



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
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 Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 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:

Consuelo De La Rosa, Member
Marco Aleman, Member
Casey Espinoza, Secretary
Oralia Ortiz, Vice-President
Adolfo Hinojosa, President

Absent:

Rambaldo Rivera, Member

Present from the District

Mr. Martin Cuellar, Superintendent
Mr. Edward Gonzales, Interim Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Leal, Secretary to Superintendent

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.

Public speaker: Ruiz, Gus - Signed up for public comment, topic: County park

ACTION AGENDA

1. Construction

- 1) Construction Updates for the following:
 - a. Athletic Facility
 - b. Additional High School Classrooms
- 2) Discussion, consideration and possible action for approval of pay application #4 to Hellas Construction, LLC for Santa Maria ISD Athletic Facility for the total of \$237,132.80
Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously @6:28 pm.
- 3) Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of payment for invoice #4 to Brighton Group for 2021 Santa Maria Bond Program Project Management Services for the total of \$28,500.00
Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously @6:29 pm.

2. Curriculum & Instruction

- 1) Discussion and action to approve resolution to authorize virtual learning in accordance with SB 15
Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously @6:06 pm.

3. Governance

- 1) Discussion and Action to approve Resolution of Support for the Cameron County Venue Arena Project
Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously @6:14 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously @6:29 pm



1. Finance

- 1) Approval of Check Payments since last report unaudited for September 2021
- 2) Approval of the Tax Collection Report for September 1 to September 30, 2021
- 3) Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of August 2021
- 4) Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending September 2021
- 5) Budget Amendment for August 2021

2. Curriculum & Instruction

- 1) Approval of the Attestation Plan for the 2021-2022 Synchronous Plan of Instruction
- 2) Approval of the Asynchronous plan of instruction for the Santa Maria ISD 2021-2022 school year in accordance with SB 15

3. Minutes

- 1) Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting for September 13, 2021
- 2) Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting for September 17, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Miguel Zavala and seconded by Marco Aleman. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 6:30pm.

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
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 Marco Aleman and seconded by Consuelo De La Rosa. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 6:49 pm.

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 6:47 pm.

4. Discussion and action to reorganize Board Officers

Motion was made by Consuelo De La Rosa and seconded by Marco Aleman. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 6:48 pm

4. Discussion and action to accept resignation of School Board Member Adolfo Hinojosa, Place 7
5. Discussion and action to appoint and fill vacancy on the School Board, Place 7, that will serve until the next trustee election

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Miguel Zavala. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously @ 6:50 pm.



This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, October 8, 2021



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

