



Notice of Regular Meeting - Amended

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held March 24, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas, Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, TX 78570.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

Video/Audio Conferencing Notice: Pursuant to the Governor Abbott's Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws issued on March 16, 2020, this meeting will be conducted via video conference and/or audio conference, which will be audible to the Board and public and allow for two-way communication. The Board President, presiding officer or trustees will not be physically present at one location but a quorum will be required for the meeting on the video conference or phone. The public may access this meeting by clicking on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/158770191>. An electronic agenda may be viewed at the following link http://www.stisd.net/about_us/board_of_directors/agendas___minutes. A recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on the District's website. Attached is a link to a public comments form that must be completed and emailed to Amanda Odom, Administrator for Public Relations and Marketing at Amanda.Odom@stisd.net, prior to the beginning of the meeting if you wish to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda or non-agenda topic for regular meetings or an agenda item at a special meeting. All public comments shall be submitted in writing and distributed to the Board of Trustees for consideration so please note your comments on the form.

STISD Public Comments Link: http://www.stisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6077198/File/Departments/Public_Relations/TexasPublicInfoRequestFormSTISD2019.pdf

1. Welcome.
2. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
6. Approval of Consent Agenda.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may act upon more than one item by a single vote through the use of consent agenda. Consent items shall be items placed on the Agenda marked with an asterisk (*) for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. Prior to the meeting, at the request of any member of the Board of Directors, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed and given individual consideration. Requests for individual consideration are made at least a half-hour prior to Board meetings and requests must be directed to either the Board President or the Superintendent.

7. *Action: Review and act on February 25, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Policy & Curriculum - Becky Villarreal & Martin Castillo, DC, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on request from Yolanda Partida, teacher, to use five days of personal leave to attend son's graduation and help relocate him to Oklahoma.
 - B. *Action: Review and act on announcement of vacancies for the 2020 summer programs.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on the annual instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2020-2021.
 - D. Action: Review and act on school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year and legend.
 - E. Action: Review and act on 2020-2021 Campus Course Sequences.
 - F. Action: Review and act on the following Proposed Actions:
 1. Science Academy Half-Day Program course additions: Occupational Safety and Environmental Technology I & Small Engine Technology II
 2. Science Academy: Camp SOAR at Texas A&M University
 - G. Report: STISD Educational Improvement Council (EIC) to Consider an Amendment (Addition) to the 2017-2022 STISD District of Innovation Plan.
11. Buildings & Grounds - Robert J. Lerma & Irma Perez Trevino, Co-Chairs
12. Finance - Henry LeVrier & Eduardo R. Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
 - A. *Report on District Comparison of Revenues/Expenditures.
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. Action: Review and act on the following donations:
 1. \$200 from Rose Heinrich to Science Academy
 2. \$500 from Humanities Texas to Medical Professions
 - D. Action: Review and possible action on independent auditor request for qualifications.
13. Superintendent's Report - Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
 - A. *Campus Reports
 1. Preparatory Academy - A. Castro
 2. Rising Scholars Academy - C. Rodriguez
 3. World Scholars - E. Garza
 4. Medical Professions - H. Goette
 5. Health Professions - B. Heater, Ph.D.
 6. Science Academy - I. Castillo, Ed.D.
 7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree

B. *Action: Review and act on student/staff members to attend the following:

1. 2020 Centennial Annual Meeting & Expo, April 1-4, 2020, Chicago, IL
2. Destination Imagination State Competition, April 3-4, 2020, Arlington, TX
3. Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine Vet Science Career Day, April 24, 2020, College Station, TX
4. Texas Math & Science Coaches Association Championship Meet, April 24-25, 2020, San Antonio, TX
5. National History Day State Competition, April 24-25, 2020, Austin, TX
6. The Texas Chevron Design Challenge, April 30-May 3, 2020, College Station, TX
7. End of School Year trip - Six Flags Fiesta Texas, May 8, 2020, San Antonio, TX
8. State UIL Music Competition, May 30-June 1, 2020, Austin, TX
9. Rice Summer Symposium, June 1-12, 2020, Houston, TX
10. Texas A&M University Medical Scholars Summer Program, June 7-12, 2020, College Station, TX
11. Exploring Houston's Medical Branch Summer Enrichment Program, June 14-20, 2020, Houston, TX

C. *Quarterly report on the Education Foundation of South Texas ISD.

D. Action: Cast votes for Place 2, and Place 5 of the Region One ESC Board of Directors.

E. Action: Review and Act on a resolution to Delegate Authority to the Superintendent to Act in Place of the Board of Trustees During an Emergency Closure

14. *Correspondence.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A closed or executive session as pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.084 and 551.001, the Board may go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting

1. Recommendation of professional staff for the 2020 summer programs.
 - a. Coordinators and Head Teachers/Teachers for summer programs
2. Review recommendations for renewal/extension/non-renewal of employment contracts for the following: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Administrator for Public Relations & Marketing, Administrator for Support Services, Principals, teachers and other professional staff.
 - a. Renewal/extension of contract for professional staff for 2020-2021 school year.
 - b. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, consider and

discuss termination of probationary contract teacher at the end of the 2019-2020 school year (C.C. and K.L.).

3. Recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

- a. Accountant

- b. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

16. OPEN SESSION: Action on any Item Deliberated in Closed Meeting

A. 551.074, 551.071 Personnel Matters and consultation with school attorney regarding Personnel Matters:

1. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the 2020 summer programs.

- a. Coordinators and Head Teachers/Teachers for summer programs

2. Action: Review and act on recommendations for renewal/extension/non-renewal of employment contracts for the following: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Administrator for Public Relations & Marketing, Administrator for Support Services, Principals, teachers and other professional staff.

- a. Renewal/extension of contract for professional staff for the 2020-2021 school year.

- b. Action: Consider and take possible action regarding termination of probationary contract teacher at the end of the 2019-2020 school year (C.C. and K.L.).

3. Action: Review and act on recommendation of professional staff for the remainder of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

- a. Accountant

- b. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

17. Adjournment.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on March 20, 2020, at 6:15 p.m..

Sonia Rodriguez

For the Board of Directors