

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Somerset Independent School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Somerset Independent School District was held Monday, April 8, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Somerset High School Performing Arts Center, 7791 6th Street, Somerset, Texas 78069.

Miss Andrea De La Cruz, Board Vice President, called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and established a quorum of 5 board members present.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Tim Segura and Robert Sanchez

**Staff Present:**

José H. Moreno, Superintendent  
Anna Montney, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Sheila Collazo, Deputy Superintendent  
Natalie Martinez, Director of Communications  
Nieves Carrales, Somerset Elementary School Principal  
Sara Gonzales, Early Childhood Elementary Principal  
Mary Rodriguez, Barrera Elementary Principal  
Cynthia Gamez, Savannah Heights Principal  
Yvette Trevino, Director of Health Services  
Kriesti Bunch, Chief Academic Officer  
John Kennedy, Network Administrator  
Tracy Padilla, Somerset High School Principal  
Elida Guerra, Executive Director of Secondary Schools  
Michael Sanchez, Chief Facilities and Operations Officer  
Michael Balderrama, Director of Transportation  
Lisa Salazar, Director of Child Nutrition and Custodial Services  
Brian Bielefeld, Chief of Police  
Larry Garza, Finance Consultant  
Guadalupe Ruiz, Somerset Early Childhood Elementary School Teacher  
Amanda Guzman, Somerset Elementary School Teacher  
Stephanie Haan, Barrera Elementary School Teacher  
James Morales, Savannah Heights Intermediate School Teacher  
Caleb Shipley, Somerset High School Teacher  
Geraldina Myers, Somerset Early Childhood Elementary School Instructional Paraprofessional  
Amanda Sierra, Savannah Heights Intermediate School Instructional Paraprofessional  
Elijah Ruelas, Transportation Employee  
Jason Strunk, Director of Athletics  
Susie Gonzales, Assistant Director of Athletics  
Fred Castillo, Somerset High School Coach  
Christopher Haan, Somerset High School Coach  
Koy Detmer, Somerset High School Head Coach  
Adrian Lopez, Somerset High School Mariachi Teacher  
Susie Pool, Executive Director of Somerset Education Foundation

**Attorney Present:**  
Jameson Baker

**Invocation:**  
Mr. Francisco De Luna, Jr., Board Trustee, led us in prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

The following students led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Adelanny Guerrero, Somerset Early Childhood Elementary School  
Hudson Nava, Somerset Elementary School  
Arlene Macias, Barrera Elementary School  
Oscar Ortega, Savannah Intermediate School  
Francisco Juarez, Somerset Junior High School  
Francisco Menjivar, Somerset High School  
Madelynn Michelle Escobedo, ZECLA

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC INPUT:**

No citizens addressed the Board with comments.

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

**Jason Strunk, Director of Athletics, Coach Chris Castillo, and Coach Chris Haan recognized and congratulated Somerset High School Boys and Girls Powerlifting State Champions.**

**Mr. Adrin Lopez, Mariachi Director, recognized and congratulated Somerset High School Mariachi Students for their 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mariachi Competition accomplishment.**

**Mr. Daniel Rodriguez, Band Director, recognized and congratulated the Somerset Band Students for their Sweepstakes accomplishment.**

**Mrs. Elissa Rodriguez, Band Director, recognized and congratulated the Somerset Junior High Band Students for their Sweepstakes accomplishment.**

**The Board of Trustees and Superintendent recognized and congratulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Exemplary Teachers.**

- Guadalupe Ruiz, Somerset Early Childhood Elementary School
- Amanda Guzman, Somerset Elementary School
- Stephanie Haan, Barrera Elementary School
- James Morales, Savannah Heights Intermediate School
- Jacob Hillyer, Somerset Junior High School
- Caleb Shipley, Somerset High School

**The Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools recognized and congratulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Exemplary Instructional Paraprofessionals.**

- Geraldina Myers, Somerset Early Childhood Elementary School
- Amanda Sierra, Savannah Heights Intermediate School

**The Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools recognized and congratulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Exemplary Transportation and Auxiliary Employees.**

- Elijah Ruelas, Transportation Bus Aide
- Beatriz Arcos, Child Nutrition Clerk

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

- Milken Award Winner, Mr. Juan Dominguez
- Student Bulldog Television Graphic Design Award
- Paraprofessional and Assistant Principal Recognitions
- Solar Eclipse Day

- Bulldog Relays
- Student Fiesta Medal Artwork
- April and May Extracurricular Calendars

**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 and seconded by Elizabeth Hansen, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve consent agenda item A as presented.**

- A. Approval of the March 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and March 23, 2024, Special Board Meeting and Team of Eight Workshop.

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

- A. Presentation of the Somerset ISD Education Foundation Quarterly Report.

**Presentation Only. No Action Taken.**

- B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the review and approval of the rental agreement with Freeman Coliseum for the 2024 Somerset High School Graduation.

**Upon a motion by Don Green and seconded by Francisco De Luna, Jr., the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the rental agreement with the Freeman Coliseum for the 2024 Graduation as presented.**

- C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the review and approval of the 2024-2025 Memorandum of Understanding between Somerset ISD and the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching for all TAP Services.

**Upon a motion by Elizabeth Hansen and seconded by Francisco De Luna Jr., the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Somerset ISD and the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching, not to exceed the amount of \$30,700.00.**

- D. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the review and approval of the Tytocare Memorandum of Understanding between University Health and Somerset ISD.

**Upon a motion by Don Green and seconded by Francisco De Luna, Jr., the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between University Health and Somerset ISD.**

- E. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the review and approval of the Budget Amendment #3 to the 2023-2024 General Operating Budget.

**Upon a motion by Don Green and seconded by Elizabeth Hansen, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve Budget Amendment #3 to the 2023 – 2024 General Operating Budget.**

- F. Presentation of the Somerset Independent school District Finance Update.

**Presentation Only. No Action Taken.**

**III. CLOSED SESSION:**

**At 7:44 p.m. The Board convened in 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 teacher, counselor, librarian, and nurse contracts for 2024-2025.
- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, attorney consultation regarding legal issues related to pending litigation in the matter styled: Somerset Independent School District v. American Interiors, Inc., Gramma Construction Company, Cause No. 2019-CI-18249: in the 225th Judicial District Court; Bexar County, Texas.

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


**The Board returned to open meeting at 9:16 p.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 Don Green and seconded by Elizabeth Hansen, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve new administrator hire as presented in closed session.**

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Miss Andrea De La Cruz, Board Vice President, adjourned the April 08, 2024, Regular Board Meeting at 9:17 p.m.**

  
Mr. Tim Segura, Board President

**Minutes submitted by ABM**

  
Mr. Don Green, Board Secretary