



**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 Wednesday, February 21, 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		

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding reconsidering the teacher consultation policy and the restoration of the sick leave pool.

Yvonne Saldivar, Parent, highly suggested that board members be at the West Campus parent meeting next week and also suggested that the work “safe” be added to the Mission statement agenda item.

**TEA REMARKS**

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: Thank you Mr. Lopez and good evening members of the Board, Mr. Superintendent. Earlier today of course members of the Board had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Texas Education Agency. I’m hopeful that the information exchanged was helpful both to the agency as well as the Board. I know that one of the topics that was discussed was the Board was the fact that the framework that will be used to evaluate my progress reports will be changing to the Lone Star Governance Integrity instrument and I simply want to point out to the Board that the agreed order has a conclusion date of, I believe its September the 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. So next month in March, you would be half way there, 6 months and you will have about 6 months left. I want to remind the Board that there are 4 exit criteria goals on my monthly reports and supporting those 4 goals, there’s also 25 growth progress measures (GPM’s). Of the 25 GPM’s only one has been completed, 9 have not been started, and 14 are off track. So I say this simply to encourage you to, as those progress reports come in, to review them with the Superintendent, the Board as a whole, and keep it moving forward because there has been improvement, and I have reported that in my reports as well but I know that the end result is gonna have to be the information that’s being reported out through this new Lone Star Governance Integrity instrument. So I know that there’s some training that will be scheduled soon and I would encourage all Board members to attend and participate in that training. Thank you.

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

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience welcoming community members and staff that are present and online. He recognized and welcomed TEA representative Garrett Black and Joanne Crompton for being at the Board meeting. He stated that the past week was Counselor Appreciation Week. He thanked the school Counselors for everything that they do. He stated that February is CTE month and made mention of our robust program. He thanked the teachers and Mr. Cano for his leadership of the department. He advised that we just finished our final benchmarks for the year. He recognized the athletics program; West Campus HS boys' and girls' basketball teams made the playoffs and the South San HS boys basketball team made the playoffs. He congratulated the coaches, students and parents of the West Camps HS boys' basketball team (second round). He stated there are 2 weeks left before Spring Break. He stated its important for parents to send students to school and stated if they are having trouble with that to contact the campuses administration to make arrangements to get students to school.

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

None

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. South San and West Campus High School Mariachi Group Advance to UIL State Mariachi Competition  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.
2. South San Antonio ISD District Spelling Bee Winners  
Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

**PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

1. January 2024 Financials  
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. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes
  - A. January 24, 2024 Regular Called
2. Approve the Proclamation 2024 Instructional Materials Adoption
3. Approve the Renewal for Microsoft Licensing Agreement (March 2024 - February 2025)  
Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 3 as presented, Mr. Arrellano seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. SSAISD Vision and Mission Statement 2024  
Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded  
Mr. Arrellano made a substitute motion: I make a substitute motion to add the word safety to the Mission statement as requested by Ms. Yvonne Saldivar, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		

Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

2. Budget Amendment

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

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

3. Discussion and possible action to repurpose the \$70,000 donation for the West Campus High School Athletics Program to scholarships for the 2024 West Campus High School graduating class.

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Martinez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.

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

Start time: 6:50 PM.

End time: 7:06 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

Mr. Arrellano made a motion: my motion is to proceed as directed in executive session, Mr. Araiza seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 5/0. Motion passed.


Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		

Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 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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