



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, December 20, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Table with 4 columns: Trustee, Present, Absent, Late Arrival/Departed Early. Rows include Ernesto Arrellano Jr., Cyndi Ramirez, Shirley Ibarra, Joe Araiza, Abel Martinez Jr., Homer Flores Jr., and Manuel Lopez.

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
•TEXAS PLEDGE
•PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Abel Martinez, Trustee, addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of West Campus High School. Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding the letter with AFT's concerns recently sent the Board. Yvonne Saldivar, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of West Campus High School. Robert Valadez, Community Member, addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of West Campus High School. Remi Saldivar, Community Member, addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of West Campus High School. Gilbert Rodriguez, Parent, addressed the Board reading aloud the email he sent the Board, previous and current SSAISD budget and asked them to reconvene in January on the possible closure of West Campus High School. Pete Alaniz, AFT Representative, addressed the Board asking the Board to table the consultation policy agenda item. Priscilla Hernandez, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of West Campus High School and read aloud a message from a West Campus High School student.

TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: Thank you Mr. Lopez. Good evening Board members and Mr. Yzaguirre. Let me start my remarks by first of all correcting some of the misinformation. The appointment of a Conservator does not mean that the decisions are turned over to the Conservator. I've been at this point I've been assigned as Conservator at South San for about 2 months and I have yet to issue any directive. Every decision that's been made by this Board in the last 2 months has stood without any kind of correction. So any implication that the decisions of the district have been turned over to the TEA is incorrect. I also want to, Mike would you put up the one slide? I also want to talk to you a little but about the finances because you've been misinformed there as well. What you have, what you have in front of you on the screen is a cost trend line analysis that I requested several weeks back from the CFO Mr. Kingman. On the left hand side is the year, those are the fiscal years starting 2012-2013 school year and going all the way through the 2023-2024 school year. Column A will be your revenue, Column B is your expenditure, Column C is either your surplus or deficit, Column D would be the general fund expenditure E would be the ESSER money that was used to cover deficits. And the final Column F would be the total ESSER expenditures. The line graph you see, which is the blue and the red, below that, would follow the years 2012-2024. The red line would be the expenditures the blue being the revenue. That line graph shows you as a Board that as far back as 2012 the district was spending less money than the revenue it was bringing in. The surplus revenue goes into fund balance. The reason the district has a healthy fund balance at this point is that from 2012-2019 the district spent less money than what it was bringing in. Again the surplus going into reserves. In 2019, two things happened; schools get reopened and for the first time in several years the district crosses over into the red. That's where you see the red line crossing the blue exactly at the same year. And that deficit has continued up to this point. And so I would suggest to you that there is some

correlation between the existing deficit that the district has and the reopening of those schools. I know that the decision that you have tonight is a difficult one for the Board, for the community, really for anyone involved. One gentleman earlier said you need to look at the numbers. That's exactly what I suggest you do; is this district cannot continue to overspend the level of revenue that comes in. If you do that, it will not be long before the district goes through the existing fund balance and basically become broke completely as a district, financially broke. So something needs to happen, the responsibility is not mine as a Conservator. The responsibility belongs to you as a Board. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience thanked the community for joining and recognized staff that have gone above and beyond; Vanessa Dominguez, Director of Teaching and Learning and Clarita Trevino, Budget Controller. He recognized six teachers in the district for completing an A&M Master's program; Ana Lisa Martinez, Jenny Lopez, Jessica Ramon, Natalie Flores, Ashley Barrera, and Maribel Martin. He stated that the current semester was a success and we will continue to move the district forward. He wished all a restful winter break and on behalf of the Board and Administration he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He closed stating God bless each and every one of you and of course God bless South San ISD.

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

None

RECOGNITIONS

1. SSAISD Holiday Card Contest Winners

Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize students for their achievements.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. November 2023 Financials

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

2. November 2023 Quarterly Investment Report

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

3. TEA Exit Criteria

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Conservator, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion and possible action to permanently close West Campus and authorize the Superintendent to, at his discretion, reassign personnel and students to South San Antonio High School and other campuses effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Lopez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 3/1/1. Motion passed.

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

2. Resolution of the Board to employ or accept as volunteers chaplains

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

Mr. Yzaguirre made a recommendation: My recommendation would be no due to lack of requirements needed for said Chaplain, option 3.

Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the Superintendents recommendation, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 2/3. Motion failed.

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

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Triple J Roof Solutions LLC to repair the roof at Palo Alto Elementary utilizing 791 Purchasing Cooperative contract #202303006. Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, and Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, 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
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		

4. TRS ActiveCare Plan as South San Antonio ISD’s 2024-2025 Medical and Pharmacy Insurance Plan and Administrator Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was 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
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		

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. Corrected October 18, 2023 Regular Called
 - B. November 13, 2023 Workshop
 - C. November 15, 2023 Regular Called
 - D. November 29, 2023 Community Meeting
 - E. December 11, 2023 Special Called
 2. Budget Amendment
 3. Approval of RFP 2023-15 Instructional Supplies, Manipulatives, and Educational Materials for Pre-K through 12th Grade
 4. Updated Cooperative Fee for Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA)
 5. Approval of the Head Start Budget Revisions for 2023-2024 School Year
 6. Approval to Submit Application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for Attendance Waivers for the Low Attendance Days at West Campus High School on October 26, 2023
 7. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Program Agreement Between South San Antonio ISD and SA Youth
 8. Approve the memorandum of understanding between Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department and South San Antonio ISD.
 9. Walsh Gallegos Retainer Renewal for Special Education
 10. Board Policy Updates
 11. Board Policy Update 122
- Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 11 as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 4/1 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

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

1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
2. Consultation with attorney 551.071: Discussion regarding subpoena deuces tecum and disqualification of counsel related to Cause No. NM736551; Cause No. 720549; State of Texas v. Abel Martinez; Bexar County, Texas; 144th Judicial District Court; County Court at Law No. 15.

The Board did not go into closed session.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION


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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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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