



## Public Notice of Regular Meeting

### The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held April 27, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Via Video Zoom.

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: [Zoom Link](#). An electronic agenda may be viewed at the following link [Electronic Agenda](#). A recording of the meeting will be available for viewing on the District's website. Any person who wishes to address the Board of Trustees for public comment or public audience shall sign up by submitting an email to [public.audience@stisd.net](mailto:public.audience@stisd.net) 48 hours before the board meeting and attaching the [STISD Public Audience Sign-In Sheet](#) (posted on the district website), along with a public comment statement in writing to be shared with the Board. The written statement is required only while we are conducting video conference board meetings. For questions or assistance with the process, please call (956) 565-2454.

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.

1. Welcome.
2. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Board Meeting called to order.
5. Awards & Recognitions.
  - A. Recognition of STISD for receiving a Superior Performance 2020 FIRST Rating, and presentation of plaque from Region One Education Service Center.
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 the March 30, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
8. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
9. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
10. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Committee - Sylvia S. Lopez & Rick Villarreal, DDS, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report: District-wide Professional Development for the months of March & April.
  - B. \*Action: Review and act on the annual instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2021-2022.
11. Finance & Operations Committee - Martin Castillo, DC & Henry LeVrier, Co-Chairs
  - A. \*Report on checks written since last report.
  - B. \*Report on 2020-2021 second quarter student activity accounts.
  - C. Report on tax delinquent collection from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson.
  - D. Report on the following projects:
    1. Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility
    2. Edinburg Exterior Restroom project
    3. Preparatory Academy Parking Lot Expansion
    4. Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project
    5. New Central Office Building Renovation project
  - E. Action: Review and act on Change Order #1 to the betterment fund for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project.
  - F. Action: Review and act on the following payment applications:
    1. Payment application #9 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility project in the amount of \$5,990.40.
    2. Payment application #8 to D. Wilson Construction for the Edinburg Bus Barn/Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$371,364.88.
    3. Payment application #6 to Gonzalez Enterprise for the Preparatory Parking Lot Expansion project in the amount of \$33,411.55.
    4. Payment application #6 to Gomez, Mendez, Saenz Inc. for the Science Academy CATE Building Renovation project in the amount of \$1,533.60.
    5. Payment application #6 to Gerlach Builders for the Science Academy CATE Renovation project in the amount of \$77,914.27.
    6. Payment application #4 to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$441.00.
    7. Payment application #3 to D. Wilson for the Edinburg Exterior Restroom project in the amount of \$28,094.35.
  - G. Action: Review and act on the following donation(s):
    1. \$87,686 from the Musk Foundation to South Texas ISD
  - H. Action: Review and act on the following budget amendment(s):

1. General Fund (199) budget amendment #5
2. Title I, Part A (211) budget amendment #2
3. Title II, Part A (255) budget amendment #1
4. Title III, Part A (263) budget amendment #2
5. Title IV, Part A, ELA budget amendment #1
- I. Action: Review and act on the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Compensation Plan and approve payments for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.
12. Policy, Planning, Projects & Partnerships Committee - Abiel J. Cantu & Larry Cantu, Co-Chairs
  - A. Action: Review and act on possible policy changes as per March 2021 Local Review. Policies BA (LOCAL) and BBFA (LOCAL).
  - B. Report on the April 2021 Review of Local Policies CAA through CNA (LOCAL).
13. Community & Governmental Relations Committee -Sasha Crane & Jaime Solis, Co-Chairs
  - A. Report: Update regarding the current marketing campaign and future possibilities for student recruitment.
14. 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 - J. Ortiz
    4. Medical Professions - J. Lucio
    5. Health Professions - M. Flores
    6. Science Academy - L. Madrigal
    7. Attendance Reports - J. Hembree
  - B. \*Report on professional vacancies.
  - C. \*Action: Review and act to retroactively authorize specific district officials to sign personnel records for the South Texas Independent School District.
  - D. \*Action: Review and act on request for new professional positions for (1) Welding Teacher and (3) Special Education Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year and approval of the announcement of vacancies.
  - E. \*Action: Review and act on request to approve acting Maintenance Coordinator and salary adjustment.
  - F. \*Action: Review and act on amending summer 2021 office hours.
  - G. \*Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
    1. Region One School Board Association Conference, May 21-22, 2021, South Padre Island, Texas.
  - H. Action: Review and act on Resolution for the COVID-19 Pandemic Staff Retention Incentive.
  - I. Report on the Musk Foundation Donation.
  - J. Report on application to TEA to establish a Virtual School for next school year.

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. Review recommendation to rescind proposed non-renewal recommendation of teacher's employment term contract for the 2020-2021 school year and renew teacher's employment contract for the 2021-2022 school year (JDL).
    2. Discussion and consideration of filing a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification regarding the resignation of an Educator's 2020-21 term contract without good cause pursuant Board Policy DFE (LEGAL), (CL & AG).
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 rescission of proposed non-renewal recommendation of teacher's employment term contract for the 2020-2021 school year and renew teacher's employment contract for the 2021-2022 school year (JDL).
    2. Discussion and possible action to file a written complaint with the State Board of Educator Certification regarding the resignation of an Educator's 2020-21 term contract without good cause pursuant Board Policy DFE (Legal), (CL & AG).
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 April 21, 2021, at 4:30pm.

Carmen H. Noriega  
For the Board of Directors