



## SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, August 29, 2022  
6:00 PM

### MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a scheduled Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Monday, August 29, 2022.

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 Elizabeth Stenhouse, Human Resource Specialist, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Adolfo Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

##### Present

Adolfo Hinojosa, President  
Oralia Ortiz, Vice-President  
Casey Espinoza, Secretary  
Marco Aleman, Member  
Rambaldo Rivera, Member  
Andrew De La Rosa, Member  
Miguel Zavala, Member

##### Absent

None

##### Present from the District

Martin Cuellar, Superintendent of Schools  
Jose Valdez, Business Manager  
Salvador Acosta, Director of District Operations & Special Programs  
Elizabeth Stenhouse, Human Resource Specialist  
Pete Morales, School Attorney

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **OPEN FORUM**

At special 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 designated shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

*It was indicated to the Board President that no one signed up for public comment*

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **1. Construction**

- 1) Restrooms at Football Stadium  
*Presentation by Mr. Ochoa on behalf of Joseph Palacios*
- 2) ESSER Roof Replacements  
*Presentation by Alice Rodriguez on behalf of Joseph Palacios*
- 3) Concession Stand at Football Stadium  
*Presentation by Martin Cuellar, Superintendent & Alice Rodriguez, on behalf of Joseph Palacios*

### **2. Finance**

- 1) Discussion and possible action to approved proposed 2022-2023 District Budget  
*Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Marco Aleman. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 2) Discussion and possible action on ordinance adopting the 2022-2023 Tax Rate  
*Motion was made by Rambaldo Rivera and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **3. Governance**

- 1) Discussion and possible action to approve TASB Board of Directors Official Ballot for 2022  
*Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Andrew De La Rosa. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **4. Travel**

- 1) Discussion and possible action to approve out of valley trip for SMHS Cross Country Competition (Nike South Invitational) from September 30 – October 1, 2022 in Woodlands, Texas  
*Motion was made by Marco Aleman and seconded by Miguel Zavala. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 2) Discussion and possible action to approve Superintendent and Board travel to attend the annual TXEDCON TASA/TASB convention from September 23 – September 25, 2022, at San Antonio, Texas  
*Motion was made by Rambaldo Rivera and seconded by Casey Espinoza. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Motion was made by Rambaldo Rivera and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **1. Finance**

- 1) Budget Amendment #3 for 2021-2022



## 2. Minutes

- 1) Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2022

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion was made by Marco Aleman and seconded by Oralia Ortiz. Motion passed unanimously at 7:00 p.m.*

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.

1. 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. B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
3. C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
4. 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
5. E. Section 551.076 – Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
6. F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
7. G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

*Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Andrew De La Rosa. Motion passed unanimously at 7:19 p.m.*

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.



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(May be reconvened, if necessary)

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was made by Oralia Ortiz and seconded by Andrew De La Rosa. Motion passed unanimously at 7:20 p.m.*

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.



Adolfo Hinojosa  
Board President



Casey Espinoza  
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**
- Oralia “Lala” Ortiz, Vice-President**
- Casey Espinoza, Secretary**
- Marco Aleman, Member**
- Andrew “Andy” De La Rosa, Member**
- Rambaldo “Ram” Rivera, Jr., Member**
- Miguel Zavala, Member**

