



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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**Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Managers
South San Antonio ISD**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers of South San Antonio ISD was held Monday, June 15, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
5622 Ray Ellison Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78242.

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM

Managers	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Raymond Tijerina		X	
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

RECOGNITIONS

1.IDRA-Youth Leadership Now

Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, and IDRA Representative were called to recognize students for their achievements.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding the VATRE agenda item and possible pay increase considerations during budget season.

TEA REMARKS

Diana Sayavedra, TEA: Good evening Superintendent Hinojosa and Board of Managers. It's an honor and a privilege to be with you this evening. I will be very brief with my remarks but I did wanted to share a few thoughts with you all. I think at this point and time there is much to celebrate in South San ISD as it with respect to student outcomes, and I know this evening Ms. Gutierrez will be sharing some of that information with you. But it's my understanding that in the review of the data you're well on your way to meeting your goals specifically in the areas of Literacy. There's a few short falls in Math but with a good plan and the plan that you all have in place I am very confident that you all will meet those benchmarks and those goals next year. I think a big part of what needs to be done is to just continue to review the data. Make determinations as to what the data is showing in terms of gaps so that you can adjust your plan, strengthen your plan as you go into the next school year. I am proud to say that the administration, that the team has worked really hard and your campus staffing vacancies in terms of campus leadership are filled and that is very good news. We are early in the summer so when you hire your campus leaders early they get to work quickly to get ready for the next school year. And I understand that there is a wonderful recruitment effort in place right now and the district is attracting top talent from school districts across San Antonio. All of which are good news as we think about starting and planning for the next school year. I know that you all are gonna be engaged in budget conversations over the next few months and I encourage you to you know think and reflect on budget items that truly support the instructional plan and the goals that the Board has set forth to move the district forward. And my last comment is really just to encourage the Board to continue to work on increasing the amount of time in discussions that you have as a Board of Managers as it relates to your Board goals

and your Board constraints. But good news, there is a lot of work to do still but I think that the team, including the Board, the Superintendent, and Administrators, Teachers and the school district have shown they are ready to roll up their sleeves and deliver on the promise of a brighter future for the Students of South San ISD. So, thank you for your time this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience regarding how great the SSHS graduation ceremony was. He informed that about 535 bobcats crossed the stage and said that couldn't have been done without the help from the district staff. He sent best wishes to all of those graduates. He stated that we would be having several student outcomes presentations this evening. He informed that his history search showed our highest academic rating with this accountability being a 77. He stated that we are predicting conservatively that it will be anywhere between 75-80 with a strong possibility we will exceed the 77, which attributes to our staff. He mentioned an article in the Express News writing that our district was one of the leaders as far as improvements. He said we had tremendous improvements in Literacy. He said we also saw some slight dips in Math but staff have addressed those issues immediately. Dr. Hinojosa stated that we have 4 new principals and hope to introduce them at a future Board meeting. He informed that we had 65 teachers that were non-renewed and many of them resigned before the Board meeting. He informed that we reduced our staff by 50 positions due to loss enrollment. He stated that we are expecting to have a budget surplus at the conclusion of this fiscal year. He shared that every teacher has been budgeted an additional \$3,000 of pay depending on their outcome of evaluation and impact they had on students. He stated that most of the teachers still with us will see about a 5% increase in pay and he isn't aware of another district in Bexar county that is allocating that much. He stated that our staff will be notified sometime in July what their amount is. He gave kudos to our HR department for processing the 107-personnel change stating that he is excited for the outstanding track record including Yale graduates who will be teaching our students. He said that we needed to relocated some of our students due to rain in our classrooms and is hoping a VATRE will help us with roofing and HVAC needs as well as giving a 5% raise for all paraprofessionals. He said that the Board will be voting on that today. He stated that we are looking at reducing our tax rate by a cent or 2 from what they are paying now. He said we are looking forward to a great summer with hiring and painting Shepard MS and possibly Armstrong ES. He informed that we will be ordering some busses as well. He acknowledged Dr. Weaver in the audience who is on the agenda to add an additional counselor to SSHS. He stated that we continue to grow if that's the wishes of the Board.

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

None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. 2026 Preliminary STAAR and STAAR End of Course Information

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

2. Constraint Progress Monitoring: Rigorous Curriculum

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado moved to accept the item as presented, Dr. Murguia seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

3. District Goal Progress Monitoring: Early Math

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Balderrama moved to accept the item as presented, Mr. Guerra seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		

Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

4. District Goal Progress Monitoring: Early Reading

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Dr. Murguia moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Rendon seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

5. Every Student Succeeds Act Consolidated Grant Application for 2026-2027

Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

6. 2026-2027 Budget Workshop Presentation

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

7. May 2026 Financials

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

8. May 2026 Quarterly Investment Report

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

9. Committee Updates & Discussion: Community Engagement

Aurelina Prado, Committee Member and Board Manager, 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. May 18, 2026 Regular Called

B. June 2, 2026 Special Called

2. Approval to submit applications to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the following low attendance days and campuses: Armstrong Elementary and Shepard Middle School, May 27, 2026.

3. Approve the Optional Flexible School Day Program application for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas

5. Campus Library Book Purchases

6. Communities in Schools (CIS)

7. IXL Learning Inc

8. Medical Consulting Services, Dr. Shaylon Rettig

9. SchoolLinks

10. Texas School Nurses Organization Region 20- Nursing Peer Review Services

11. TASB Policy Update 127

Dr. Murguia moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 11 as presented, Mr. Rendon seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Adopt/Approve Order of General Election for November 2026

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mr. Rendon moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Balderrama seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

2. Adopt/Approve Resolution for Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election and Efficiency Auditor

Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mrs. Prado moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	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, including recommendation of contract renewal, staffing issues, campus principals and district administrators.
2. 2023-2026 District School Safety Audit

Start time: 8:45 PM.

End time: 9:36 PM.

OPEN SESSION

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

Action on item 2 discussed in closed session

Mrs. Prado made a motion: motion to approve item #2 as presented, Mr. Rendon seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Adrian Guerra	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Murguia moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Managers voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM.

ATTEST



Raymond Tijerina, Board President



Darrell Balderrama, Board Secretary

NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Managers 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.

