SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, September 9, 2024

6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

Zoom Link: https:l/us06web.zoom.us/j/84854764711?pwd=Dwa8S51muYRVEpE91ihi63ETsuZnxf.1

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Adolfo Hinojosa, Board President at 6:02pm.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:
Adolfo Hinojosa, President
Javier Jimenez, Vice-President
Casey Espinoza, Secretary
Andrew de la Rosa, Member
Marco Aleman, Member (Via Zoom)
Michele Garcia, Member - 6:04pm

Absent:
Miguel Zavala, Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

At Regular and Special Board Meetings the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. The topics for discussion are limited to the topics listed on the posted agenda. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

No one signed up for Open Forum.

PRESENTATIONS

1) Presentation of 2023-2024 Texas Assessment Program Results.

Presented by Rene Salinas, Director of Student Support Services.

2) Project update by JPena Construction and Brighton Group of the construction status of the 2021 SMISD Bond Project Concession Stand/Ticket Booth with JPena Construction.

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Presentation by Alice Rodriguez, Joseph Palacios and JPena Construction.

3) Presentation of Tax Rate for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Presentation by Yliana Gonzalez, Business Manager and Ben Castillo, School Attorney.

ACTION AGENDA

Finance

Discussion and Action to Adopt the Tax Rate for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Motion to approve by Javier E. Jimenez, Jr., second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Services

1) Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Chaplain Services Resolution Pursuant to Senate Bill 763 Requirements.

Volunteers are encouraged.

Motion to approve by Casey Espinoza., second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

School Facilities

1) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Updated 2024-2025 Compensation Plan.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Governance

1) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Delegate and Alternate to the 2024 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly.

Andrew de la Rosa recommended Adolfo Hinojosa and a Delegate and Casey Espinoza as the Alternate for the 2024 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly. Javier Jimenez, Jr second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

1) Discussion and possible action to approve out of valley trip for SMHS Cross Country to the McNeil Cross Country Invitational Meet on Friday, September 20, 2024 in Round Rock, TX.

Motion to approve by Javier Jimenez, Jr., second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Casey Espinoza., second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for August 2024.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of August 2024.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending August 2024.
4. Approval of Tax Collection Report for August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024.
5. Discussion and action to declare that certain district property is no longer necessary for the operation of the District and authorize the sale of said property at auction to be held on October 19, 2024.
6. Discussion and action to approve the sale of certain instructional materials that have been discontinued for use in the public schools at auction to be held on October 19, 2024.

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes for Board of Trustees Workshop for August 5, 2024.
2. Approval of Minutes for Public Hearing and Special Board Meeting for August 19, 2024.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session by Michele Garcia, second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously at 6:43pm.

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

A. Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
B. Section 551.072-Deliberation Regarding Real Property
C. Section 551.073-Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
D. Section 551.074-Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
    1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department
    2) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations
E. Section 551.076 - Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
F. Section 551.082-School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
G. Section 551.0821-Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session by Javier Jimenez, Jr., second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously at 7:23pm.

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.
2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting Andrew de la Rosa, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously at 7:23pm.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 5:00 pm.





Adolfo Hinojosa
Board President

Casey Espinoza
Board Secretary

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This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site (www.smisd.net)

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

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