

**NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SLIDELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

February 9, 2023 5:30 P.M.

"On track and leading the pack"

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The Board of Trustees of Slidell Independent School District will hold a meeting at **5:30 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the Slidell Administration Building, #1 Greyhound Ln, Slidell, TX 76267**. At that meeting, the Board may deliberate or act on any of the subjects listed on the following agenda. The President may change the order of items listed below for the convenience of the board. The Board may enter closed meeting to seek the advice and counsel of its attorney at any time during the meeting under the authority of Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071 regarding any item listed on the agenda of this meeting or in order for the attorney to provide legal assistance or advice to the Board.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

II. Comments from Public [Open Forum, Citizen Input]: All persons who address the board at this time must complete a registration form before the meeting begins.

A 30-minute time period is set aside to allow community members to address the Board of Trustees on any subject. No action may take place during this time; however, the Board of Trustees may consider future action.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Enrollment- Attendance
2. Activities- Calendars
3. Safety and Health Protocols

IV. BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Consent Agenda- All item(s) on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will enacted with one motion and a majority vote of the governing body.

1. Consider minutes of previous school board meetings
2. Consider financial update
3. Consider monthly expenditures
4. Consider tax collection report- WCAD
5. Budget amendments

Regular Agenda /Action Items

1. Consider 2023-2024 SISD Academic Calendar
2. Consider Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Agreement SY23-24
3. Consider pay for hourly employees for the days of 1/25/2023 (2-hour delay), 1/30/2023 (early dismissal), 1/31-2023, 2/1/2023, 2/2/2023-due to inclement weather conditions
4. Consider amendments to the 2022-2023 SISD Academic Calendar
5. Consideration and action on a Resolution approving an Engagement Agreement for bond counsel legal services with Cantu Harden LLP; and other matters in connection therewith (attached)
6. Consideration and approval of an order calling a bond election to be held by the Slidell Independent School District; making provision for the conduct of a joint election; and resolving other matters incident and related to such election
7. Consideration and approval of a Resolution relating to establishing the district's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds relating to constructing and equipping various district improvements from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued by the district for authorized purposes; authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date
8. Security – Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.076)
9. Personnel Recommendations - To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, and to issue a school district teaching permit to an employee. (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074)
 - a. Administrator contracts
10. Action Relevant to Items Covered During Closed Session
 - a. Consider resolution(s) implementing KKC (LOCAL), Safety Program/Risk Management: Emergency Plans
 - b. Administrator contracts

Adjournment

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Subchapters D and E of Ch. 551, Tex. Gov't Code), the board may enter closed meeting to deliberate any subject authorized by Subchapter D or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f) that is listed on the agenda for this meeting. Any final action, decision, or vote on a subject deliberated in closed meeting will be taken in an open meeting held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. This notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act at 4:30 PM on February 6, 2023.

Taylor Williams

Taylor Williams, Superintendent of Schools

**EXHIBIT C: HB2826 LANGUAGE
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AGENDA**

FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SLIDELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BOND COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES WITH CANTU HARDEN LLP; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION BY THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023

1. The Board of Trustees of the District intends to engage Cantu Harden LLP, as the most qualified candidate submitting a response to a request for proposals previously issued by the District, to provide the District with bond counsel and disclosure counsel legal services pertaining to the District's issuance of public securities on the public or private market, including advising the District on any "official statement" to potential investors pursuant to federal securities laws and issuing a legal opinion as to the foregoing;
2. Cantu Harden LLP has consistently demonstrated its competence, qualifications, and experience as an industry leader in public finance matters through the provision of bond counsel and disclosure counsel legal services, the representation of municipal advisors, issuers, and other parties in United States Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement actions, the publication of disclosure policies and the representation of state agencies and political subdivisions within the State of Texas on public securities related issues and matters;
3. Accessing the public or private markets through the issuance of public securities and providing an "official statement" of the District to potential investors is governed by State and federal securities and federal tax laws and requires the advice of legal advisors that specialize in public finance matters that are well versed in public finance legal matters;
4. Engaging an attorney in private practice who specializes in public finance matters that is well versed in State and federal securities and federal tax laws pursuant to an hourly fee arrangement would likely result in higher fees to be paid by the District, and such fees incurred would be payable by the District by amounts on deposit in the District's General Fund, whether or not the public securities are actually issued;
5. Fees for legal services in public finance matters, including bond counsel and disclosure counsel legal services, have traditionally been paid pursuant to a contingent fee contract, where such fees become payable only upon the successful issuance of the public securities and solely from the proceeds of the public securities;
6. Entering into a contract for bond counsel legal services with Cantu Harden LLP (a firm that specializes in public finance matters and is well versed in State and federal securities and federal tax laws) payment of which is contingent on the District's successful issuance of public securities and payable out of public securities proceeds provides the District a superior level of bond counsel and disclosure counsel legal services and fee(s) payable under the contract are reasonable in the public finance market and would likely be less than if such services were conducted pursuant to an hourly rate contract with an attorney specializing in such public finance matters; and
7. For each of the reasons stated above, this selection of bond counsel and disclosure counsel legal services pursuant to a contingent fee contract is in the best interest of the residents of the District.