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, August 17, 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		6:04 PM

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant
•PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
•PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG
•PRAYER
Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

TEA REMARKS

Diana Sayavedra, TEA: Good evening I need to uplift the school district. I have read the articles, I've seen the data and the school district is well on their way you know to success. But there is several pieces of work that still need to be done so really my focus this evening with my TEA remarks is I felt like it was a good time for us to focus on what is some of the TEA exit criteria are we on target to meet the goal. So, the very first goal of the exit criteria is by August 2027 for all campuses to be rated an A or a B. And so, while we are not quite there yet, I feel very confident with all of the curriculum work that's been in place with the written taught and tested curriculum, the progress monitoring, the assessment plan, the feedback the teachers are getting on their instruction, we will be able to meet that exit criteria. That also comes with compliance state and federal guidelines associated with special education and I know there's been a lot of effort invested in special education. We have met most if not all of the provisions in both of those areas. The third goal or exit criteria is really associated with financial controls associated with the development of the budget. I know that you guys are in the process of developing the budget now and I know that you are looking at investments and alignment towards this extra criterion and much more in terms of what the school district is working towards. And then finally, the functional Board and the use of Lone Star Governance to continue to govern and work collaboratively with the administration and the Superintendent to move the school district forward. So again, in all of those goals associated with the exit criteria my assessment is there's been significant progress made by the district in all areas and if we stay the course we work the plan, we're gonna meet tat exit criteria. So, thank you for your time this evening let's keep the work going.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to discuss the 2026-2027 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate
   Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding addressing the teacher's salary schedule, TAP and TIA programs ending abruptly, and asked that consideration be given for hourly employees in January. He stated that South San AFT has endorsed and will be supporting the VATRE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience regarding academic accomplishments with the new STAAR scores. He said some campuses moved 2 letter grades due to the hard work of our students and staff. He stated that we had 6,600 students beginning the year but it is 300 students less than last year. He stated we will have to review staff to continue balancing the budget. He stated we have a VATRE coming out and we will be asking the community to support due to heating, cooling and roofing issues we have. He said that this week 400 students were displaced due to aging HVAC units. He stated that we have roof leaks when there are rain storms. He said we intend to buy mariachi and band students sufficient instruments. He said we will use it to buy electronic devices for students and turf for softball and baseball fields. He stated we would support the paraprofessionals with a 5% raise in pay who are our most needy employees. He stated that we would be giving 1% increases for each employee. He stated there is an election in November for seats 1, 4, and 6. He said we will be working with CHEST Heath Services at Athens Elementary. He gave kudos to employees that helped improve our recent scores. He recognized new employees and new to their position employees. They were given time to share why they chose South San.

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

None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. 2026 Accountability Presentation

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

2. July 2026 Financials

   Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, 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. July 20, 2026 Regular

2. Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws under Texas Education Code 39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12
3. 2026-2027 South San Antonio ISD Pay and Compensation Plan Amendments
4. Quaver Music
5. Restore Education
6. Ransomed Life
7. MOU with HEB for STEP Program Work Based Learning
8. IDRA- Youth Leadership Now (YLN)
9. Eagles Flight
10. 2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding Bexar County Juvenile Board and South San Antonio ISD
11. Budget Amendment
12. Resolution to appoint the District's Chief Financial Officer
13. Resolution for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Tax Rate
14. Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal covering period September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027
15. Region 20 Commitments for SY 2026-2027
16. Annual Cooperative Approval
17. Unemployment Compensation Coverage Renewal for the period covering October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027

Dr. Murguia moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 17 with the exception of 2 and 3 as presented, Mr. Rendon seconded and the Board of Managers voted 7/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		

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

CONSENT Items pulled

Item #- 2

Jose M. DeLuna, Legal Counsel, advised the Board and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Sanchez made a motion: I move to approve the certification of compliance with SB12 as required by Texas Education Code section 39.008, Mr. Guerra seconded and the Board of Managers voted 7/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

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

Item #- 3

Rita Uresti, Executive Director, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mrs. Prado moved to approve the consent agenda item 3 as presented, Mr. Guerra seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0/1 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
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. TASB Region 20 Director Endorsement

   Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

   Mrs. Sanchez made a motion: I move that we support Mary Belle Unger-Robles as our TASB Region 20 representative for Director, Mr. Rendon seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 4/0/3. Motion passed.

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

2. Goal Progress Monitoring Calendar

   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. Balderrama seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		

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

3. Certified Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2026 for South San Antonio ISD

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. Rendon seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. Motion passed.

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

4. Order of Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election

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

Dr. Murguia moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Sanchez seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. Motion passed.

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

5. Annual Budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

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

Mrs. Prado made a motion: I vote to approve the annual budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the $109,698,280.00, Dr. Murguia seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 7/0. Motion passed.

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

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

N*OTICE: 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.
   Start time: 7:39 PM.
   End time: 8:11 PM.

OPEN SESSION

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session
   None

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Murguia moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Guerra seconded, and the Board of Managers voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

ATTEST

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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.