



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013-2014 BUDGET AND
THE PROPOSED 2013 - 2014 TAX RATE
Thursday, August 29, 2013
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 Thursday, August 29, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013-2014 BUDGET

A Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget and the proposed Tax Rate 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)]

1. Presentation on the proposed District Budget for the 2013-2014 school year, and on the proposed Tax Rate for the 2013 - 2014 school year
2. Public comments on the proposed District Budget and the proposed Tax Rate for the 2013 - 2014 school year
3. Closing of Public Hearing

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

CALL TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

Human Resources

1. Discussion and possible action on the 2013-2014 Hiring Schedules
2. Discussion and possible action on proposed salary increases for 2013-2014 school year
3. Discussion and possible action on 2013-2014 Supplemental Stipends

Business Office

4. Discussion and possible action to approve final Budget Amendments on 2013-2014 budget
5. Discussion and possible action to approve proposed 2013-2014 District Budget
6. Discussion and possible action on ordinance adopting the 2013-2014 Tax Rate

Curriculum and Instruction

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposal for full day services for PK3 – 4
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Scoreboard proposal for stadium

Finance

9. Discussion and possible action on the approval of student insurance proposal

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

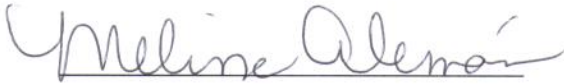
- 1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
 - a) Discussion and possible action on recommendations for employment of contractual and non-contractual personnel
 - b) Superintendent contract

EXECUTIVE SESSION

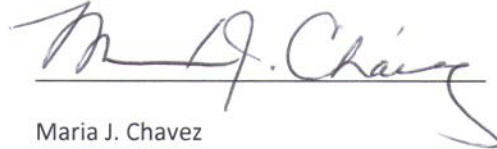
(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 5:00 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)

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 BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SANTA MARIA ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00P.M., August 29, 2013 in 11119 MILITARY DR; ADMIN OFFICES; SANTA MARIA TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.240000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	0.05 % increase
Debt Service	0.00 % increase
Total expenditures	0.05 % increase

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	\$60,910,629	\$61,572,407
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,382,701	\$903,177
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$40,818,108	\$41,610,995
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,304,560	\$895,737

*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* \$4,130,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.240000*	\$1.280000	\$658	\$8,399
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.053640	\$1.316280*	\$2.369920	\$1,360	\$8,895
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.240000*	\$1.280000	\$622	\$8,803

*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	\$37,181	\$37,593
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$24,078	\$24,685
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.280000	\$1.280000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$308.20	\$315.97
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$7.77

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 \$1.237036. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.237036.

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)	\$3,850,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$60,000

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. |

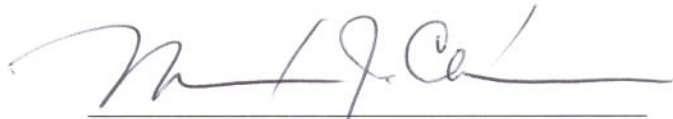
Section 551.084 For the purpose of considering excluding witnesses from a hearing.

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 26th day of August, 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