



# Board Meeting

## H I G H L I G H T S

Board Meeting “A” held on March 18, 2013 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210  
Board Meeting “B” held March 25, 2013 at 141 Lavaca St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

### Recognitions

- Sam Houston and Edison HS Academic Decathlon Teams for receiving awards at the State Competition held Feb. 22-24, 2013. The teams are composed of about 9 members that compete in ten different subjects on Russian History (this year’s topic), which include: art, music history, language and literature, math, economics, social science, science, speech, history and an interview. Angelica Hernandez placed for Edison. Johanna Franklin, Andranique Green and Noah Hamilton won awards for Sam Houston.
- Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Fox Tech and Lanier HS students for advancing to the SkillsUSA State Competition in Corpus Christi, Texas in April. SAISD secondary students enrolled in career and technology courses will compete in the following: Advertising Design, Desktop Publishing, Automotive Collision, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice. Students qualified for state by placing in the Top 5 of their respective events at the District contest in February.
- Isabel Fears, a Jefferson HS math teacher, for being named recipient of the UT Exes and College of Education Outstanding High School Teacher Award. Winners are selected based upon their ability to inspire and support their students, bringing credit to the teaching profession, and being held in the highest regard by their students, fellow teachers, administrators, parents and community.
- Yara Luna, SAISD’s nominee for the 2013 Trinity (University) Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Ms. Luna is a 3rd-grade Gifted and Talented teacher at De Zavala ES. Ms. Luna is a product of SAISD. She attended Woodlawn ES, and was a German-language multilingual magnet program student at Tafolla MS and Brackenridge HS.
- De Zavala ES Principal Joseph Cerna for being named the Principal of the Year by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Mr. Cerna received the Principal of the Year Award at the annual Founder’s Day Banquet in February.

### Resolution

- The Board approved a Resolution in Recognition of the 17th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice on March 30, 2013. March 2013 marks the 47th Anniversary of Cesar Chavez’s historic 350 mile pilgrimage from Delano to Sacramento, which drew national attention to the plight of farm workers in America. March 30, 2013 will be a historical event to commemorate Cesar Chavez, including the 17th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice in San Antonio and to honor, educate, and energize people with the power of civic engagement.

## Urban Land Institute Update

Judy Geelhoed of the San Antonio ISD Foundation provided the Board with an update of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), which was holding a community luncheon March 27<sup>th</sup> with speakers Diego Bernal (SA City Council), David Adelman (Real Estate), Graham Weston (Rackspace) and Ed Garza (SAISD). The partnership started last fall and its purpose is to look at creating and sustaining thriving communities. One priority is looking at family housing availability and why people move or don't move into the urban core of the city. Focus group information showed that people were concerned with housing price points, the myth of no exemplary schools and safety perceptions in the urban core. The ULI brings stakeholders together to help revitalize the inner city.

## Trustees approve Revocation of In-District Charters

The Board approved the revocation of the in-district charters at Cameron ES, Gates ES, Miller, Lowell MS, Riverside Park ES and Storm ES. Administration held public hearings at each of these campuses as required by Board policy. The public hearings emphasized that the District is not removing any currently existing programs at these campuses and students currently enrolled as a result of the campuses' charters will be allowed to remain at the campus until they complete the last grade level offered at that campus. These campuses will continue to offer all of their current programs as District neighborhood schools instead of open-enrollment charters. Public hearing dates were published in the San Antonio Express News, posted on campus marquee, and communicated to parents through letters sent home with all students and PENS messages.

## 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 athletic tracks with warranty items in progress; 12 campuses awaiting playground installation until their major renovations completed; security fencing of new gate installation complete at Herff, Graebner, Rodriguez, Beacon Hill, Maverick, Forbes and Pershing; security access system installation is upcoming for 22 schools undergoing major renovations; security camera installation are in progress at eight schools; construction work for Career Exploration lab is substantially complete at Poe and Rhodes middle schools and Lowell is under construction; Alamo Stadium is in progress for abatement, demolition, masonry restoration, utility work, gym prep finish out, and press box work. The Munoz-Jacobs team reported that vendor bond participation includes 42 percent of Small, Minority, & Woman Owned Business Enterprise (SMWBE) owners; with over 90 percent are local participants.

## Citizens Oversight Committee Update

The Board received an update on the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) from Chair Mario Barrera. Mr. Barrera reported that attendance has declined in the third year of the Committee's existence. He said that of the 24 members on the Committee, only 10 to 13 members are continuously participating and attending the current meetings. The COC is reviewing options on how to improve attendance. In the last month, the COC toured Cameron, Fenwick and Alamo Stadium and reported positive feedback on bond work.

## Board of Trustee Sub-committee Reports

Vice-president Ruben Cuero provided an update on the Finance Committee. Assistant Secretary Adela Segovia gave an update on the Academic Excellence Committee. Trustee James Howard briefed the Board on the Governance Committee.

## Contracts Approved

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Antonio ISD and San Antonio Foundation for Excellence in Education, Inc. The San Antonio Foundation for Excellence in Education's mission is to benefit the District through the raising of revenue and building of community, business and alumni partnerships. This MOU outlines the educational public purpose of the District's support of the SAISD Foundation as well as documents the mutual acknowledgement of the respective rights and obligations of each party.

## Items Approved

- Resolutions and Order Declaring Unopposed Candidates Elected in Single-Member District One (1) and Single-Member District Seven (7). Non-incumbent candidate will take office after May 11, 2013. Section 2.053 of the Election Code authorizes the Board of Trustees in this instance to issue an Order, declaring the unopposed candidates elected. The unopposed candidates are: District One (1) Steve Lecholop and District Seven (7) Ed Garza. A copy of the Board's order must be posted on Election Day at each polling place used or that would have been used in the election.
- Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and Owner's Construction Contingency for Rogers ES Under the 2010 Bond Program.
- Estimated Costs for the May 11, 2013 Election for Board of Trustees in Single-member Districts Three and Four.
- Resolution to suspend the requirement that STAAR End-of-Course Assessments account for 15% of Student's Final Course Grade for the 2012-2013 school year only.
- Competitive Sealed Proposals for the 2013 Exterior Track and Field Lighting at five campuses (Brackenridge, Burbank, Highlands, Lanier and Sam Houston). Bond 2010 funds will be used for this project.
- Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Replacement/Upgrade of Controls at four campuses (Estrada AC, M.L. King, Madison and Miller) and One Chiller Replacement at Estrada AC.
- Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement at Rogers MS.
- Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Young Women's Leadership Academy Science Lab Renovation.
- Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Replacement of the Boiler with a Fire Tube Boiler and Replacement of Chilled Water Pump at Burnet Learning Center.

## Policy Revisions Approved

Policy revisions of BE (LOCAL). BE (LOCAL) relates to regular business meetings.

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

- Rental of the Alamodome for Graduation Rehearsals and Ceremonies in support of all seven (7) High Schools scheduled for June 7-16, 2013.
- Mental Health Services for students enrolled in the Head Start Program in support of 3 and 4 year old students at all Campuses, Academies and Early Childhood Centers.
- SmartLab Learning Systems, including installation, maintenance and technical support, hardware, software, furniture, curriculum, educational resources, professional development and assessment tools, in support of students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at Poe, Lowell, and Rhodes Middle Schools.
- Interactive Promethean Boards (Qty: 7), including Three-Year Extended Warranty, in support of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at Navarro Academy.
- Dental Chairs (Qty: 2) for classroom instruction in support of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at Fox Tech HS.
- Renewal for the purchase of Locks, Keys, Repair Parts and Supplies on an “as needed” basis in support of District-wide requirements.

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