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## SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Minutes of Regular Meeting

#### The Board of Trustees South San Antonio ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, November 18, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival
Ms. Connie Prado	X		
Ms. Stacey Estrada	X		
Ms. Angelina Osteguín	X		
Mr. Trinidad Mata	X		
Mr. Carlos Longoria	X		
Ms. Leticia Guerra	X		
Ms. Helen Madla	X		

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mr. Mata.

#### RECOGNITION

**1. Recognize Culinary Arts Students for winning 2nd place in the St. Phillips College Best Tasting Salsa Competition.**

Mr. Charles Ervin was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

**2. Recognize the 2015 SSAHS Girls Volleyball Team.**

Mr. Robert Zamora was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. *Ms. Rosa Gutierrez* addressed the Board regarding the District in the media, the

- superintendent's efforts, and the behavior of the Board.
2. *Ms. Helen Madla* addressed the Board and community with concerns regarding the superintendent.
  3. *Mr. Mata* gave his time to Stacey Estrada.
  4. *Ms. Stacey Estrada* addressed the Board and community with concerns of losing the superintendent.
  5. *Blue Santa Committee* invited the Board and community to their annual parade and festivities on December 5.
  6. *Ms. Erin Spillane* gave her time to Sylvia Ortiz.
  7. *Ms. Sylvia Ortiz* addressed the Board with concerns regarding Grandfathered Teacher's salaries.
  8. *Ms. Belinda Zepeda* addressed the Board with concerns regarding the needs of district facilities and a Tax Reauthorization Elevation (TRE).
  9. *Ms. Saleta Gomez* addressed the Board with concerns
  10. *Ms. Angelita Olvera* addressed the Board with concerns regarding the superintendent, Board behavior, and the garden on Southcross.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Dr. Saavedra addressed the Board and audience with comments regarding the District's marketing plan.

**CHANGE ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ms. Prado requested that presentations 1 and 2 be moved to items number 14 and 15.

**DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION**

**1. Discussion and possible action to select and retain special legal counsel to the Board of Trustees.**

Ms. Madla called a point of order regarding violation of Board Operating Procedures not being followed in reference to discussion and possible action item 1.

Ms. Connie Prado, Mr. Rick Lopez, and Mr. O'Hanlon were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Guerra, seconded by Ms. Osteguín, the Board of Trustees moved to retain O'Hanlon, McCollom & Demerath as special legal counsel. 4/3 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada		X	
Ms. Osteguín	X		

Mr. Mata		X	
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla		X	

## PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

### **1. Presentation of TEA Special Accreditation Investigation Final Report, dated November 6, 2015.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

### **2. Report and discussion with District's independent auditor concerning status of 2014 - 2015 school financial audit.**

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

## DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

### **1. Discussion and possible Board action to review and approve administration's proposed work plan and calendar for compliance with TEA Special Accreditation Investigation Corrective Action Plan, dated November 6, 2015.**

Mr. Kevin O'Hanlon was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

No action taken.

### **2. Discussion and possible Board action to review and adopt Board policies and procedures required by the TEA Special Accreditation Investigation Corrective Action Plan, dated November 6, 2015, to include enumeration of any policies and procedures that the administration is prepared to present to the Board for review and approval so that the Board can make as much progress as quickly as possible on the Corrective Action Plan.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

No action taken.

### **3. Discussion and possible Board action regarding review and approval of Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications for selection of external forensic auditor in compliance with TEA Special Accreditation Investigation Corrective Action Plan, dated November 6, 2016.**

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez was called to present and answer questions related to this

item.

No action taken.

**4. Discussion and possible Board action to request a proposal from the District's independent financial auditor to review the TEA Special Accreditation Investigation Final Report, dated November 6, 2015, and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees for correction of all deficiencies identified in the report.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

**5. Discussion and possible action to approve the South San Antonio ISD 2015-2016 Campus Improvement Plans.**

Ms. Delinda Castro was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Mata, seconded by Ms. Osteguin, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the 2015- 2016 Campus Improvement Plans. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguin	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**6. Discussion and possible action to approve a function budget amendment exceeding \$25,000 related to Head Start and Special Education Budgets.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Mata, seconded by Ms. Osteguin, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the budget change as presented. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		

Ms. Osteguín	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**7. Discussion and possible action to amend the 2015-2016 Budget for the addition of two (2) Certified Peace Officers.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Madla, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve 2 additional Certified Peace Officers at the high school. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguín	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**8. Discussion and possible action to approve the voting phase of the selection process by resolution for election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2016-2017.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Prado, seconded by Ms. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve 40 votes to Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez for election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguín	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**9. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with REM School Business Solutions Group to provide coaching/mentoring services for the District Business Operations for school year 2015-2016.**

Dr. Saavedra was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Madla, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the REM School Solution Group coaching/mentoring contract for the Business Operations. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguin	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**10. Discussion and possible action to approve and accept future vendor donations through fundraising efforts by Garza Bomberger and Associates for the construction of the South San Antonio ISD War Heroes Memorial.**

Dr. Saavedra, Ms. Jenny Arredondo and Mr. James Davis were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Madla, seconded by Ms. Osteguin, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the fundraising efforts of Garza Bomberger and Associates for the construction of the South San ISD War Heroes Memorial. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguin	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**11. Discussion and possible action to direct the school district's legal counsel to draft a board policy that imposes term limits on all school board positions in South San Antonio ISD.**

Ms. Madla was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Madla, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve the direction of the District's legal counsel. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguin	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**12. Discussion and possible action to direct the school district's legal counsel to draft a resolution requesting our San Antonio State Legislators to introduce a bill at the next session of the Texas State Legislature that introduces into law term limits for all school board positions in the South San Antonio ISD.**

Ms. Madla was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Madla, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees moved to approve to direct the school district's legal counsel to draft a resolution requesting our San Antonio State Legislators to introduce a bill at the next session of the Texas State Legislature that introduces into law term limits for all school board positions in the South San Antonio ISD.

Upon substitute motion by Ms. Osteguin, seconded by Ms. Madla, the Board of Trustees moved to have Ms. Madla draft a resolution requesting our San Antonio State Legislatures to introduce a bill at the next session of the Texas State Legislature that introduces into law terms for all school Board positions in the South San Antonio ISD and to be presented at the next regular scheduled board meeting. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguin	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		

**13. Discussion and possible action to direct the school district's legal counsel to amend the superintendent's contract requiring the school district to pay out the balance of the superintendent's contract, salary, all benefits, and leave days should any board member decide to ignore the term limit policy.**

Ms. Madla was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Madla, seconded by Ms. Estrada, the Board of Trustees moved to direct the school district's legal counsel to amend the superintendent's contract requiring the school district to pay out the balance of the superintendent's contract, salary, all benefits, and leave days should any board member decide to ignore the term limit policy.

Motion withdrawn. No action taken.

**14. Present the upcoming Head Start Federal Review report.**

Ms. Bernadine Martinez was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

**15. Report on student enrollment and campus capacity.**

Mr. Henry Yzaguirre was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

**16. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:**

**A. October 21, 2015 Regular Called Board Meeting**

**B. October 28, 2015 Special Called Board Meeting**

**C. November 11, 2015 Special Called Board Meeting**

Upon motion by Mr. Longoria, seconded by Ms. Guerra, the Board of Trustees moved to approve as presented. 7/0 Motion passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ms. Prado	X		
Ms. Estrada	X		
Ms. Osteguin	X		
Mr. Mata	X		
Mr. Longoria	X		
Ms. Guerra	X		
Ms. Madla	X		



**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Closed session began at 9:44 p.m.

Returned to open session at 10:29 p.m.

*NOTICE: 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. Discussion regarding Superintendent/Board relations and Superintendent's contract status.**


No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Ms. Osteguin, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

**ATTEST**

  
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Connie Prado, Board President

  
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Angelina Osteguin, Board Secretary