

# Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Board Meeting 'A' held on Sept. 10 2012 and Board Meeting "B" held Sept. 24, 2012 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

#### Recognitions

- Fox Tech High School for being named a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education (DOE). Fox Tech is one of 18 schools being recognized across Texas and one of 269 nationwide.
- Two SAISD Police Officers, John Catts and Jessica Taylor-Sepulveda, as recipients of the "Police Life Saving Award." The officers' immediate and heroic actions prolonged the life of a victim of assault.

#### SAISD Superintendent Position Profile Discussion

Trustees discussed the Superintendent Search Community Engagement process and moved to take action on the position profile in October. Trustees engaged PROACT Search to organize and conduct a search for the next SAISD superintendent. PROACT staff worked with the Board and district staff to develop a series of stakeholder engagement activities to gather input from district internal stakeholders and the San Antonio community stakeholders on the desired characteristics of the next SAISD Superintendent. The Board received a summary of the input gathered from the various engagement activities.

# Board Approves Redistricting Plan of Trustee Districts

The Board approved the proposed boundary changes to single-member districts, based on the 2010 Census. The plan will redraw boundaries for five of the seven single-member trustee districts. The Board approved Map B-1, which calls for redrawing boundaries for single-member districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The plan will now be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for review and pre-clearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. After the plan is pre-cleared, the Bexar County Voter Registrar will provide updated voter information to SAISD voters early next year. Public input was gathered at three community meetings in August and September.

# **Update SAISD Foundation Contributions**

Trustees were given an update on the new grant awards and restricted gifts to the SAISD Foundation to support SAISD schools and programs. This fall, the SAISD Foundation celebrates five years of giving support to SAISD. The SAISD Foundation has produced promotional marketing videos that profile the District and will be given to local news outlets, social media and area realtors. The SAISD Foundation also announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inspire Awards set for Oct. 30 to showcase students and honor alumni.

### Dr. Sylvester Perez on Investing in Human Capital Through Education

Trustees received a presentation from Dr. Sylvester Perez, SAISD's Interim Superintendent, entitled "Investing in Human Capital through Education." Dr. Perez recently developed the presentation with the help of District staff. The goal of "Investing in Human Capital through Education" was to show how SAISD will move forward as the District strives to become a national model urban school district. Dr. Perez plans to share the presentation with local civic organizations. He said the District wants to continue to improve high school graduation rates and strengthen college readiness for students.

#### Bond Update

The Board received an update and discussed the Bond 2010 Implementation Plan and other related matters. Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, reported on the internal projects, including the current investigation of the cause and remedy for ponding of track surfaces at Edison and Sam Houston, the upcoming installation of rubber track surfacing at Brackenridge and Lanier, and the start of track construction at Jefferson. Additional progress included: security fencing preconstruction to begin for 23 schools; security access systems in progress at Tafolla, Wheatley and Connell schools; security camera contractor approved for school installation; construction for Career Exploration labs at Lowell and Rhodes middle schools will happen this fall; transportation facilities continues to look at alternative sites; and the Alamo Stadium project is at 50 percent of the construction document stage and actual construction is set to start at the end of the current high school football season. The District's external team reported the Bond project is still on schedule to be completed within five years. The majority of the projects will be completed in 2014. Most of the high school projects will be completed in 2015. Several community bond meetings took place in September. The external team reported that 48 percent of bond hires are Small Minority Women Business Enterprise (SWMBE) certified firms. Roughly \$15 million of \$31.2 million has been committed to SWMBE firms to date.

# Board of Trustee Sub-committee Reports

Vice-president Ruben Cuero provided an update on the Budget, Finance and Audit subcommittee. Trustee James Howard gave an update on the Governance subcommittee.

# Bond 2010 Citizens Oversight Committee Update

The Board received an update on the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) from President Mario Barrera. Mr. Barrera reported that the September COC meeting had 10 members in attendance. He said of the 24 members on the committee, only 13 are continuously participating and attending the current meetings. Committee members were appointed by Trustees and the Superintendent in 2011. The Board is considering options to address the attendance issue. The COC continues to look at the bond's project manager, external staff and project time frames.

# Policy Revisions Approved

Policy revisions of BF (LOCAL) – relates to Board Governance Committee to take a more active role in policy development, and plans to review policies before they are presented to the Board.

#### Contracts Approved

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Avance San Antonio, Inc. and Center for New Communities under the Texas Literacy Initiative.
- MOU with City Year San Antonio for the 2012-2013 School Year.

#### Items Approved

- Additional 2012-2013 List of Certified Appraisers who will serve as appraisers for teachers.
- Qualified investment brokers and dealers who will assist the District with the investment of District funds.

## Rental Usage Agreements Approved

• Rental agreement of Alamo Stadium by San Antonio Youth For Christ.

#### Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Renewal for purchase of Letter Jackets and Letters in support of all 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the award criteria for UIL participation in football, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, softball, baseball, tennis, golf and cross country.
- Track Equipment in support of athletes participating in track programs at Brackenridge, Jefferson, and Lanier High Schools.
- Professional Development, Instructional Materials and Software Subscription to provide training and mentoring in support of Early Childhood Education (ECE).
- Software Subscription to provide student assessments and technical support to ECE and PPCD Programs. This award will support all campuses, academies and ECE Centers with three and four year old students enrolled in the programs.
- External Grant Evaluation Services on an "as needed" basis to conduct research studies, collect and analyze data District-wide.
- Reading Curriculum Materials and Supplies on an "as needed" basis in support of District-wide use.
- Read 180 Program, including Software, Technical Support and Instructional Course Materials in support of 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Supplemental Educational Services (SES) from TEA approved vendors on an "as needed basis" providing instructional support such as tutoring, remediation and academic intervention for students at Sam Houston High School, Davis, Wheatley, Page, Rhodes, Rogers, Twain and Tafolla Middle Schools in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).
- Software Licensure Subscription in support of all Social Studies teachers and students in grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Workbooks specific to World Geography, World History and U.S. History (Qty: 4,800) in support of  $8^{th} 11^{th}$  grade students.
- Renewal for the purchase of Emergency Notification System (ENS), including Software Site Licensure, to provide a fully hosted web-based service in support of 70,000 users.
- Purchase of International School Buses, 77 Passenger (Qty: 9), in support of District-wide use.

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