



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Minutes of Special Called Meeting**

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, May 21, 2014, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

<b>Roll Call</b>			
<b>Member</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late Arrival</b>
Mr. Trinidad Mata	X		
Ms. Connie Prado	X		
Mr. JoeJo Savage		X	
Ms. Julie Ponce	X		
Mr. Carlos Longoria	X		
Ms. RoseMarie Martinez	X		
Ms. Helen Madla	X		

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mr. Longoria**

**RECOGNITION**

1. Recognition of the 2014 Career and Technical Education Students for completion in the Skills USA States Finals in Corpus Christi, Texas.
2. Recognition of the 2014 Career and Technical Education Students for completion in the FIRST Robotics National Championship in St. Louis, Missouri.
3. Recognition of the 2014 Career and Technical Education Students for completion in the Student Hospitality and Culinary Showcase in San Antonio, Texas.
4. Recognition of the 2014 Career and Technical Education Students for completion in the Frontera Film Festival in Eagle Pass, Texas.
5. Recognition of the Top 5% of the 2014 South San High School graduating class.
6. Recognition of South San High School Students for their participation in the following events: UIL Act Play, UIL Academics, French Symposium, Cheer, Dance and Band.
7. Recognition of South San High Student-Athletes for their participation in the following playoff events: Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball and Boys Baseball – 4th in District and Boys Track & Field – 2nd in District, 2nd Area, Regional Qualifier.
8. Recognition of three Armstrong students for their poetry work published in the National Poetry Digest.
9. Recognition of Martha Susana Garcia, named Bilingual Teacher of the Year by the San

Antonio Area Association for Bilingual Education.

10. **Discussion and possible action to accept the donation of two flutes and one clarinet from Grow with the Arts/Play it Forward for South San Antonio ISD Middle Schools.**
11. **Discussion and possible action to accept the invitation from Neil Armstrong Elementary School for Memorial Day carnation placement at Fort Sam Houston.**
12. **Discussion and possible action to accept the donation in the amount of \$1500 from Boeing for South San High School.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees move to accept donation for following action items 10 and 11 of two flutes and one clarinet from Grow with the Arts/Play it Forward for South San Antonio ISD Middle Schools and accept the invitation from Neil Armstrong Elementary School for Memorial Day carnation placement at Fort Sam Houston and the donation in the amount of \$1500 from Boeing for South San High School.

6/0 Motion Carried.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

<p>John Perez</p>	<p>Hello, my name is John Perez and my son is a student at Five Palms Elementary School. I want to start by saying I feel enthusiastic in having a new superintendent Dr. Saavedra who has experience in education I think he's a high qualified individual and he's here to work. I understand that implementing his goals ambitions may take some time and also keeping his team of educators will help him meet his goals. First of all Mr. Bunsen has shown his ability to adapt to changes and needs in the school setting to better serve the students and families at Five Palms also the strengthen of his leadership also is reflected on my sons teacher who is high motivated to work with parents and students. My son has passed is expectations in education and personally, I believe that keeping the team of educators specialty principal Bunsen he's instrumental in fulfilling the goals of the superintendent Dr. Saavedra and will continue to benefit students at Five Palms Elementary School and once again I want to thank the Principal at Five Palms Bunsen.</p>
<p>Candelaria Nieves</p>	<p>Good evening my name is Candelaria Nevis and I am a proud parent of a special needs student at Five Palms Elementary. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you how Five Palms under Principal Rodney Bunsen leadership has positively affected my son Luis Nieves. Principal Bunsen and the educators at Five Palms have accommodated to my sons special needs will simultaneously achieve and grow to new heights. As a special needs parent the circumstances surrounding my son's education are often outside of the box. Since my son's birth I have struggled and advocated for Luis to be given the opportunities to grow and to find the diagnosis that cerebral palsy may entail. My son began his academic experience as a three year old under a special needs program in the Northside District, although beneficial at first with time I began to notice the system was getting comfortable with limiting my son to is diagnosis's. The work, therapy, sacrifice and love that was invested in Luis's development was endanger of being stunted. Fortunately, circumstances in my life brought us to the South San District. A child will sore and surpass expectations with given the right environment of trust and encouragement. At Five Palms under Principal Bunsen leadership we have found the exact place where my son needs to be. Principal Bunsen has been an intercool part of creating the right environment of learning for my son his presentence and involvement at are ARD meetings significantly contribute to my son's educational agenda and it easies my worries as a parent. Principal Bunsen has taken the time to listen to our story and to see Luis as more than just a number. He has reached out to us as a family union because he understands that the successful education of a child depends on collaboration between educators</p>

	<p>and parents. Principal Bunsen knowledge inside and experience undoubtedly as a competent educator but what makes him exceptional is the humanity that he brings to Five Palms Elementary. Mr. Bunsen as been accessible to the families in our school, from his morning smile at the courtyard to the end of the school day greeting.</p> <p>OUT OF TIME</p>
<p>Frances Guzman</p>	<p>Mrs. Madla, Members of the Board, Dr. Saavedra I am here with three of the our Coca Cola valued youth winners they wanted to address the board cause you know this 30 year program international as well as 20 years in the district is a leadership development that is also college bound and they wanted to address the board cause they will be the future for our school board members in your district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kayla Emery I am a coca cola valued youth tutor at Robert C. Zamora Middle School and the program has changed me from where I was before, I was dropping out going from a long way and it changed me and I want to thank the coca cola valued youth program. It's made me a better person and it's made me realized that there is something in my life that I can do and that I will do and the kids have made a change in my life and I am proud of the them and they have showed me the way that I should go and show them and they need somebody in their life, too. Thank you.</li> <li>• Hello, I am Andrew Zuniga this past year the coca cola valued youth program tutor. I thought my two tutees the alphabet and help them improve their reading skills, being part of this program has giving me the participation for my education and the education for your students. My parents both think I am responsible; I want to thank them for that. Thank you.</li> <li>• Hello my name is Nicolas Arnette, I teach at Kindred Elementary and I like to thank the coca cola valued youth program for making a difference in my life and changing those kids at kindred and asking them the help them and improve in school and work and how they do and outside of their life and it really made a difference in my life through the beginning of the school to the end of the year. I was not really like a trouble maker but I wasn't really caring mostly about school and I wasn't doing good with grades and now thanks to the program it has helped me a lot. Thank you.</li> </ul> <p>We have as well tonight Dr. Sandoval who is the district administrator here, and two of our teacher coordinator, Mrs. Ortega from the High School and Coach Castro from Shepard Middle School. Our other three teacher coordinator could not be with us because of prior comments. I will tell you that I have some great news the coca cola foundation which makes the last determination in our national essay contest, just notified us today that South San took some major prizes but you'll have to come on Friday to see what they are. I will have checks and trophies. Thank you.</p>
<p>Belinda Zepeda</p>	<p>Good evening Mrs. Madla, Members of the Board, Dr. Saavedra, my name is Belinda Zepeda and I am speaking for South San AFT. I'm here to clarify some miss information that was in the media recently at the April South San School Board Meeting, South San AFT spoke against participating directly in the Pre-K 4 SA program. South San already has an outstanding Pre-K Program. Why would we participate if its dismally to benefit for Pre-K 4 SA? South San AFT did hope for a collaborative relationship with Pre-K 4 SA, for example the grant for Pre-K Development runs out his school year while Pre-K 4 SA has money that can be used for professional development, but has we discovered in that Board Meeting they do not collaborate except on their terms. This is unfortunate and the antithesis to help public education works. The Superintendent made the correct recommendation not to participate, the School Board took the right position in voting to not to participate and after review even the express news recognized in an editorial that it was the right decision. By your vote you as Trustees took a political risk as you did not know what the poliitical results would be. As South San moves forward, AFT urges you to continue not to look at the political picture but what is good for South San Students. Thank you.</p>
<p>Tom Cummins</p>	<p>Mrs. Madla, Members of the Board, Dr. Saavedra, members of the audience, my name is Tom Cummins and I representing the South San AFT. Tonight AFT would like to request that you review over the summer the possibly of a tax reauthorization election. We've spoken to you about that before but from the way things look we don't think the legislature is going to be very supportive of public education and its funding in its</p>

	<p>coming session we may get lucky but that's not what state leaders are talking about. The law does provide for district to raise their taxes beyond a \$1.04, if you were to raise it after permission is granted after the tax reauthorization election, you could raise to a \$1.06 and gain substantial amount money preferable cost to the district. Those two pennies are called the golden pennies. Those two pennies would raise \$257, 000.00 from South San residents and businesses but it would gain \$1.2 million from the state for a total of \$1.4 million. So you can see just going those two cents is an important step financial for the district. If you were to raise to the maximum of \$1.17 the increase on the district residents and businesses would be \$1.6 million but your money from the state would be \$4.0 million for a total increase for about \$5.7 million. These figures were estimated by the financial and business offices by the school district last October. Some districts in Bexar County have already had TRE Elections and those include Harlandale, Alamo Heights and Edgewood. So you can see it's not just an issue of local property wealth district or high property wealth districts but all districts and during the summer we hope you review the benefits of these and consider having a tax reauthorization election. Thank you very much.</p>
<p>Stacey Estrada</p>	<p>Good evening board, Madam President, Connie Prado everybody Dr. Saavedra, hello everybody. First of all, the reason I came today, we always have very important things at our board meeting, especially our children. The intention of board meetings is for our Board Members to be present, so that we can make very important decisions. As everybody knows I come to every meeting, I've taken notice that my representative has missed many. That's very bothersome to me this is total of six meetings. I believe we had a committee that set rules and it also had regulations for missing meetings with no emergency or such other things as that. He's never here and that concerns me, you're my representative and we need our representative to be representing. If the children are your priority then you should be here making these decisions as a whole we shouldn't be missing one or two and we should be also be given respect to the people that are standing at this podium and not be talking with each other, looking down giggling because they come here to voice their concerns. So, I just believe that if possible we can re-meet with the people on the committee and make sure that those rules were being followed and being followed because it was passed so I'm hoping we can look into that again. Thank you GO SPURS GO.</p>

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation by Parsons Program Management Services regarding 2010 Bond Construction update for South San Antonio ISD.
2. Presentation by Smith Patterson & Johnson regarding Corrective Action Plan report.
3. Presentation by Administration regarding March 2014 TAKS Exit Level Retests results.
4. Presentation by Administration regarding April 2014 TAKS Exit Level Retests results.
5. Presentation by Administration regarding April 2014 Grades 5 & 8 1st Administration results.
6. Presentation by Administration regarding the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) annual report.

**DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. **Discussion and possible action to exercise the option to extend the existing agreement with ABIP, Alonzo, Bacarisse, Irving and Palmer to perform annual external audit for FY 2013-2014.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to exercise the option to extend the existing agreement with ABIP, Alonzo, Bacarisse, Irving

and Palmer to perform annual external audit for FY 2013-2014. 6/0 Motion Carried

2. **Discussion and possible action to approve the South San Antonio ISD Quarterly Investment report as of February 28, 2014.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to approve the South San Antonio ISD Quarterly Investment report as of February 28, 2014. 6/0 Motion Carried.

3. **Discussion and possible action to grant administration approval to escheat and transfer unclaimed money to the State Comptroller's Office.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees move to grant administration approval to escheat and transfer unclaimed money to the State Comptroller's Office. 6/0 Motion Carried.

4. **Discussion and possible action to approve amendments to realign the 2013-2014 Budget.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to approve amendments to realign the 2013-2014 Budget. 6/0 Motion Carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a TEA Attendance Waiver application for poor attendance on Thursday, April 24, 2014.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees move to approve the submission of a TEA Attendance Waiver application for poor attendance on Thursday, April 24, 2014. 6/0 Motion Carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with San Antonio Fit Family Challenge for South San Summer Family Fitness Program.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with San Antonio Fit Family Challenge for South San Summer Family Fitness Program. 6/0 Motion Carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding drafted by the Head Start Consortium of San Antonio.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding drafted by the Head Start Consortium of San Antonio. 6/0 Motion Carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve the implementation of the E-Rate plan and local fund match.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to approve the implementation of the E-Rate plan and local fund match. 6/0 Motion Carried.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with AT&T for increased bandwidth and internet connectivity.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Mata, the Board of Trustees move to approve the contract with AT&T for increased bandwidth and internet connectivity. 6/0 Motion Carried.

**Closed Executive Session began at 8:42pm.**

**Returned from Closed Executive Session at 9:31pm.**

## **CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*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 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. **Consultation with attorney regarding Silvia Gallegos Neira v. State of Texas. (Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071, 551.074).**

No Action Needed.

2. **Termination of probationary contract employee(s) at the end of the 2013-2014 school year in the best interest of the District pursuant to TEC Section 21.103 (Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074)**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria the Board of Trustees move to terminate the probationary contract of Roberto Gonzalez at the end of the 2013-2014 and direct administration to give timely notice to Mr. Gonzales and to terminate the probationary contract of Linda Sanchez at the end of the 2013-2014 and direct administration to give timely notice to Ms. Sanchez. 6/0 Motion Carried.

3. **Consultation with legal counsel and discussion regarding Civil Action No. 5:13-cv-00940-HLH; Adrian Salazar v. Michael Alcoser, Individually and as an Employee of South San Antonio Independent School District, and South San Antonio Independent School District. (Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071).**

No Action Needed.

4. Consultation with legal counsel and discussion regarding Case No. 13-50599; C.M., IV, a minor by and through his mother, Paulina Marquez, as next friend, and individually v.

Barbara Garnett. (Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071).

No Action Needed.

*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.*

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. **Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of Companion Subscription: Alexandria Library System Software in the amount of \$12,784.00 for all district libraries.**
2. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Summer School Math Intervention Resources from Scholastic in the amount of \$117,991.00 for grades K-8.**
3. **Discussion and possible action to approve the base program of Draw the Line/Respect the Line Evidenced Based Human Sexuality Curriculum for students in grades 6 - 8.**
4. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Achieve3000 in the amount of \$16,075.00 for STAAR End of Course Intervention.**
5. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of professional books to facilitate leadership and instructional development in the amount of \$35,648.81.**
6. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of District textbooks as identified and selected by the South San Antonio Independent School District Textbook Committee.**
7. **Discussion and possible action to approve the contract renewal with The Brokerage Store for student athletic insurance as price in RFP#12-20 in the amount of \$72,156.00.**
8. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of HVAC units from Inco Distributing, Inc. in the amount of \$34,647.74 for the existing "E" building at South San High School utilizing the TASB Buyboard cooperative contact #384-11.**
9. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase and installation of HVAC**

**units from Trane in the amount of \$190,047.00 for the existing "F" building at South San High School utilizing the TCPN contract 03-10122-14-001.**

10. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of an HVAC unit from Carrier Enterprise, LLC in the amount of \$13,695.00 for Benavidez Elementary.**
11. **Discussion and possible action to amend board policy CH (Local).**
12. **Discussion and possible action to approve the art design presented by the Edu-Source Corporation for the South San High School Cafeteria in the amount of \$46,151.11.**
13. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Marching Band Tower for South San High School from Melhart Music Center in the amount of \$25,000.**
14. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of 16 - 300 Pro Range 95" electronic interactive white boards in the amount of \$33,616.80 from ProComputing for South San High School.**
15. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of computer equipment from V.I.G. Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$19, 257.00 for South San High School using TIPS/TAPS cooperative contract #5022312.**
16. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of computer equipment from V.I.G. Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$24,149.45 for Armstrong Elementary using TIPS/TAPS cooperative contract #5022312.**
17. **Discussion and possible action to approve the April 16, 2014 Special and Regular Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees move to approve via consent action items 1 through 17. 6/0 Motion Carried

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

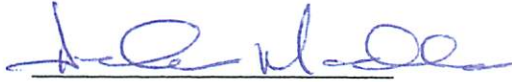
1. Presentation by Administration regarding South San Antonio ISD Child Nutrition monthly report.
2. Presentation by Administration regarding South San Antonio ISD Police Department monthly report.
3. Presentation by Administration regarding South San Antonio ISD Maintenance monthly report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**



ATTEST

Upon motion by Mrs. Prado, seconded by Mr. Longoria, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Madla', written in a cursive style.

Helen Madla – President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Connie Prado', written in a cursive style.

Connie Prado - Secretary