



## SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
6:00 PM

### MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, in the Administration Bldg. located at 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.  
**Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87468694666?pwd=3sNWkBFkhtU6J19BppSgyHKkYxKL2.1>**

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

#### CALL TO ORDER

*Adolfo Hinojosa, Board President called the Regular Meeting of Trustees to order at 6:06 p.m.*

#### ESTABLISH QUORUM

#### Present:

Adolfo Hinojosa  
Javier E. Jimenez  
Casey Espinoza  
Marco Aleman  
Andrew De La Rosa  
Miguel Zavala  
Michele Garcia - Via Zoom

#### Present from the District:

Martin Cuellar, Superintendent  
Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Yliana Gonzalez, Business Manager  
Arturo Hinojosa Jr., Technology Coordinator  
Eden Ramirez, Legal Counsel

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### OPEN FORUM

At regular meeting the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. The topics for discussion are limited to the topics listed on the posted agenda. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designed shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

*No one signed up for Open Forum*



## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **1) Construction**

- 1.) Presentation and Discussion by Brighton Group of the status of SMISD Bond Project-Concession and Ticket Booth Facility with Pena Construction.

### **2) Governance**

- 1.) Discussion and possible action to join lawsuit concerning school district academic accountability ratings, styled Kingsville ISD, et al. v. Morath.

*Motion to approve to join the lawsuit by Marco Aleman, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **3) Purchasing**

- 1.) Discussion and action to rescind purchase of transit bus.

*Motion to approve by Andrew de la Rosa, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.*

- 2.) Discussion and possible action on the lease - purchase of Ultra Coachliner Activity Bus from National Bus Sales

*Motion to approve Option number one by Andrew de la Rosa, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.*

- 3.) Discussion and possible action on the lease - purchase of FFA vehicle

*Motion to approve option number two by Andrew de la Rosa, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **4) Board Travel**

- 1) Discussion and possible action to approve School Board travel to South Padre Island, Tx for the 2023 Fall Legal Seminar on November 18, 2023

*Motion to approve by Marco Aleman, second by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Miguel Zavala, second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **1) Finance**

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report unaudited for September 2023.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of September 2023.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending September 30, 2023.
4. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for September 2023.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion to go into Executive Session by Miguel Zavala, second by Andrew de la Rosa. Motion passed unanimously at 6:52pm.*

Discussion under the authority of Section 551, Texas Government Code: If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Government Act) will be held by the Board after the commencement in open session of the meeting covered by this Notice. Such closed session may concern any or all of the subjects and be conducted for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071 through and including Section 551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.



- A. Section 551.071—Consultation with Attorney on Any Permitted Subject Including, But Not Limited
  - 1) Discussion with School Attorney on Item(s) Exempted under Attorney-Client Privilege
  - 2) Discussion with legal counsel regarding lawsuit concerning school district academic accountability ratings, styled Kingsville ISD, et al. v. Morath.
- B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
- D. Section 551.074—Personnel Matters, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code And Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code
  - 1) Resignations, retirements, terminations, proposed terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department
  - 2) Discuss all items as appropriate on Superintendent’s personnel recommendations
- E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
- F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
- G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

#### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

*Motion to Reconvene in Open Session by Marco Aleman, second by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously at 7:01pm.*

- 1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session
- 2. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

*Motion to approve items discussed in Executive Session as appropriate on Superintendent’s personnel recommendations By Andrew de la Rosa, second by Javier Jimenez, Jr.. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to Adjourn meeting by Casey Espinoza, second by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously at 7:01pm.*

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, October 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.



Adolfo Hinojosa  
Board President



Casey Espinoza  
Board Secretary



This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site ([www.smisd.net](http://www.smisd.net))

*Consent Agenda:* All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

**Board of Trustees**

**Adolfo Hinojosa, President**

**Javier E. Jimenez, Jr., Vice-President**

**Casey Espinoza, Secretary**

**Marco Aleman, Member**

**Andrew "Andy" De La Rosa, Member**

**Michele Garcia, Member**

**Miguel Zavala, Member**

