policy BED (Local). At all times during board meetings, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless recognized by the Board President. Complaints and concerns for which other resolution channels are provided shall be directed through those channels. No presentation shall exceed five minutes.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION**

A Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Ratification Election will be held on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria ISD Administration Building located at 11119 Military Rd., Santa Maria, Texas 78592

Any taxpayer of the District may be present and participate in the Hearing. [Policy CE(Legal)/CE(Local)]

1. Presentation on the 2014 Tax Ratification Election
2. Public Comments on the 2014 Tax Ratification Election
3. Closing of Public Hearing





SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FOLLOW AT 6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Recommendation to approve the agenda of June 30, 2014 Special Board Meeting with modifications and deletions
2. TAIS Reports

**ACTION AGENDA**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) and Santa Maria ISD for the 2014-2015 school year
4. Discussion and possible action on the 2014 Proclamation on the instructional materials for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade math and science
5. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria Independent School District and RGV Lead for the 2014-2015 school year
6. Discussion and possible action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Maria Independent School District and Region One ESC Library Services and Media Cooperative District/Charter Commitment Form for the 2014-2015 school year
7. Discussion and possible action on the Software License Agreement for DMAC, PDAS, and DIP/SIP between Santa Maria Independent School District and Region One Education Service Center (ESC) for the 2014-2015 school year

**Finance**

8. Discussion and possible action to approve audit firm for 2013-2014 fiscal year
9. Discussion and report on employee insurance membership, participation and services
10. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a school bus to replace Bus #6





## Governance

11. Discussion and possible action on the agreement to manage the SMISD Tax Ratification Election for September 6, 2014. Early Voting begins Wednesday, August 20, 2014 –Tuesday, September 2, 2014; 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 23, 2014 and Saturday, August 30, 2014; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Election Day Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
12. Discussion and approval on the Order of Election for the Tax Ratification Election (TRE) to be submitted to the Cameron County Clerk/Elections Administrator as required
13. Discussion and approval on the Order of Election for School Board Elections to be submitted to the Cameron County Clerk/Elections Administrator as required

## Student Travel

14. Discussion and possible action on the Out of Valley Student Trip for Future Farmers of America (FFA) to travel to Fort Worth, Texas for the 2014 State Convention to be held Sunday, July 13, 2014 – Friday, July 18, 2014

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 *et. seq.* of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

- A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited to:
  - 1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
  - 2) Update on Threatened or Pending Litigation, *Edwin Barerra d/b/a PHD Vision v. Santa Maria Independent School District*; Cause No. 2013-CCL-98, In the County Court at Law No. 1, Cameron County, Texas
  - 3) Update on Threatened or Pending Litigation, *Enedelia Valle v. Santa Maria Independent School District*; Cause No. C-5111-13-I, In the County Court at Law 398<sup>th</sup> District Court, Cameron County, Texas
- B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
- D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters
  - 1) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations
- E. Section 551.076 - Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
- F. Section 551.082 - School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint





G. Section 551.0821 - Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

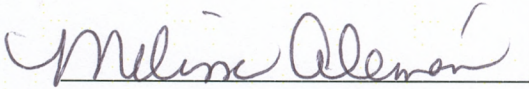
1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
  - a) Discussion and possible action to approve Superintendent's personnel recommendations as discussed in Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

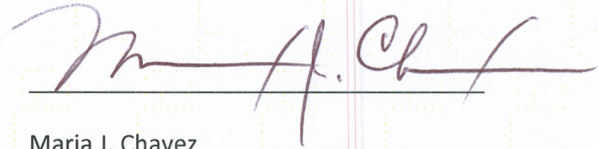
(May be reconvened, if necessary)

**ADJOURNMENT**

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.



Melissa Aleman  
Board President



Maria J. Chavez  
Superintendent of Schools

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This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site ([www.smisd.net](http://www.smisd.net))

*Consent Agenda:* All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.





***Maria J. Chavez, Superintendent of Schools***

***Board of Trustees***

***Melissa Aleman, President***

***Belinda Lugo, Vice-President***

***Noe Aleman, Secretary***

***Miguel Zavala, Member***

***Jose Gonzales, Member***

***Leonardo Martinez, Member***

***Adolfo Hinojosa, Member***





# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Santa Maria Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 30, 2014 in the Santa Maria ISD Administration Building at 11119 Military Drive, Santa Maria, Texas 78592. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.110000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year*</u>
Total appraised value** of all property	\$61,814,566	\$62,405,546
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$903,177	\$942,576
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$41,677,972	\$42,455,867
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$895,737	\$932,989

\*All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.

\*\* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$3,825,000

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance &amp; Operations</u>	<u>Interest &amp; Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$1.04	\$0.24*	\$1.28	\$785	\$9,508
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$1.04315	\$0.20952*	\$1.25267	\$779	\$9,669
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$1.17	\$0.11*	\$1.28	\$860	\$10,390

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$37,688	\$37,742
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$24,795	\$24,819
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.28	\$1.28
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$317.38	\$317.68
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$0.30

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.15. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.15.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation; less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,067,372
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$78,314



## EXECUTIVE SESSION AUTHORIZATION DURING MEETING

If during the course or the meeting covered by this notice the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held or is required, then such closed or executive or session as authorized by chapter 551 or the Texas Government Code, the Open Meeting Act, will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this notice, as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through Section 551.084 inclusive of said Open Meeting Act including, but not limited to:

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| Section 551.071 | For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's Attorney or any or all subjects or matters authorized;  |
| Section 551.072 | For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of property;  |
| Section 551.073 | For the purpose of discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations;   |
| Section 551.074 | For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee; |
| Section 551.075 | For the purpose of conferences with staff to receive information from staff, or to ask questions of staff, without discussion between or among Board Members.  |
| Section 551.076 | For the purpose of considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.  |
| Section 551.082 | For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.  |
| Section 551.083 | For the purpose of considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.               |



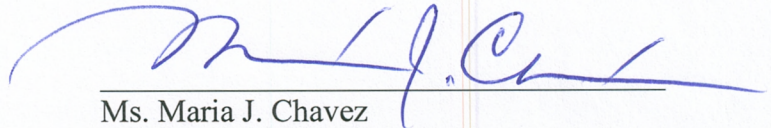
Section 551.084 For the purpose of considering excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action, final decision or final vote shall be at either:

- a. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or;
- b. at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

**CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE**

**On this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., this notice was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public in the School District Administration Building of the Santa Maria Independent School District, the address of which is Military Highway 281, Santa Maria, Texas, 78592.**



Ms. Maria J. Chavez  
Superintendent of Schools  
Santa Maria Independent School District