

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Somerset Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Somerset Independent School District was held Monday, March 18, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Somerset High School Performing Arts Center, 7650 S. Loop 1604, Somerset, Texas 78069.

Mr. Tim Segura called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 PM and established quorum of 7 board members present.

Board Members Present: Tim Segura, Andrea De La Cruz, Don Green, Michael Lujan, Robert Sanchez, Elizabeth Hansen, and Francisco De Luna, Jr.

Note: Michael Lujan arrived at 6:36p.m.

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

José H. Moreno, Superintendent
Anna Montney, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Sheila Collazo, Deputy Superintendent of Instructional Services
Natalie Martinez, Director of Communications
Nieves Carrales, Somerset Elementary School Principal
Arla Maldonado, Executive Director of Support Services
Sara Gonzales, Early Childhood Elementary Principal
Mary Rodriguez, Barrera Elementary Principal
Cynthia Gamez, Savannah Heights Principal
Ronnie Gonzales, Somerset Junior High Principal
Yvette Trevino, Director of Health Services
Kriesti Bunch, Chief Academic Officer
Giny Beltran, Director of Special Education
Angelica Garza, Sr. Coordinator of Data Services
Liliaana Perez, Director of Technology
John Kennedy, Network Administrator
Mario Goff, Senior Instructional Coordinator
Rose Chapa, Senior Instructional Coordinator
Tracy Padilla, Somerset High School Principal
Elida Guerra, Somerset High School Associate Principal
Michael Sanchez, Chief Facilities and Operations Officer
Michael Balderrama, Director of Transportation
Teresa Sellers, Literacy and Leadership Coordinator
Lisa Salazar, Director of Child Nutrition and Custodial Services
Brian Bielefeld, Chief of Police
Larry Garza, Finance Consultant
Veric Michaelson, Somerset Junior High Teacher
Sylvia Barrow, Technology System Specialist
Kassie Duran, Somerset High School Teacher
Steven Faz, Somerset Detective Investigator
Israel Castro, Somerset Sergeant
Roland Hernandez, Somerset Lieutenant

Attorney Present:

Jameson Baker

Invocation:

Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent, led us in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The following students led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Emanuel Guzman, Somerset Early Childhood Elementary School
Abigail Hansen, Somerset Elementary School
Grace Thompson, Barrera Elementary School
Faith Thompson, Barrera Elementary School
Madison Thompson, Savannah Intermediate School
Olivia Caddell, Somerset Junior High School
Andrew Martinez, Somerset High School
Arthur Morgan Johnson, ZECLA

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC INPUT:

Dr. Dennis Scholl & Dr. Peggy Weyel of Somerset Historical Society addressed the Board requesting to waive taxes in arrears for Non-Profit community.

COMMUNICATIONS: Student Recognitions, Employee Recognitions and Superintendent's District-wide Updates and Announcements.

Ms. Tracy Padilla recognized and congratulated Somerset High School Top 10 students.

Ms. Elida Guerra recognized and congratulated ZECLA Top 3 students.

Ms. Tracy Padilla reconized and congratulated our 2023-2024 Silver Dancers for an outstanding performance at the Crowd Pleasers Competition. The Somerset High School Silver Dancers won five awards at the competition.

Somerset High School Dancers recognized and congratulated Mrs. Kaddie Duran for all of her hard work, patience, and her exemplary teaching techniques.

Chief Brian Bielefeld recognized, pinned and congratulated the following officers on their ranking promotions:

- **Detective Investigator Steven Faz**
- **Sergeant Israel Castro**
- **Lieutenant Roland Hernandez**

Dr. José H. Moreno, Superintendent of Schools, presented the District-wide Updates and Announcements by highlighting the following districts events:

- **Read Across America**
- **Mighty Bulldog Band Superior Ratings**
- **Cyber Patriots**
- **Easter Holiday Weekend**
- **Commissioner Barrera Elementary Visitation**
- **Somerset High School Military Ball**
- **Mariachi Competition**

I. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval and possible discussion of the following items: (If any of the items are pulled they will be subject to discussion and possible action)

Upon a motion by Don Green, seconded by Andrea De La Cruz, Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve consent agenda items A-B as presented.

- A. **Approval of the February 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.**
- B. **Approval of the impact of the following Charter School expansions: Harmony Public Schools - South Texas & Somerset Academies of Texas.**

II. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Presentation regarding the review of an updated status report on the Energy Savings Performance Contract with E3.

Presentation Only. No Action Taken.

- B. Presentation of Somerset ISD Education Foundation Quarterly Report.

Tabled. No Action Taken.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the review and approval of Board Resolution in Support of a Fair and Transparent Accountability System.

Tabled. No Action Taken.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the review and approval of the legal services contract of JCA LAW, PLLC.

Upon a motion by Elizabeth Hansen, seconded by Robert Sanchez, Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the legal services contract of JCA LAW, PLLC.

- E. Presentation of the Somerset Independent School District Finance Update.

Presentation Only. No Action Taken.

III. **CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:00p.m. The Board convened in an executive session as authorized by Chapter 551.071, et.seq. of the Texas Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, Subchapter D, as it pertains to private consultation with the Board's attorney, as it pertains to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, as it pertains to personnel, and as it pertains to security.

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
B. Discussion regarding approval of renewal of Somerset ISD administrator contracts. Texas Government Code 551.074

IV. **OPEN SESSION:** Return to Open Session to Take Action Deemed Necessary.

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:15p.m to take the following action.

- A. Consider and take possible action on the appointment employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

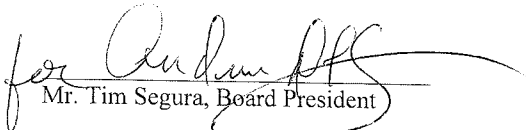
Upon a motion by Andrea De La Cruz, seconded by Robert Sanchez, Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve Elida Guerra as the Executive Director of Secondary Schools for the Somerset High School, Early College Leadership Academy and Somerset Junior High School.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the review and approval of renewal of the Somerset ISD administrator contracts for 2024-2025.


Upon a motion by Don Green, seconded by Andrea De La Cruz, Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the renewal of the Somerset ISD administrator contracts for 2024-2025 school year as presented.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Segura, Board of Trustees Board President, adjourned the March 18, 2024,
Regular Board Meeting at 9:18p.m.


Mr. Tim Segura, Board President

Minutes submitted by ABM


Mr. Don Green, Board Secretary