



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting of Trustees of the Board of Trustees
Monday, April 14, 2025
6:00 PM
MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a Board Meeting of Trustees of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Cafeteria, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

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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.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Javier Jimenez, Jr., Board President at 6:00pm.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present:

Javier Jimenez, Jr., President
Luis Cantu, Vice-President
Pablo Ibarra, Secretary – Via Zoom
Dr. Yvette Cantu, Member
Andrew De la Rosa, Member
Miguel Zavala, Member
Michele Garcia, Member – 6:05pm

Present from the District:

Dr. Joseph Villarreal, Superintendent of Schools
Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Yliana Gonzalez, Business Manager
Salvador Acosta, Director of District Operations & Special Programs
Elizabeth Stenhouse, HR
Ryan Lopez, Technology

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition of UIL State Powerlifters
Santa Maria ISD Powerlifting Students were presented by Coach Mauricio Villegas.
2. Recognition of Students Who Placed at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show
Santa Maria ISD FFA Students were presented by FFA Teacher, Juan Cavazos.
3. Recognition of Students Who Placed at the Middle School District Track Meet
Santa Maria Middle School students who participated at the District Track were presented by Coach Celia Pena.
4. Recognition of Special Olympics Participant.
Santa Maria ISD student that participated at the Special Olympics was presented by High School Principal, Yadira Flores.

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OPEN FORUM

At Regular and Special 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 agenda and non-agenda items. 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.

CONSTRUCTION

1. Presentation and discussion of final punch list items to Pena Construction to finalize and close out the project for the Santa Maria ISD Stadium Concession Stand Project.

Joseph Palacios of Brighton Group went over the final punch list items to finalize and close out the project for the Santa Maria ISD Stadium Concession Stand Project.

ACTION AGENDA

Finance

1. Discussion and possible action for approval of JPena Construction Pay App #6 for the total of \$58,690.70 for the construction activity as indicated in Pay App #6

Motion to approve by Miguel Zavala, second by Luis Cantu. Dr. Yvette Cantu was against the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action for approval of JPena Construction Retainage Pay App for the total of \$45,765 for the construction activity as indicated in Pay App #6

Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Miguel Zavala. Dr. Yvette Cantu was against the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve final invoice to Brighton Group for project management services for the total of \$4,900.

Motion to approve by Miguel Zavala, second by Luis Cantu. Dr. Yvette Cantu was against the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution regarding pay during school closure on Friday, March 28, 2025, as a result of inclement weather.

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Dr. Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on RFQ# Y1-2024-2025 for delinquent tax collection attorneys, including but not limited to accepting, rejecting, or rebidding

Andrew de la Rosa motioned to take this item into Executive Session, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials for 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve by Miguel Zavala, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of Bluebonnet Math Curriculum

Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Instructional Calendar for 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve Instructional Calendar Option A1 made by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu.

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Travel

1. Discussion and possible action to approve out-of-valley trip for the Senior Class traveling to Waco/Arlington, TX from May 15-17, 2025.

Motion to approve by Miguel Zavala, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve out-of-valley trip for the SMHS UIL Academic Team to Corpus Christi for the UIL Regional Meet on April 25-26, 2025.

Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Pablo Ibarra. Motion passed unanimously.

Governance

1. Discussion and possible action to approve board member to serve on the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP) Southern Division Advisory Board

Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Yvette Cantu volunteered to serve on the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP) Southern Division Advisory Board.

Policy

1. Discussion and possible action to approve board policy Update 124.

Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve change to policy BE (Local).

Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution establishing a program change pursuant to board policy DFFB (Local)

Luis Cantu motioned to take this item into Executive Session, second by Dr. Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for March 2025.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of March 2025.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending March 2025.
4. Approval of Tax Collection Report for March 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025.
5. Approval of Budget Amendment for April 2025.

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board meeting of March 17, 2025.
2. Approval of Minutes for Special Board meeting of March 24, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously at 6:48pm.

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

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session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through 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

1) 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

3) Discussion on recommendation(s) of proposed probationary contract personnel for 2025-2026

4) Discussion on recommendation(s) of proposed term contract personnel for 2025-2026

5) Discussion on matters related to the proposed non-renewal of Anthony Barreiro's Chapter 21 Term Employment Contract

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 approve Reconvene in Open Session by Andrew de la Rosa, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously at 8:51pm.

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to table item five under Finance until next scheduled Special Board Meeting on May 7, 2025 at 6:00pm by Michele Garcia, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve item three under Policy by Michele Garcia, second by Dr. Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Motion to approve by Luis Cantu, second by Michele Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on recommendation(s) of proposed probationary contract personnel for 2025-2026

Motion to approve by Luis Cantu, second by Dr. Yvette Cantu. Motion passed unanimously.

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4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations of proposed term contract personnel for 2025-2026.

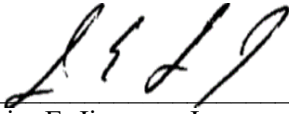
Motion to approve by Dr. Yvette Cantu, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to propose the non-renewal of Anthony Barreiro's Chapter 21 Term Employment Contract

Motion to approve by Michele Garcia, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Andrew de la Rosa, second by Luis Cantu. Motion passed unanimously at 8:54pm.



Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President



Pablo Ibarra
Board Secretary

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: 551.071 through 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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