

**Seguin ISD Board Briefs**  
**Regular Meeting of Dec. 12, 2017**  
**(Please note that these are not official meeting minutes)**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Seguin ISD was held December 12, 2017, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 1221 E. Kingsbury, Seguin, Texas.

1. Call to Order—6:30 p.m., all board members present except Mr. Flores

A. Announcement that this meeting of the Seguin Independent School District has been duly called and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

B. Pledges to the United States flag, Texas flag and moment of silence.  
The pledges were lead by Koennecke Elementary School students.

C. Superintendent Announcements

Dr. Gutierrez provided an update on recent events and initiatives including the 90 Day Plan, Strategic Plan and holiday fine arts events.

D. Board Member Reports

Mr. John Holt attended Matador Band Banquet (\$14K raised), opening night of AJB Elf, Jr., two cheer competitions (San Marcos and Frisco), KWED Toy Drive

Mrs. Barbara Effenberger toured Matador Stadium, State of the District presentation, MBLC graduation ceremony, choir concert at Weinert ES

Mrs. Cinde Thomas-Jimenez attended the Band fundraiser, State of the District presentation, Art and Science Night at AJB, opening of Elf, Jr. at AJB, Weinert classroom for Week of Code, Mariachi concert, Choir concert, KWED Toy Drive and Strategic Planning workshop

Mr. Ben Amador was at the State of the District presentation, Week of Code at Rodriguez ES and lunch at the new High School's cafeteria

Mr. Carl Jenkins attended facility meetings, lunch at Seguin High School, campus visits, State of the District presentation

Mrs. Elaina Reihl visited the Vogel carnival and attended the Strategic Planning workshop

2. Recognition/Campus Presentations

A. Campus Recognition Presentations

Koennecke Elementary students performed holiday songs for the board and those in attendance.

B. Student/Staff Recognition

Barnes Middle School coaches Brandon Kelley and Fernando Mora shared that their school and students received a \$14,800 J.J. Watt Foundation grant for football equipment.

3. Audience with the Board

Nolan Schmidt wished the board and community a merry Christmas.

4. Reports/Information Items:

A. Report Board of Trustees Continuing Education Hours

Mrs. Thomas-Jimenez noted Tier 1, 2 and 3 minimum requirements have been exceeded by all board members.

B. Fund Balance (LOCAL) Policy Study of Area Districts

Mrs. Reihl prefaced by saying that the policy is general and would like to see more parameters for fund balance. Tony Hillberg, assistant superintendent of business services, conducted a study of multiple Texas school districts that have a local policy pertaining to a fund balance requirement. Nineteen districts were studied, 12 did not have a policy or one that addresses a fund balance requirement, while seven have policy that addresses a fund balance requirement. A daily cost of operations was calculated to compare Seguin ISD with the 7 districts. In all instances, Seguin ISD's fund balance was comparable. Dr. Gutierrez recommending revisiting the item in January with a 90 day or three month policy recommendation.

5. Adjourn Regular Meeting (at 7:22 p.m.)

6. Call to Order Public Meeting (at 7:22 p.m.)

7. Public Meeting for Official Notification of the 2016-2017 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating

Mr. Hillberg noted that the rating applies to 2015-16 district finances. Of the 1,022 Texas districts evaluated, 1,017 were assessed a passing grade. The passing grade is either superior, above standard or meets standard. Seguin ISD received the Superior Rating and score of 94 out of 100.

8. Adjourn Public Meeting (at 7:34 p.m.)

9. Call to Order Regular Meeting (at 7:34 p.m.)

10. Consent Agenda Items—all approved unanimously

A. Approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting – Nov. 14, 2017

B. Consideration of Approval of Certified Appraisers for 2017-2018

An administrator was approved as a certified appraiser for the Texas Teachers Evaluation Support System (T-TESS) to conduct formal goal setting known as the Annual Teacher Review in the 2017-2018 school year.

11. Action Items

A. Consideration and approval to Adopt the TASB Culture of Voting Resolution for the 2018-2019 School Year—approved unanimously

Jason Schmidt, assistant superintendent of learning and leadership services, presented information on future steps necessary to maximize voter participation by district employees and students.

B. Approval for Jim Barnes Middle School Sidewalk Expansion Project (RFP #18-02)

Dr. Gutierrez asked that this item be pulled due to a Texas Government Code discrepancy within the agenda item. He noted in the future that the district can post policy rather than TGC. A motion to table the item until the January 2018 board meeting was approved unanimously.

C. Consideration and Approval of School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Report, SHAC Goals and Committee Members—approved unanimously

Pete Silvius, outdoor/physical education coordinator, along with SHAC community representatives Julie Steele and Lisa Burns, presented information on the SHAC as part of a required annual update.

D. Personnel Action Professional Employees—approved unanimously

Dot Whitman, assistant superintendent of administrative services, provided information on two new hires and two resignations.

12. Closed Session—none

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §§§ 551.071, 551.074, 551.129 - Consultation with legal counsel including possible telephone consultation with legal counsel, as necessary, to address legal concerns, implications, and answer any legal questions regarding posted agenda items.

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.074 - Discuss personnel matters, including appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employee(s).

13. Reconvene to Open Meeting, the Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session

A. Possible action on professional personnel, including appointment, employment, evaluation, assignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employee(s).

B. Board comments and request

Mr. Jenkins asked for a report at the next board meeting from Communities in Schools and an update on the changes to the grading period. Mrs. Thomas-Jimenez noted that the next board meeting is Jan. 24 but two workshops will precede it.

14. Adjourn—8:10 p.m.