



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 22, 2026

6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

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 Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

Call to Order

Establish Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

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. At regular Board meetings, a person may speak on any topic, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. At all other Board meetings, the topics for discussion are limited to only agenda items. 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 designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

Action Agenda

Every Student, Every Way

1. Discussion and possible action to approve RGV LEAD Memorandum of Agreement for 2026-2027 Academic Year.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct.

Professional Learning and Refinement

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 Amended Compensation Plan.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 Appraisal Timeline and Appraisers

Financial and Operational Efficiency

1. Discussion and possible action to approve application for Staff Development Minutes Waiver.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Student Athletic Insurance.

Family and Stakeholder Experience

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It is the policy of Santa Maria ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap, in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended.

“An Equal Opportunity Employer”

1. Discussion and possible action to approve a General Election Order calling for Places 1,2,3,& 4 for the Tuesday, November 3, 2026 Election.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Election Services Agreement with Cameron County for a Joint Election with the Cameron County Elections Department.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the following location, Santa Maria ISD Administrative Building, Board Room, 11119 Military Hwy, Santa Maria, Texas 78592 for Early Voting and Election Day site for General Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Check Payments since last report for June 2026.
2. Approval of Monthly Investment Report for the period of June 2026.
3. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Report unaudited ending June 2026.
4. Approval of Tax Collection Report for June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
5. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board meeting of June 25, 2026.

Governance

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Local Policy Update 127.

Executive Session

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.

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
- B. Section 551.072—Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.073—Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
- 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
 - 3) Discuss certification for role other than Superintendent or Classroom Teacher
- E. Section 551.076 - Deliberations on Security Devices or Security Audits
- F. Section 551.082—School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matters or Complaint
- G. Section 551.0821—Personally Identifiable Information about Public

School Student

H. Section 552.0031 - Discussion with legal counsel on matters related to designation of non business days during the calendar year in accordance with Government Code.

Reconvene in Open Session

1. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.
2. Discussion and possible action to approve application for waiver certification for role other than Superintendent or Classroom Teacher – Assistant Principal
3. Discussion and possible action on recommendations on all items as appropriate on Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

Adjournment

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President

Joseph R. Villarreal, ED. D.
Superintendent of Schools

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)

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

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