

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, 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 1st 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 3rd 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