

Southwest Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2026  
6:00 P.M.

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### I. Call meeting to order/Roll call

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Tuesday, April 21, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office, Building 400, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX.

The following Trustees were present: *Florinda Bernal, Daniel Carrillo, Jose Diaz, James Gonzalez, Ida Sudolcan, James Sullivan, 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 Southwest ISD students were recognized as students of the month for their outstanding leadership and achievements: Mateo Fernandez of Southwest Elementary, Aliyah Perez of Spicewood Park Elementary, Amarika Esquivel of Resnik Middle School.*

*Recognitions went out to Southwest Legacy High School Salutatorian, Nathan Williams and Valedictorian, Gamaliel Mata. Southwest High School Salutatorian Henry Das and Valedictorian Seth Griffin. CAST STEM Salutatorian Howard Roberson and Valedictorian Jhazmin Lim.*

*Rising Star awards went out to: Karianna Elmore of Southwest Elementary, Mikayla Misha Pineda of Resnik Middle School, and Jesilyn Gonzales of CAST STEM High School.*

*The following student recognitions were announced: Southwest High School State Swimmers James Kipp and Aiden Diaz, Southwest High School Boys and Girls Water Polo, SWHS State Powerlifters: Sofia Pusateri, Danieliz Villafane, Blaine Chessher, and Jeramiah Reyes, SW Legacy High School State Powerlifters: Savannah Vargas, Arianna Sanchez, Marissa Chavarria, Jacob Perez, and Luis Rubio, SW Legacy High School Titan Boys Basketball team, Southwest High School Girls Soccer team, SW High School Boys Soccer team, and SW Legacy High School Boys Soccer team.*

*The Emerging Educator awards went to: Sarah Valle of Big Country Elementary, Hailey Gaylor of Elm Creek Elementary, Fara Ramirez of Hidden Cove STEAM Academy, Kimberley Gardner of Indian Creek Elementary, Rebekah Coronado of Kriewald School of the Arts, MaKenzie DeCook of Medio Creek Elementary, Hilda Garcia of Sky Harbour Elementary, Robert A. Dreamkowski of Spicewood Park Elementary, Chloe Davis of Sun Valley Elementary, Sophia Rodriguez of McAuliffe Middle School, Jackeline Ramos of Resnik Middle School, Jose Sanchez of Scobee Middle School, Nick De Leon of Southwest Legacy High School, and Cesarina Fernandez of CAST STEM High School; district elementary finalists went to Alissa Salazar of Southwest Elementary and district secondary finalist went to Bianca Pena of McNair Middle School. Southwest ISD District Elementary Emerging Educator is*

*Karol Jau Lopez Lima of Bob Hope Elementary and Southwest ISD District Secondary Emerging Educator is Reaven Batt of Southwest High School.*

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

*Hailey Friesenhahn, Southwest High School FFA student, invited the Board and Senior Staff to attend the May 11, 2026 FFA Banquet.*

V. Consent Agenda

V.A. Review approval of minutes:

V.A.1. Public hearing of March 17, 2026

V.A.2. Regular meeting of March 17, 2026

V.B. Consider approval of overnight trips.

V.B.1. Southwest High School CTE Brazos County Judging/TAMU Clinic in College Station, Texas

V.B.2. Southwest High School CTE Area TAMU Contest in College Station, Texas

V.B.3. Southwest High School NJROTC to Kingsville, Texas June 1-5, 2026

V.B.4. Southwest High School NJROTC to Kingsville, Texas June 8-11, 2026

V.B.5. Southwest High School CTE Business Professional of America to Nashville, Tennessee.

V.B.6. Girl Scouts Gamma Sigma Girls and Pearls to Utopia, Texas.

V.B.7. Southwest Legacy High School Mariachi Program to attend the Robstown High School Mariachi Festival in Robstown, Texas.

V.B.8. 2026 Deerfoot Youth Camp Program to Magnolia, Texas

V.C. Board amendment

V.D. Consider approval of Certification of Instructional Materials

**Board action:** *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Sudolcan 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

VI.B. Monthly tax report

VI.C. Monthly financial report

VI.D. Monthly investment report

VI.E. Report on gifts & bequests

VI.F. Enrollment report

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

VI.H. District's Local Wellness Policy, under Board Policy FFA (LOCAL).

*Presented by Kylee Oefinger*

VI.I. Update on Senate Bill 546

*Presented by Brandon Crisp*

VI.J. Division Reviews of the Strategic Priorities and Goals

*Presented by Frances Barcenez and Brandon Crisp*

VI.K. 2026-2028 Innovative Services for Students with Autism Grant.

*Presented by Dr. Albrey Hogan*

VI.L. First read of revisions to the Board policy FDA(LOCAL).

*Presented by Frances Barcenez*

VII. Administration & Human Resources

VII.A. Consider approval of a resolution to acknowledge district support to attain Purple Star status at all Southwest ISD campuses.

*France Barcenez presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve a resolution to acknowledge district support to attain Purple Star status at all Southwest ISD campuses 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

VII.B. Consider approval of a revision to board policy FDA (LOCAL).

*Frances Barcenez presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the revision to board policy FDA (LOCAL) 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. Business & Finance

VIII.A. Consider approval of recommended updates to the District's Local Wellness Policy, under Board Policy FFA (LOCAL).

*Kylee Oefinger presented.*

**Board action:** *Mr. Carrillo moved to approved the recommended updates to the district's local wellness policy under board policy FFA (LOCAL) as presented.*

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 the award of RFP 2526-104 Kitchen Equipment

*Kylee Oefinger presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the RFP 2626-104 for Kitchen Equipment as presented. Mr. Sullivan 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 amendment to the 2025-2026 Compensation Plan

*Brandon Crisp presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the amendment to the 2025-2026 compensation plan 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

VIII.D. Consider approval of replacement air-cooled chillers at McNair Middle School.  
*Thomas Krueger presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the replacement of air-cooled chillers at McNair Middle School 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

VIII.E. Consider approval of the determination of the district's current fleet on 3-point seat belt requirements.  
*Brandon Crisp presented.*

**Board action:** *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the determination of the district's current fleet on 3-point seat belt requirements 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. Curriculum & Instruction

IX.A. Consider approval of Instructional Materials purchase.  
*Lisa Bolte presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the purchase of instructional materials 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

IX.B. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 Secondary New Courses.

*Zelene Aragon presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the 2026-2027 secondary new courses as presented. Mrs. Sudolcan 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.C. Consider approval of the submission of the Dual Credit Faculty Expansion Project Resolution for 2026-2027.

*Zelene Aragon presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the submission of the Dual Credit Faculty Expansion project resolution for 2026-2027. 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

IX.D. Consider approval of Library materials purchase for Juan Alvarado Elementary.

*Veronica Cuenca-Wilson presented.*

**Board action:** *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the library material purchase for Juan Alvarado Elementary as presented. Mr. Sullivan 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 8:24 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 Texas Government Code 551.074, consider and discuss possible approval of a written contract for an administrator to receive a financial benefit for providing services outside of Southwest ISD.

XI.C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.075 and 551.089, discussion on the District's Emergency Communications Annex.

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

*The board reconvened into open session at 9:06 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 recommendations on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, and contract renewals as discussed in closed session. 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

XII.B. Consider and take possible action to approve a written contract for an administrator to receive a financial benefit for providing services outside of Southwest ISD.

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve a written contract for an administrator to receive a financial benefit for providing services outside of Southwest ISD as discussed in closed session. 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

XII.C. Consider approval of Communications Annex Plan.

**Board action:** *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the communications annex plan as discussed in closed session. Mr. Sullivan 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

XIII. Other business

*Superintendent, Dr. Ball, shared upcoming district events.*

XIV. Adjournment

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.*

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary