



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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**Minutes of Special Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees  
South San Antonio ISD**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, October 27, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

| Trustee               | Present | Absent | Late Arrival/Departed Early |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Stacey Alderete       | X       |        |                             |
| Gilbert Rodriguez     |         | X      |                             |
| Connie Prado          | X       |        |                             |
| Shirley Ibarra        |         | X      |                             |
| Homer Flores          | X       |        |                             |
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X       |        |                             |
| Gina Villagomez       |         | X      |                             |

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Arrellano, Board President, read board meeting rules of decorum aloud.

None

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience regarding all of the great instructional things happening across the district. He stated that this week we are implementing the learning walk protocol. This is where our teachers, central office administrators, campus administrators, and the superintendent are out in the field with teachers walking classrooms. He stated that these are non-evaluative, gathering qualitative data to inform our practice. He said that it is extraordinary and uncomfortable for all involved. He stated that he was at the pleasure and honor of being at Price Elementary School and walking classrooms with teachers and the campus principal. Dr. Puig said that we have extraordinary instruction going on. He stated that today we were at Palo Alto, Kindred, South San HS, Madla, Shepard, West Campus and yesterday was Price, Carrillo, Athens, Dwight MS and tomorrow will be Hutchins, Benavidez, Zamora, Armstrong, Five Palms, and Kazen. He stated that we continue to ignite action and inspire growth. He said the Board approved a large HVAC project for West Campus HS, and 13 of the units are arriving tomorrow. We continue to stand up vaccination clinics, and continue to partner with entities, most recently UIW. They are providing 115 vaccines on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He concluded with exciting events;

West Campus HS' Homecoming is tomorrow and Friday night Bobcat football game and the special Veterans celebration and groundbreaking.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President, addressed the Board and audience regarding at the last meeting the Deputy Commissioner introduced Dr. Saavedra and stated that the Board is here to work with Dr. Saavedra. He acknowledged there is some help that is needed and they want to leverage his experience to help them get more on track than they are. He thanked Dr. Saavedra for being here and stated that at the same time, he wanted to address one thing about the remarks from their perspective, from his prospective. The main reason that we have a monitor, is because of that SAI letter and the allegations that were there. He stated that the remarks regarding the egregious governance issues that we have here ongoing were puzzling. Mr. Arrellano said that they will ask for more clarity on in the near future. He stated if we don't know what those are, how will we be able to address them. He looks forward to working with the monitor, Dr. Saavedra, on all issues concerning South San, because at the end of the day it is about the students. He assured all that the main focus of this Board is academic outcomes for our students. He stated that they will continue to talk about this until it gets turned around. He then discussed the Veteran's Memorial celebration that will happen on Friday. He stated that hopefully after the groundbreaking, it will signal the beginning of the building of the actual Memorial and maybe by this time next year we will have the actual Memorial to gather around with some tears and some joy. He said it's a big event for our Veteran's and for the community and will be a lasting legacy for South San.

**PRESENTATION/REPORTS**

Status of PSAT/NMSQT/SAT Process at South San Antonio High School

Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent, Theresa Servellon, Chief Academic Officer, Nneka McGee, Executive Director of Learning & Innovation, and Kevin Rasco, Consultant of Advanced Academics, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Renewal of membership in Walsh Gallegos' retainer program

Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent, and Tony Resendez, Attorney with Walsh Gallegos, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Original motion by Mrs. Alderete moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Arrellano seconded Mr. Flores made a substitute motion: I'd like to make the motion that we approve the membership of Walsh Gallegos Retainer Program but limit it to Special Education issues only, Mrs. Prado seconded Dr. Puig asked for the TEA Monitor's opinion

Dr. Abe Saavedra, Texas Education Agency Monitor, stated: Retainer for I believe, unlimited phone calls I believe, is that correct? In any of the topics. I think what you do when you limit it only to Special Ed you're basically saying we don't want, it's kind of like, we'll take 10% of what you're offering for the same a thousand bucks but we'll buy, we'll go elsewhere and pay elsewhere for that remaining 90%. I mean it's a decision for the board to make, not my decision, but I was asked for an opinion. I think you're leaving services on the table for the retainer that you're actually paying for. The Board of Trustees voted 3/1 to approve. Motion passed.

| <b>Vote:</b>          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Stacey Alderete       |            | X         |                  |
| Connie Prado          | X          |           |                  |
| Homer Flores          | X          |           |                  |
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X          |           |                  |

**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*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 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. The Board will consider and discuss, the following items:***

**Closed Meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, and 551.0821**

Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Discuss possible employment of administrators, including principals, directors, and assistant principals.

Discussion with Superintendent regarding extending professional courtesy to Trustees

Start time: 6:54 PM.

End time: 7:51 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session


Dr. Puig made a recommendation: I recommend that we hire the two assistant principals as discussed in closed session

Mrs. Alderete made a motion: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Superintendent's recommendation to hire as discussed in executive session, Mrs. Prado seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0 to approve. Motion passed.

| <b>Vote:</b>          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Stacey Alderete       | X          |           |                  |
| Connie Prado          | X          |           |                  |
| Homer Flores          | X          |           |                  |
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X          |           |                  |

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

  
 Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President

**ATTEST**

  
 Shirley Ibarra, Board Secretary

*NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Trustees is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Superintendent. Closed meeting, if required and if authorized by the statute, will be conducted prior to the conclusion of the meeting for any item listed on this agenda.*