



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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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 Monday, September 19, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

| Trustee               | Present | Absent | Late Arrival/Departed Early |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Stacey Alderete       | X       |        |                             |
| Cynthia Ramirez       | X       |        |                             |
| Gina Rovello          |         | X      |                             |
| Shirley Ibarra        |         | X      |                             |
| Homer Flores          | X       |        |                             |
| Ernesto Arrellano Jr. | X       |        |                             |
| Gina Villagomez       |         | X      |                             |

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER
- CALL TO ACTION

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. District of Innovation

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, South San AFT, addressed the Board regarding teachers being overburdened by state regulations and too many responsibilities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience regarding the first 6 weeks of school being completed and progress reports will be coming out. He stated that enrollment is at about 7800 students and the average daily attendance is about 91%. He informed that the Summer Graduates had their ceremony last week. There were 35 from both high schools. He thanked the Board members who attended and congratulated the graduates. He stated that our intramurals are for all students grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. He said it's been great participation. He stated that Rosanna Mercado retired and that her replacement Rebecca Herrera starts Wednesday. He introduced Mr. Medina Technology Director, the CTE Director, Arturo Cano, and Mr. Coronado the Maintenance Coordinator. He said the district had a successful facilities audit. He thanked Tony Taylor for his work. He informed that October 10th is a student holiday.

Mr. Arrellano made a change that Dr. Saavedra give his remarks now.

### **TEA MONITOR REMARKS/REPORT**

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor stated: Thank you Mr. Arrellano, Members of the Board. I'd like to start my remarks by commending the 11 high school students that will be recognized in a few minutes by the College Board. Congratulations to them and to their parents as well. I also want to congratulate Superintendent Yzaguirre for opening up his first school year as a Superintendent and I think it's been a very smooth opening. Everything has gone pretty well so I commend him for that. And as important, I want to congratulate the Board also. I think since my appointment last October 1<sup>st</sup>, I think I have written something like, I believe its 10 monthly reports to TEA. The one I wrote for August was probably the most positive one I've written in 10 months. Things are going well with the Board so I want to say congratulations to the Board. It would be better to have 7 up here but we have a quorum so we can conduct business so congratulations and keep up the good work. Thank you.

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

Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President, addressed the Board and audience stating that the Board has worked really hard to get to the point they are at now. He said they are at a point where they offered the Superintendent the contract that he has now and the relationship the Board is currently working under. He stated that he hasn't seen something like this since he's been here, going on 2 years now. He congratulated the Board members for their hard work and dedication. He recognized them for a job well done. He stated secondly, the opening of the schools, for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the district was very important. He stated that this is hopefully the beginning of the first year where COVID will not be a major concern. He said hopefully this will be the start of whatever the normal is now. He thanked Mr. Yzaguirre for a job well done.

Mr. Yzaguirre recognized our new Executive Director of Human Resources Ms. Rita Uresti.

Mr. Arrellano stated that he went to watch the Intramurals last Wednesday and it was awesome. He stated they are glad that they are back. He stated that I had the pleasure of watching 2 girl's teams playing and saw the sportsmanship and the families participating. He thanked Mr. Yzaguirre for bringing that back because at the end of the day we are creating brand loyalty and attracting others to come to school here.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

1. Recognition of South San Antonio High School Scholars receiving recognition from the College Board as: College Board National Recognition Program Awardee  
Fernando Gonzalez, Early College Director, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. August 2022 Interim Financials  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.
2. August 2022 Quarterly Investment Report  
Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

### **CONSENT**

*Policy BE (Local) states that the consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board Member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.*

1. Board Meeting Minutes
  - A. August 22, 2022 Special Called
2. Budget Amendment
3. 2022 District Active Threat Annex Plan
4. GearUp Interlocal Year Five of Seven Contract
5. Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Placement Exam
6. PhD Science professional learning & implementation support for K-5th grade teachers

7. Approve the 2022-2023 T-TESS Certified Appraisers  
 moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 –7 as presented, Name seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the District of Innovation Resolution  
 Item withdrawn
2. Discussion and possible action to Appoint a Committee to Develop a Local Innovation Plan  
 Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.  
 Mr. Flores made a motion: I’d like to make a motion that we support the Superintendent on his recommendation  
 Mrs. Alderete made a substitute motion: I’d like to make a substitute motion that we accept the Superintendents recommendation along with subject to future amendment if needed, seconded by Mr. Flores, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

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

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the TEA Class Size Waivers for Grades K-4  
 Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.  
 Ms. Alderete moved to approve the item as presented, Ms. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

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

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a School District Permit for Career and Technical Education Teacher (CTE)  
 Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.  
 Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Alderete seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

| <b>Vote:</b>          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Stacey Alderete       | X          |           |                  |
| Cynthia Ramirez       | 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 also 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**

1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
2. Personnel: Deliberation and update regarding the hiring, appointment, employment, vacation, evaluation, duties, pay rates, compensation, benefits, retirement, and/or reassignment of duties of public officers, Trustees, members, or employees, including but not limited to Trustee attendance and continuing education data.
3. Consultation with attorney: status of pending TEA investigation  
Start time: 7:26 PM.  
End time: 8:46 PM.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

Mr. Arrellano made a motion: I want to make a motion so pursuant to BBC Legal I move that the Board authorize the Board President in cooperation with legal to request a removal petition be filed with the Bexar County District Attorney’s against Trustees Ibarra and Villagomez for incompetency and official misconduct, seconded by Mr. Flores, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

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


Mr. Arrellano made a motion: I move to direct that the Board direct legal counsel to file a vigorous rebuttal to the TEA Special Investigation preliminary report, second by Mrs. Ramirez, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.


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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Alderete moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM.

**ATTEST**

  
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Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Board President

  
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Homer Flores, 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.*

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