



**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 Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 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
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.		X	
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra		X	
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Homer Flores Jr.		X	
Manuel Lopez	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Start time: 6:00 PM.
End time: 6:01 PM.

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

MISSION

Start time: 6:01 PM.
End time: 6:02 PM.

VISION

Start time: 6:02 PM.
End time: 6:02 PM.

Led by Manuel Lopez, Trustee

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Start time: 6:02 PM.
End time: 6:05 PM.

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding the reduction in force item to be discussed

TEA REMARKS

Start time: 6:05 PM.
End time: 6:06 PM.

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. First of all, congratulations to the Board for sticking the LSG training. Y'all have done that very well and I believe there is two more training sessions scheduled for this next month in May. I would encourage you to continue to follow those directions so that the information provided to the agency remains positive. Also in the most recent report that I submitted, as you know now I am also required to score the Lone Star Governance template. While last month there was zero points this month there is 12 points, so I would encourage you to continue to do the right thing as we continue to improve on that. Those are my comments, thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Start time: 6:06 PM.
End time: 6:11 PM.

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience recognizing the following holidays; assistant principal week, paraprofessional appreciation day, school librarian appreciation day, school bus driver appreciation day, and administrative professionals day. He also recognized the communications team for the successful Block Party last week. He stated that we had a team participate in the electric car race and congratulated the staff that were involved. He recognized softball girls for West Campus HS and South San HS going into the playoffs. Mr. Yzaguirre stated: on another note as you know we have our random intruder detection audit from the state. They did make a finding at one of our elementary campuses here last week, we did a corrective action plan where we got that fixed and the campus has been trained since so we are working on that as well. Lastly he stated that this Friday we are off for Battle of the Flowers.

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

Start time: 6:11 PM.

End time: 6:11 PM.

None

RECOGNITIONS

1. SSAISD District and Campus Teacher of the Year Recognition

Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize Teachers of the Year districtwide.

Start time 6:11 PM.

End time: 6:18 PM.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Demographic Study

Bob Templeton, Representative for Zonda, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Start time: 6:18 PM.

End time: 6 49 PM.

2. March 2024 Financials

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Start time: 6:49 PM.

End time: 6:52 PM.

3. 9-week Academic Health Report – April

Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Start time: 6:52 PM.

End time: 7:19 PM.

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. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes

A. March 26, 2024 Board Workshop

B. March 27, 2024 Regular Called

2. Approval for RFP 2023-23 Child Nutrition Kitchen Equipment

3. Approval for RFQ 2023-19 Independent Financial Audit Services

4. Approve the purchase of McGraw-Hill Texas K-5 Science curriculum

5. Approve the Training agreement between Liberty University and SSAISD.

6. Approve the purchase of the No Red Ink 4th-12th Grade Digital Writing Platform

7. Approve the purchase for Savvas Experience Science 6-8 curriculum

8. Approve the purchase of Edmentum Courseware

9. Approve the purchase of K-2 Eureka curriculum

10. Approve the purchase for K-5 Amplify Texas curriculum

11. Approve the purchase of McGraw-Hill Texas 6-12 Social studies curriculum

12. Approve the purchase of McGraw-Hill Texas High School Science digital subscriptions for Biology,

Physics, and Astronomy courses

13. Approve the TEKS Certification for the 2024-2025 school year

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 13 as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:19 PM.
End time: 7:20 PM.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Calendar

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Lopez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:20 PM.
End time: 7:23 PM.

2. Approval of the Superintendent's Constraint

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:23 PM.
End time: 7:27 PM.

3. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Quarterly Progress Tracker

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Lopez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:27 PM.
End time: 7:29 PM.

4. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Board Accountability System

Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Lopez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:29 PM.
End time: 7:31 PM.

5. Approval of the South San Antonio ISD Core Values

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:31 PM.
End time: 7:33 PM.

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. Real Estate: deliberation of pending offer to purchase District real estate property and matters related thereto.
3. Personnel: discussion concerning proposed termination/non-renewal of certain Chapter 21 Term/Continuing Contracts pursuant to the District's declaration of financial exigency and reduction in force.

Start time: 7:33 PM.
End time: 7:52 PM.

OPEN SESSION

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

Real Estate: deliberation of pending offer to purchase District real estate property and matters related thereto.

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, made a recommendation to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Mr. Araiza made a motion: I moved that the South San Antonio Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent recommendation on a sale of the districts real estate located at 2638 West Southcross, San Antonio, TX 78211 as discussed in executive session, Mr. Lopez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:52 PM.
End time: 7:53 PM.

Personnel: discussion concerning proposed termination/non-renewal of certain Chapter 21 Term/Continuing Contracts pursuant to the District's declaration of financial exigency and reduction in force.

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, made a recommendation to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Mrs. Ramirez made a motion: I move that the South San Antonio Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's proposed non-renewal of the arts, audio/video technology and communications career cluster contracts at the South San Antonio High School pursuant to the Board's Reduction in Force Resolution, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.


Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

Start time: 7:53 PM.
End time: 7: 54 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM.

ATTEST



Manuel Lopez, Board President



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.

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