



# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Trustees South San Antonio ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, March 20, 2013, beginning at 6:30 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call			
Member	In Attendance	Absent	Late Arrival
Ms. Rose Marie Martinez	X		
Mr. Trinidad T. Mata	X		
Mr. Carlos G. Longoria	X		
Ms. Julie Ponce	X		
Ms. Connie Prado	X		
Ms. Helen Madla	X		
Mr. JoeJo Savage	X		

Staff Present	Position	Staff Present	Position
Rebecca Robinson	Superintendent	Jose Guerreca	Migrant NGS
Jenny Hall	Attorney	Sherry Moore	Principal
David Landeros	Executive Director	Chris Longoria	warehouse
Jenny Arredondo	Interim Exec. Director	Celeste Longoria	secretary
Ed Suarez	Comm. Relations Officer	Mark Longoria	maintenance
Andy Rocha	Director		
Dan Diaz	Director		
Jeri George	Director		
Luz Elena Ramirez	Director		

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mr. Mata.

#### RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of four South San Antonio high school students, Rachele Gomez, Oscar

**Limon, Nubia Hernandez and Jennifer Sifuentes, selected to participate in the Close Up Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C.**

Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Guerra were called upon to present Rachelle Gomez, Oscar Limon, Nubia Hernandez and Jennifer Sifuentes with a certificate of recognition for their participation in the Close Up Leadership Academy.

**2. Recognition of South San Antonio high school student, Frances Sifuentes, as part of the 2013 Exemplary Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program of UT Austin.**

Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Guerra were called upon to present Frances Sifuentes with a certificate of recognition for her participation in the 2013 Exemplary Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program of UT Austin.

**3. Recognition of the sponsors and mentors of the Grease Monkeys Robotics team and introduction of the new FIRST Dwight Robotics team.**

Ms. Trevino was called upon to present certificates of appreciation to the sponsors and mentors as well as recognize the team members of the Grease Monkeys Robotics team. Mr. Abundis was called upon to introduce the FIRST Dwight Robotics team.

**4. Recognition of Officer Benito Longoria for outstanding service in the line of duty.**

Chief Tovar was called upon to present Officer Benito Longoria a plaque of recognition for his outstanding service in the line of duty.

Mr. Savage requested a three minute break to allow attendees to leave the room if they so desire.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Chavel Lopez	An organizer and representative from the Southwest Workers' Union with concerns for the cafeteria workers of the district. There are improvements that need to be made in the public schools systems due to inequalities. The gap of wages between administration and service workers needs to be improved. All costs are increasing with the exception of our wages. Recommends that there be a translator for the staff and members of community that do not understand English.
Edna Galavis	An employee of Palo Alto Elementary speaking for the members of the Southwest Workers' Union in hopes of a pay raise of \$3.00 per hour.
Elizabeth Hernandez	A cafeteria worker at Benavidez Elementary and a member of the Southwest Workers' Union is proposing improved occupational

	health and safety conditions for the Cafeteria Workers and Cafeteria Porters of SSAISD.
Guillermina Garza	Employee of Palo Alto Elementary and a member of the Southwest Workers' Union speaking of concerns regarding the unfair treatment of cafeteria employees, part-timers, and porters.

**7:24 Citizens to be heard has concluded.**

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Closed/Executive session began at 7:25p.m.

Returned to Open session at 7:58 p.m.

*NOTICE: The Board of Trustees may elect to go into Closed Meeting any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board of Trustees elects to go into Closed Meeting regarding an Agenda Item, the Board of Trustees will hold a Closed Meeting to discuss individual personnel matters including termination, litigation and other matters the Board deems necessary. Upon completion of Closed Meeting, the Board of Trustees may, in the open session, take such action as appropriate on items discussed in a Closed Meeting. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in Closed Meeting, the Board will convene in such Closed Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.001 - 551.088. The Board members may take action in the open portion of the meeting on items discussed in the Closed Meeting but no action will be taken in closed session. The Board will consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding the following items:*

**Closed Meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code § 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, and 551.0821**

- 1. Discussion regarding professional resignations, leaves of absence, retirements, and employment of new personnel/personnel returning from leaves of absence. (Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074).**

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve professional resignations, leaves of absence, retirements, and employment of new personnel/personnel returning from leaves of absence as discussed in closed session. 7/0 Motion carried.

- 2. Discussion regarding auxiliary resignations, leaves of absence, retirements, and employment of new personnel/personnel returning from leaves of absence. (Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074).**

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to approve auxiliary resignations, leaves of absence, retirements, and employment of new personnel/personnel returning from leaves of absence as discussed in closed session. 7/0 Motion carried.

**3. Discussion regarding terminations, promotions, reclassifications, assignments and reassignments of district personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. (Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074).**

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the promotion of Norma Covarrubias and Angela Moreno and the reclassification position of Office Clerk I in the Public Relations department to an Office Clerk III as discussed in closed session. 7/0 Motion carried.

*The Board will return to open session and take appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in closed session. No Action will be taken in closed session. Further, Board Members are reminded that all items discussed in closed session must remain confidential so as to avoid liability to the district.*

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action to approve Task Order 6 with Smith Patterson & Johnson to audit campuses and student activity funds.**

Ms. Robinson and Mr. Roe were called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Middle Schools will be audited first, then the first half of elementary schools, followed by the second half of elementary schools and ending with the high school.

Upon motion by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve External audit for the previous two years at Shepard, Zamora, and Kazen Middle School, and the previous five years at Dwight Middle School. 7/0 Motion carried.

Upon a second motion by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve an external audit for the previous two years at Shepard, Zamora, and Kazen Middle School, and the previous five years at Dwight Middle School, to perform an external audit for the previous two years at all elementary schools, and to perform an external audit for the previous two years at the high school, and if needed additional years. 7/0 Motion carried.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a district wide lock down system with Texas Lock and Closer, Inc. in the amount of \$462,650.45.**

Ms. Arredondo, Mr. Diaz and Mr. Rocha were called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to

approve the purchase of a district wide lock down system with Texas Lock and Closer, Inc. in the amount of \$462,650.45. 7/0 Motion carried.

**3. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a district wide camera system with Video Insight in the amount of \$18,100.**

Ms. Arredondo, Mr. Rocha and Mr. Briseno were called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the purchase of a district wide camera system with Video Insight in the amount of \$18,100. 7/0 Motion carried.

**4. Discussion and possible action to designate Existing Debt Allotment Funds (EDA) to modify exterior doors at Shepard Middle School and Armstrong Elementary with Wessely-Thompson Hardware, Inc. in the amount of \$32,092.00.**

Ms. Arredondo, Mr. Rocha and Mr. Diaz were called upon to answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to approve to designate Existing Debt Allotment Funds (EDA) to modify exterior doors at Shepard Middle School and Armstrong Elementary with Wessely-Thompson Hardware, Inc. in the amount of \$32,092.00. 7/0 Motion carried.

**6. Discussion and possible action to approve and accept the notice of grant award for the TEES (Texas Engineering Experiment Station) Award in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

Ms. Trevino was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve and accept the notice of grant award for the TEES (Texas Engineering Experiment Station) Award in the amount of \$5,000.00. 7/0 Motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action to approve the first amendment to the dual credit agreement between the Alamo Community College District Agreement and South San Antonio ISD and approve additional dual credit course offerings for South San Antonio High School.**

Ms. Trevino was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the first amendment to the dual credit agreement between the Alamo Community College District Agreement and South San Antonio ISD and approve additional dual credit

course offerings for South San Antonio High School. 7/0 Motion carried.

**9. Discussion and possible action to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price and Award of Amendment 5 to Joeris General Contractors in Association with the South San Antonio ISD 2010 Bond Program.**

Mr. Mederes and Mr. Salinas were called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price and Award of Amendment 5 to Joeris General Contractors in Association with the South San Antonio ISD 2010 Bond Program. 7/0 Motion carried.

**11. Discussion and possible action to approve the repair costs for a school bus in the amount of \$16,547.55.**

Ms. Arredondo was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the repair costs for a school bus in the amount of \$16,547.55. 7/0 Motion carried.

**13. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a laptop package for all high school teachers for a total amount of \$183,486.25.**

Mr. Briseno was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the purchase of a laptop package for all high school teachers for a total amount of \$183,486.25. 7/0 Motion carried.

**14. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of textbook management software, TIPWeb, from Hayes Software Systems for an amount of \$28,407.50.**

Mr. Briseno was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Ponce, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the purchase of textbook management software, TIPWeb, from Hayes Software Systems for an amount of \$28,407.50. 7/0 Motion carried.

**16. Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the 2012-2013 official budget to transfer funds across functions in an amount of \$58,175.**

Mr. Landeros was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to approve an amendment to the 2012-2013 official budget to transfer funds across functions in an amount of \$58,175. 7/0 Motion carried.

**18. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes for Regular Called and Special Called Board Meetings:**

- a) February 20, 2013 Regular Called Board Meeting**
- b) March 5, 2013 Special Called Board Meeting**

Ms. Robinson was called upon to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees moved to approve minutes for Regular Called and Special Called Board Meetings listed A-B. 7/0 Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Robinson wanted it to be clear to the board members and community that the money being spent tonight is not money that is spent on payroll.

Upon motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Savage, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Motion carried.

**ATTEST**

  
*Helen Madla, President*

  
*Rose Marie Martinez, Secretary*