



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
SCHOOLS FIRST, FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM  
Monday, November 11, 2013  
6:00 p.m.  
A G E N D A

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Hwy 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 SCHOOLS FIRST, FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM

A Public Hearing on the School First, Financial Accountability Rating System will be held at the Administration Building located at 11119 Military Rd., Santa Maria, Texas.

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

Agenda

- A. Call the Public Hearing Meeting to order
- B. Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)
- C. Santa Maria ISD Rating
- D. Public comments on the Report
- E. Adjournment



**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF TRUSTEES TO FOLLOW AT 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recommend approving the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of November 11, 2013 with any corrections or deletions.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Student Enrollment
2. Student Recognition

**ACTION AGENDA**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the School Improvement Plan for Santa Maria High School for 2013-2014
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Region One Education Service Center's Local Assessment Fee Commitment Form for Special Service Projects for 2013-2014
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Santa Maria High School Art Club End of Year Trip May 2014, funded through Fundraising

**Governance**

6. Discussion and possible action on the approval of Resolution to Vote for position (8) Nominee of the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors

**Human Resources**

7. Discussion and possible action on Required Employee Acknowledgement Form with payback requirements for the Board Approved Retention Stipend for 2013-2014, scheduled to be implemented November 25, 2013
8. Report and Discussion of Statement of District Compliance with Chapter 22 Fingerprinting and Criminal Background Check Requirements Due to TEA Monday, November 25, 2013

### Student Services

9. Discussion and ratify approval on the Santa Maria High School Cross Country Team Out-Of-Valley Travel Saturday, November 9, 2013 for the UIL Cross Country Meet at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, Texas

### Travel

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the travel of the Board members to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Governance and Legal Seminar - Wednesday, February 26 – Saturday, March 1, 2014 in Corpus Christi, Texas

### CONSENT AGENDA

### Finance

11. Approval of Check Payments since last report for October 2013
12. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for October 2013
13. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for October 2013
14. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report for October 2013
15. Approval of Budget Amendment
16. Approval of 2013 Preliminary Values as of October for taxing units

### Governance

17. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – October 28, 2013
18. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – October 30, 2013

### 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
- B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift





D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters

- 1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties, and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department

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 on recommendations for employment of contractual and non-contractual personnel

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

**ADJOURNMENT**

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 6:00 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*



## 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.               |

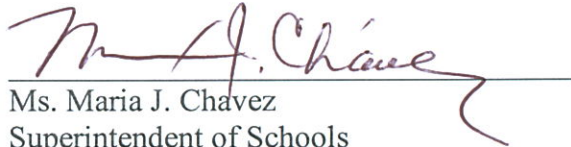
Section 551.084 For the purpose of considering excluding witnesses from a hearing.

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 8<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2013 at 6:00 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