



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 Thursday, December 19, 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		
Joe Araiza	X		
Homer Flores Jr.	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		
Elsa Gonzales		X	
Shirley Ibarra		X	

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

MISSION

Led by Trustee Lopez

VISION

Led by Trustee Lopez

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding mandatory testing taking time away from instructional time.

TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA: not in attendance

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience congratulating the Christmas card winners and recognizing retiring staff; Carlos Gallardo, Jesse Gonzalez, and Joann Buchanan. He also informed that tomorrow the last day for staff and students will return on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. He wished everyone a well-deserved break.

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

Manuel Lopez, Board President: I'm gonna save mine until next month, see how things turn out.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. November 2024 Quarterly Investment Report

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

2. November 2024 Financials

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Lone Star Governance Student Outcome Goal Report

Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, 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 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X	
Cyndi Ramirez	X	
Joe Araiza	X	
Homer Flores Jr.	Not in his seat at the time of this vote	
Manuel Lopez	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. November 20, 2024 Public Hearing

B. November 21, 2024 Regular Called

2. Approval of RFP 2024-03 Janitorial Supplies, Equipment, and Other Related Services

3. Budget Amendment

4. Approval of RFP 2024-04 Fine Arts Instructional Contracted Services

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

Vote:	Yes	No
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X	
Cyndi Ramirez	X	
Joe Araiza	X	
Homer Flores Jr.	Not in his seat at the time of this vote	
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 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. Personnel §551.074: deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of personnel.

2. Consultation with Attorney §551.071 – Martinez v. South San ISD, et al, Cause No. 5:24-CV-01381.

3. Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Agreed Order between South San Antonio ISD and the Texas Education Agency.

4. Superintendent Formative Evaluation

Start time: 6:30 PM.

End time: 7:06 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

*Consultation with Attorney §551.071 – Martinez v. South San ISD, et al, Cause No. 5:24- CV-01381.*

Mr. Arrellano made a motion: I move that the South San ISD Board of Trustees direct legal counsel to file a notice of appearance and responsive pleadings on behalf of the district, Manuel Lopez, Juan Contreras, and Steve Gomez in the case styled MartinezvSouthSanISD, ET AL, Cause No. 5:24-CV-01381 and the present the named defendants until final disposition, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0/1. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Homer Flores 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 7:08 PM.

**ATTEST**



Manuel Lopez, Board President



Ernesto Arrellano Jr., 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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