



Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors South Texas ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of South Texas ISD will be held September 24, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Biblioteca Las Americas Lecture Hall, 300 Med High Drive, Mercedes, Texas.

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. Public Hearing on 2018-2019 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report.
3. Pledges of Allegiance & District Call to Action.
4. Moment of Silence.
5. Board Meeting called to order.
6. Report on Yolanda Chapa's resignation from the South Texas ISD Board of Directors.
7. Receipt of appointment by Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez of Yolanda Kamel to South Texas ISD Board of Directors for the unexpired term of Hidalgo County At-Large position that runs through November 2022.
8. Awards & Recognitions.
 - A. Recognition of all campuses for receiving A's in the Children At Risk 2019 Texas School Rankings.
 - B. Recognition of former board member Joe A. Rodriguez by Senator Eddie Lucio for his service as Board Member and his contribution to South Texas ISD and Brownsville ISD.

9. 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.

10. *Action: Review and act on the August 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.
11. Public Comments for Agenda Topics.
12. Public Audience for Non-Agenda Topics.
13. Policy & Curriculum - Yolanda Cuellar, Co-Chair
 - A. *Report on professional vacancies.
 - B. *Report on student graduation plans.
 - C. *Action: Review and act on request from Sally Ites, Teacher, to use eight consecutive days of personal leave to participate in a religious pilgrimage.
 - D. Action: Review and act on the following policies, final reading:
 1. Policy CH (LOCAL) Purchasing and Acquisition
 2. Policy CV (LOCAL) Facilities Construction
14. Buildings & Grounds - Homero Garcia & Hector Gonzales, Co-Chairs
 - A. Action: Review and act on approving the change orders for the following projects:
 1. Change Order #1 to the Contract for the HVAC Replacement project at World Scholars, STPA and Science Academy.
 2. Change Order #2 to the Contract for the World Scholars and Science Academy Restroom Renovation project.
 3. Change Order #1 to the Contract for the Mercedes Bus Parking Lot Expansion project.
 4. Change Order #1 to the Contract for the STPA Security Administration Entrance project.
 - B. Action: Review and act on South Texas ISD's Emergency Operations Plan.
15. Finance - Margarita Garcia & Sylvia S. Garza, Ph.D., Co-Chairs
 - A. *Action: Review and act on school district investment reports.
 1. Investments owned by the district
 2. Investments held by Wilmington Trust for the South Texas ISD Public Facilities Corporation
 - B. *Report on checks written since last report.
 - C. *Action Review and act on Resolution authorizing bank signatures for the following campuses:
 1. Rising Scholars Academy
 2. World Scholars
 - D. *Action: Review and act on extending the approved vendors for the following categories:
 1. Mats & Linens
 2. Pizza
 3. Petroleum Products
 4. Bus & Auto Parts

5. Tow Truck Services
- E. *Action: Review and act on approving vendors for the following categories:
1. Awards & Incentives and Printed Materials
 2. General Merchandise
 3. Instructional Materials & Classroom Supplies
 4. Document Imaging, Shredding, & Retention Services
 5. Building Materials
 6. Building Grounds Repairs & Equipment
 7. Drug Testing Services
 8. Video Productions & Photography Services
- F. *Action Review and act on proposed calendar for South Texas ISD Audit including the scheduling of a special called board meeting on December 11, 2019.
- G. *Report on the following 2019-2020 Federal budgets:
1. 204 Title IV Part A
 2. 211 Title I Part A
 3. 212 Title I Part C
 4. 224 IDEA B
 5. 244 Carl Perkins
 6. 244 Carl Perkins Reserve Grant
 7. 255 Title II Part A
 8. 263 Title III Part A ELL
 9. 397 International Baccalaureate Incentive Award
 10. 410 Instructional Materials Allotment
- H. *Action: Review and act on job description changes to the following:
1. Licensed School Specialist in Psychology.
 2. Receptionist/Secretary to the Assistant Principal.
- I. Annual report on tax delinquent collection from Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.
- J. Action: Review and act on the following donation(s):
1. \$600 from Jailbreak Racing Events to Health Professions
- K. Action: Review and act on the following final payment applications:
1. Payment application #6 (final) to CAHS for the HVAC Replacement project at World Scholars, STPA and Science Academy.
 2. Payment application #3 (final) to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the Mercedes Bus Parking Lot Expansion project.
 3. Payment application #3 (final) to Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for the STPA Security Administration Entrance project.
 4. Payment application #4 (final) to Noble Texas Builders for STPA Security Administration Entrance.
 5. Payment application #3 (final) to Noble Texas Builders for the World Scholars and Science Academy Restroom Renovation project.

6. Payment application #3 (final) to RG Enterprises, LLC for Mercedes Parking Lot Expansion project.
- L. Action: Review and act on the following requisitions:
 1. Requisition #079349 to Longhorn Bus Sales for school buses.
 2. Requisition #079547 to Texas Political Subdivisions for Workers Compensation Insurance.
16. 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. Project HEAL2 Field Experience at Texas A & M University, October 3-5, 2019, College Station, TX
 2. German American Exchange Student Program Educational Field Trip, October 4-6, 2019, San Antonio, TX
 3. Texas Renaissance Festival, October 18-19, 2019, Houston, TX
 4. 2019 HOSA Fall Leadership Conference, November 1-2, 2019, Corpus Christi, TX
 5. Washington DC Educational Field Trip, November 1-4, 2019, Washington, DC
 6. National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools NCSSS Professional Conference, November 6-9, 2019, Seattle, WA
 - C. *Action: Review and act on board members to attend the following:
 1. TASB Legal Seminar Series 2019, November 16, 2019, South Padre Island, TX
 2. NSBA Annual Conference, April 4-6, 2020, Chicago, IL
 - D. *Action: Review and act on approval of Board delegates to attend the NSBA's Advocacy Institute (formerly Federal Relations Network) February 2-4, 2020, Washington, DC.
 - E. *Action: Review and act on the Texas Association of Sports Officials Rio Grande Valley Softball Chapter's request for the extended use of Health Professions facilities.
 - F. Action: Review and act on submitting nominees by Resolution for the following Appraisal district's Board of Directors:
 1. Cameron County
 2. Hidalgo County
 3. Willacy County
 - G. Action: Review and act on Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for architects for

the 2019-2020 capital projects.

17. *Correspondence.
18. 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 2019-2020 school year.
 - a. Teacher Tutors
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - c. Assistant Principal
 - B. Report on the purchase of 3.08 acres, more or less, located at 7001 East US Highway 83, Mercedes, Hidalgo County, Texas 78570, and authorize the Superintendent to complete the transaction, including tendering the purchase price for the Property, and executing the closing documents and all other documents necessary to effect the purchase.
 1. Building Inspection Report by Terracon
19. 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 2019-2020 school year.
 - a. Teacher Tutors
 - b. Teacher(s)
 - c. Assistant Principal
 - B. Consider and take possible action to adopt a Resolution approving the purchase of 3.08 acres, more or less, located at 7001 East US Highway 83, Mercedes, Hidalgo County, Texas 78570, and authorize the Superintendent to complete the transaction, including tendering the purchase price for the Property, and executing the closing documents and all other documents necessary to effect the purchase.
20. Adjournment.