



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, January 13, 2022
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria Independent School District Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Adolfo Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Marco Aleman, Member
Oralia Ortiz, Vice President
Rambaldo Rivera, Member
Consuelo de la Rosa, Member
Adolfo Hinojosa, President

Absent:

Casey Espinoza, Secretary
Miguel Zavala, Member

Present from the District

Mr. Martin Cuellar, Superintendent
Mr. Edward Gonzales, Interim Business Manager
Mr. Rene Salinas, District Student Services Coordinator
Mrs. Amanda Leal, Secretary to Superintendent
Mr. Jacob M. Camacho, Principal Tony Gonzalez Elementary
Mr. Jozabad J. Palacios, Principal Santa Maria Middle School
Mr. Jay Viera, Principal Santa Maria High School

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

At regular meeting the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to



make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. The topics for discussion are limited to the topics listed on the posted agenda. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designed shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

It was indicated by the Board Vice President that no one signed up for public comment

ACTION AGENDA

1. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 1) Recognition of SMISD Board Members in Honor of School Board Appreciation Month

2. Construction

- 1) Presentation and discussion of construction status report for SMISD Bond Stadium and Athletic Facilities by Hellas Construction and Brighton Group.
- 2) Presentation and discussion of construction status for SMISD Bond High School Classroom-Offices Expansion by The Warren Group.
- 3) Discussion, consideration and approval of Hellas Construction's Pay Application #7 for the SMISD Stadium and Athletic Facilities for \$321,643.30.
Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously @6:19 pm
- 4) Discussion, consideration and approval of Brighton Group's Invoice #7 for 2021 SMISD Bond Program Project Management Service for the total of \$7,500.
Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Rambaldo Rivera. Motion passed unanimously @6:20 pm

3. Curriculum & Instruction / Presentations

- 1) Presentation and possible action to approve the Plan Approval Process for the school redesign as part of the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Decision 10 School Action Fund (SAF) grant.
Motion was made by Rambaldo Rivera and seconded by Consuelo De La Rosa. Motion passed unanimously @6:43 pm



CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously @6:43 pm

1. Finance

- 1) Approval of Check Payments since last report unaudited for December 2021
- 2) Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of November 2021
- 3) Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending December 2021
- 4) Approval of the Tax Collection Report for December 31, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Marco Aleman and seconded by Oralía Ortiz. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 6:43 pm

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.

1. A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited
 - 1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
2. B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
3. C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
4. D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
 - 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

- 2) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations
 - A. Discussion and consideration to employ Business Manager
5. E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
6. F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
7. G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 7:09 pm

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 7:09 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Marco Aleman and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 7:10 pm.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Monday, January 10, 2022.



Adolfo Hinojosa
Board President



Casey Espinoza
Board Secretary



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.

Board of Trustees

Adolfo Hinojosa, President

Oralia "Lala" Ortiz, Vice-President

Casey Espinoza, Secretary

Marco Aleman, Member

Consuelo De La Rosa, Member

Rambaldo "Ram" Rivera, Jr., Member

Miguel Zavala, Member

