SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Agenda
6:00pm

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Board of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00pm. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria ISD Cafeteria, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87328401478?pwd=lSoabd6O9aEofcj2FYaxxflO79Yde1.1

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
Establish Quorum
Pledge of Allegiance
Open Forum
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. At regular Board meetings, a person may speak on any topic, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. At all other Board meetings, the topics for discussion are limited to only 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 office or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

Student Recognition

1. Recognition of the 2026-2027 Santa Maria Middle School Cross Country Team.
2. Recognition of the 2026-2027 Santa Maria Middle School Football Team.
3. Recognition of the 2026-2027 Santa Maria High School Volleyball Team

Elections

1. Canvas returns of the School Board Elections held November 3, 2026, for Place 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. Recognition of Outgoing School Board Members.
3. Administer Oath of Officer to Elected Trustees.
4. Reorganization of the Board.

Recess

Action Agenda

Every Student, Every Way

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Campus/District Improvement Plans.

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2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Santa Maria ISD Athletic Program Handbook.

Financial and Operational

1. Discussion and possible action to accept the District Annual Financial Report for 2025-2026.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution to Award Retention Pay to Contract and Non-Contract (Part-Time & Full-Time) Employees for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Travel

1. Discussion and possible action to approve an out-of-valley trip for SMHS Boys Basketball - Harbor Hoops Classic Tournament from December 2-5, 2026 in Corpus Christi.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve out-of-valley trip for Santa Maria FFA to San Antonio Livestock Show from February 8, 2027 - February 11, 2027.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve out-of-valley trip for Santa Maria FFA to San Antonio Livestock Show Judging Contest from February 27, 2027 - February 28, 2027.

Consent Agenda

Financial and Operational

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for September 2026.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 2026.
3. Approval of Check Payments since last report for October 2026.
4. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of October 2026.
5. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending October 2026.
6. Approval of Tax Collection Report for October 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026.
7. Approval to accept the $5000 donation from the T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights Sweepstakes.
8. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board meeting of October 29, 2026.

Governance

1. Discussion and possible action to approve change to CNC (Local) Transportation Management – Transportation Safety.

Executive Session

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 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.

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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
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
H. Section 552.0031 - Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to designation of non business days during the calendar year in accordance with Government Code.

Reconvene in Open Session

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.
2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Adjournment

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President

Dr. Tony Lara
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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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 three (3) business days 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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