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, September 21, 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
Led by Shepard MS Students
•PRAYER
Led by Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board congratulating elected Board Members, AFT's support of Prop A, and AFTs Educators Bill of Rights.
Nick Garcia, Teach for America, addressed the Board stating that South San is their newest partner and the partnership is off to a strong start.

TEA REMARKS

Diana Sayavedra, TEA: Good evening Board President Tijerina, Board of Managers, Dr. Hinojosa, staff and community. Its always a pleasure and an honor to be here aligned with you all in the hard work we are doing together. I echo what the Teach for America Executive Director just shared. Not last week but the week before I was in the district and I had the great fortune to visit three schools, Palo Alto Elementary, Benavidez Elementary and South San Hight School. I spent my day walking through classrooms observing math lessons observing history lessons observing science lessons and I will tell you that the quality of instruction is amazing. Not only did I see high quality instruction in those areas I saw you know instructional minutes maximized with students. I saw students working well individually and persevering through their independent practice. I also saw students working in collaboration through a science lab. There was a lot of activity in the classroom but it was well organized, the students were well behaved the teachers were engaged and so were the students. I also had the great pleasure to sit in on three separate cluster meetings. I sat in a cluster meeting at each one of the schools. In the first cluster meeting I observed the master teachers delivering job embedded professional learning for teachers. They spent their time talking to teachers about how to kind of mine through student data, what to look for, how to use eduphoria and what were some best practices for them to come together to develop intervention plans for students. They also gave teachers opportunity to do independent work while they were in cluster and were there to provide them feedback as they were working through the process. In the second cluster I saw again professional learning, a job imbedded for the teachers and this was focused on questioning. So, they worked with teachers on how to get to higher ordered questioning so that when students turn and talk they increase the likelihood of student discourse in the classroom. And then the third cluster I went to was an Algebra cluster at the high school. That too was very informative for me so the teachers were learning the process of student analysis I'm sorry of analysis of student work and so they went through and looked at several examples of student work so that they could determine what the gaps were in the learning based on the analysis of the student work. So as I think about the trajectory that the school district is

on and when I see the work real time in action, its high quality work, its real and teachers are like little sponges they are soaking it up. They are very positive they are very engaged and so I believe that if we continue on this trajectory again we will meet our exit criteria as we are having these conversations in August. So I want to thank campus leadership for their dedication. District leadership for building the systems the structures and the conditions. And obviously the Board of Managers for supporting that work. I encourage you all when you have an opportunity to visit campuses and see the great work in action in South San ISD. Thank you so much.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)

Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience giving thanks to the operations team for hanging the student and staff photos in the Boardroom. He stated that we have 6,736 students enrolled as of today which is a substantial increase from the first day of school with about 6,300 students. 6,850 is our budgeted enrollment and if we fall short of that on October 31st snapshot date, we will come back to the Board with an amendment. He stated that South San made the largest gains in the county and other school districts are reaching out to see our systems in order to drive our success. We stated we are really excited but not complacent. He said we know we made some gains we want to be sure those numbers continue to grow. He informed that last week we dedicated a mural in memory of Salena Sanchez who was a former teacher who passes away a few years back. He said we had over 100 people who came to the dedication in order to honor Salena. He stated we also got to meet the artist painted of all the other murals on that school. He stated he learned a lot and we had 4 board of managers present. He stated that our robotics team completed and SSHS placed third of 36. He gave a big thank you to Michael Sorola, sponsor, and stated that program continues to grow and 2 robots made the trip. He stated TEA examined all of our buildings they were very complimentary and gave some recommendations and will give the Board a report in about 3 weeks. He stated that for VATRE we will be talking at some cafecitos to continue informing the community and be sending mailers with the facts. He said the 25-26 budget update today. He said there is a video board in consent for bobcat stadium and will become a way to generate revenue. He said he is going to be sending out a survey to the staff to see how the beginning of the year went for the. He said in 3 weeks many of the Board and Superintendent will be going to TxEDCon in Houston. He stated we don't have the results but we finished our unit one assessments but its looking positive and it's been a strong start compared to last year.

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

None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. South San Antonio ISD, Head Start Community Assessment

   Iris Zepeda, Program Administrator for Head Start, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

2. District Goal Progress Monitoring: Early Math

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

   Dr. Murguia moved to accept the presentation, Mr. Balderrama seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to accept 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		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

3. 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 accept the presentation, Mrs. Sanchez seconded and the Board of Managers voted 6/0 to accept 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		

Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

4. August 2026 Quarterly Investment Report
   Stanley Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.
5. August 2026 Interim 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. August 17, 2026 Regular

2. Community of Awareness of Adolescents and Teens (CHAAT)
3. iCEV
4. Cengage Ebooks - Your Career: How to Make It Happen
5. The College Board
6. Campus Library Book Purchases
7. Approval of Software License Agreement for Adobe Creative Cloud Enterprise Subscription
8. Approval of ClassLink to Support Districtwide for the Single Sign-On (SSO), rostering, digital portal, and identity management system
9. Approval of Veeam Software Upgrade and Deployment of Object First Immutable Storage for Districtwide Virtual Machine Backup and Ransomware Protection
10. RaaWee K12 Attendance Platform
11. Texas Reading Academies
12. Texas Math Academies
13. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Believe It Foundation to Support Adaptive Bikes and Inclusion Programming
14. Sharp Businesses Systems Restructured Proposal for Cost Savings
15. First Public (Lone Star) Investment Pool Authorized Representatives
16. Contract for Election Services with Bexar County Elections
17. Cengage Ebooks - Digital Electronics for Multiple CTE Programs
18. 2026-2027 South San Antonio ISD Pay and Compensation Plan Amendments
19. Head Start Protect/ED, Healthy Schools Made Possible
20. Consider the approval to purchase a scoreboard for the South San High School football stadium from Daktronics Inc. utilizing Buyboard contract #777-25.
21. Consider the approval of two (2) Thomas Bus Saf-T-Liner C2 (311TS) 72 passenger buses from Thomas Bus of Texas utilizing TASB Buyboard Cooperative contract #722-23.

Mrs. Prado moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 21 with the exception of 18 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
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	X		
Dr. Kelly Murguia	X		

Pulled item: Consent #18

Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources, and Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent, were 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 6/0. Motion passed.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Resolution Accepting Certification of Unopposed Candidates and Cancellation of Election

Dr. Saul Hinojosa, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Dr. Murguia moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Prado seconded, and the Board of Managers voted 6/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Raymond Tijerina	X		
Karla Gomez Sanchez	X		
Darrell Balderrama	X		
Aurelina Prado	X		
Jesus Rendon III	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.

The Board did not go into closed session

OPEN SESSION

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

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rendon moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Murguia seconded, and the Board of Managers voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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.