

Southwest Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Tuesday, March 17, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Building No. 800, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX.

I. Call meeting to order/Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Sylvester Vasquez Jr.

The following Trustees were present: *Ida Sudolcan, Daniel Carrillo, Jose Diaz, James Gonzalez, James Sullivan, Florinda Bernal, and Sylvester Vasquez Jr.*

The following Trustees were absent: *None*

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Roger Campos gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III. Recognitions

The following students were recognized as “Students of the Month” for their outstanding leadership and achievement: Arely Ontiveros of Sky Harbour Elementary, Nolan Anderson of McNair Middle School, and Monica Wilson of Southwest Legacy High School. Our Rising Star student recognition included Goran Boskovic Castaneda-Big Country Elementary, Hector Fernandez-McNair Middle School, and Jordan Rodriguez-Southwest Legacy High School.

Southwest High School Girls Basketball Coach, Vanessa Villarreal, was recognized for being named the San Antonio Sports 5A Girls All-Star Game Coach for this year’s prestigious match up featuring the top 5A players in the city.

Counselors, Veronica Grange of Elm Creek Elementary, and James Sanchez-York and Arma Rocha of McNair Middle School, received recognition for being the recipients of the Texas School Counselor Association’s CREST Award.

The following teachers were recognized for being selected by their campus as the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year: Jessica Manriquez-Big Country Elementary, Irene Mauricio-Bob Hope Elementary, April Pena-Hidden Cove Elementary, Naida Ybarra-Indian Creek Elementary, Arelis Martinez-Kriewald Rd. School of the Arts, Elva Calderon-Sky Harbour Elementary, Amanda Benavides-Spicewood Park Elementary, Angelica Luna-Southwest Elementary, Jessica Gonzales-McAuliffe Middle School, Terri Bean-Scobee Middle School, Zachary Royston-Crossroads/DAEP, Kasey Haby-Southwest High School, and Andrew Spainhower-Southwest Legacy High School.

District Teacher of the Year Finalists included: Christine Gomez-Medio Creek Elementary, Zulma Vasquez-Sun Valley Elementary, Karen Moncivais-McNair Middle School, and Gilbert Sanchez-Resnik Middle School.

Elementary District Teacher of the Year winner was Estefania Holmquist of Elm Creek Elementary and Secondary District Teacher of the Year was Aidan Apperley of CAST STEM High School

IV. Public general comments and/or comments related to posted agenda items.

Amanda Hernandez addressed the Board on Reymundo Ortiz as Bob Hope Elementary Principal.

V. Consent Agenda

V.A. Review approval of minutes:

V.A.1. Regular meeting of February 17, 2026

V.B. Consider approval of the summer work hours and wellness initiative.

V.C. Consider approval of overnight trips.

V.C.1. Southwest High School 2025-2026 CTE overnight trip to Corpus Christi, Texas

V.C.2. Southwest Legacy high School 2025-2026 CTE overnight trip to Corpus Christi, Texas

V.C.3. CAST STEM High School 2025-2026 CTE overnight trip to Fort Worth, Texas

V.C.4. Southwest High School Destination Imagination 2025-2026 overnight trip to Arlington, Texas

V.C.5. Southwest Legacy High School Destination Imagination 2025-2026 overnight trip to Arlington, Texas

V.C.6. Big Country Elementary School Destination Imagination 2025-2026 overnight trip to Arlington, Texas

V.D. Board amendment

V.E. Consider approval to purchase mathematics instructional materials.

V.F. Consider approval of Library materials purchase.

V.G. Consider approval of T-TESS appraiser for the 2025-2026 school year.

V.H. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 CAST STEM High School Calendar.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

VI. Items of Information

VI.A. Construction update

Updates on Alvarado Elementary and Southwest Legacy High School were presented.

VI.B. Monthly tax report

VI.C. Monthly financial report

VI.D. Monthly investment report

Information was presented in a handout Tuesday evening

VI.E. Report on gifts & bequests

VI.F. Enrollment report

VI.G. Review purchases over \$100,000

VI.H. Strategic Compensation

Executive Director, Anitra Crisp, presented

VI.I. Division Reviews of the Strategic Priority Goals

Assistant Superintendent, Frances Barcenez, presented

VI.I.1. Strategic Priority 1: Retain, Recruit, and Develop Talent - Goal 1 Clinical Teachers

VI.I.2. Strategic Priority 1: Retain, Recruit, and Develop Talent - Goal 2 Retention of Teachers

VII. Administration & Human Resources

(No items under this section)

VIII. Business & Finance

VIII.A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AT ONE OR MORE TIMES, LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO APPROVE THE AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, PRICES AND TERMS THEREOF AND CERTAIN OTHER AGREEMENTS, PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO. *SAMCO representative, Andrew Friedman, presented.*

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve an order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Southwest ISD unlimited tax refunding bonds as presented. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

VIII.B. Consider approving the resolution dealing with wage issues for employees involving the emergency school closing.

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve a resolution dealing with wage issues involving the emergency closure for all employees that started on January 26, 2026. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

VIII.C. Consider approval of purchase of cafeteria tables for Juan Alvarado Elementary.

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the purchase of cafeteria tables for Juan Alvarado Elementary as presented. Mr. Carrillo seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

IX. Curriculum & Instruction

IX.A. Consider approval of a contract with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET).

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve a contract with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

IX.B. Consider approval of textbook selection for K-5 Reading/Language Arts.

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the textbook selection for K-5 Reading/Language Arts as presented. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

X. Special Programs

(No items under this section)

XI. Closed session

As permitted by Sections, 551.001-551.146 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Law).

President Vasquez announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.001-551.146 the Board would convene in closed session at 7:21 p.m.

XI.A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, discussion on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, contract renewals.

XI.B. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, discussion and approval of Superintendent's contract.

XII. Reconvene from closed session for action relative to items considered during closed session.

The board reconvened into open session at 8:32 p.m. and took the following action:

XII.A. Superintendent's recommendations on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, contract renewals

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, and contract renewals. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

Sylvester Vasquez Jr.	YES
Ida Sudolcan	YES
Florinda Bernal	YES
James Sullivan Jr.	YES
Daniel Carrillo	YES
Jose Diaz	YES
James Gonzalez	YES

XII.B. Consider approval of the Superintendent's contract.

No action was taken on this item.

XIII. Other business

Superintendent, Dr. Ball, thanked Scobee Middle School staff for their professional management of the recent school power outage, Dr. Ball shared upcoming district events, and acknowledged the smoke and air quality concern in the central office area would be addressed with TCEQ and Councilmember Mungia.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary