



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 7, 2019

Purpose: Presentation/Report Recognition Discussion/ Possible Action

Closed/Executive Session Work Session Discussion Only Consent

From: Connie Prado, Board President

Item Title: Discussion and possible Board Action to adopt Resolution Withdrawing Consent for Appointment of Monitor and/or Consultant

Description:

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Recommendation:

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District Goal/Strategy:

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Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

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APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

Superintendent:

Resolution Withdrawing Consent for Appointment of Monitor and/or Consultant

Whereas, on October 18, 2018, the South San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the following motion:

Mrs. Prado moved to approve the request for a representative or a consultant, for a better choice of words, from the Texas Education Agency to support and monitor our board progress as a mentor district in the Lone Star Governance Cohort, and Mrs. Flores seconded

and;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees had, prior to the October 18 Motion, successfully worked with Mr. Vara and Ms. Drummond from the Region 20 Education Service Center in implementing its Lone Star Governance Program; and,

Whereas, in response to such request, the Texas Education Agency has appointed Ms. Laurie Elliott in a dual role as a Lone Star Governance Coach and appointed Monitor; and,

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has previously notified the Texas Education Agency, via letter from counsel dated February 25, 2019, that it had not requested a monitor nor consented to the appointment of one; and,

Whereas, in miscellaneous correspondence from the Texas Education Agency, most recently dated July 30, 2019, Jeff Cottrill, Deputy Commissioner for Governance & Accountability, notified South San Antonio ISD of his decision to continue the appointment of a monitor; and,

Whereas, prior to the appointment of a monitor under Tex. Educ. Code § 39A.002(6), a district must be subject to the provisions of Tex. Educ. Code § 39A.001, and in the case of South San Antonio ISD, those conditions have not been met.

Now, Therefore the Board of Trustees of the South San Antonio ISD resolves as follows:

1. That the October 18, 2019 request for “a representative or a consultant, for a better choice of words, from the Texas Education Agency” is rescinded, effective immediately.
2. That the South San Antonio ISD Board return to its status immediately prior to the October 18, 2018 meeting and continue in the Lonestar Governance program in cooperation with the staff of the Region 20 Education Service Center only.
3. That the “monitor” appointed by TEA be withdrawn, as there is no legal authority for the appointment of such monitor.