Board Meeting
HIGHLIGHTS

Board Meeting "A" held on Feb. 10, 2014 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210
Board Meeting "B" held Feb. 17, 2014 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

New Early College High School Video Presentation

The Communications department produced a recruiting video targeting 8th graders for the new early college high school that will be located at St. Philip's College. The Board received an advanced viewing of this video during the meeting. The application for the new early college high school was recently approved by the Texas Education Agency, with plans to open in August of 2014. Recruiting will begin in early March. All students who live within SAISD boundaries will be eligible to apply. Along with the ability to earn up to 60 hours of college credit or an associate degree, students attending this school will also have the opportunity to earn certifications in high-demand career fields such as Information Technology and Automotive Technology. This will be SAISD's second early college high school, with Travis Early College High School having opened in 2008 in partnership with San Antonio College.

Trustees Approve Resolution for Read Across America Day

The Board proclaimed Friday, Feb. 28, 2014 as "Read Across America Day" in SAISD. The "Read Across America" celebration has become a national tradition. The celebration began in 1998 as a way to promote reading while celebrating Theodor Geisel's (Dr. Seuss) birthday on March 2. The "Read Across America" observance is the biggest one-day literacy celebration in the United States. The activities associated with the project not only celebrate the joys of reading, but also honor the memory and birthday of Dr. Seuss. This year represents the 16th anniversary of the local observance of "Read Across America" by the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel.

Board Approves 2014-2015 Instructional Calendar

Trustees approved "Calendar A" as the 2014 – 2015 Instructional Calendar. Employees, parents, and community members were given an opportunity to give input into the 2014 – 2015 Instructional Calendar. Participants voted between two calendar options on a secured online voting web site. "Calendar A" provides six days of professional learning opportunities for teachers before the first day of school.

SAISD Budget Update

The Board received an update on the SAISD budget and has begun the budget process for the 2014-2015 school year. Some of the key areas addressed in the budget presentation included Preliminary Revenue Analysis, Preliminary Expenditure Forecast, Compensation Discussion, Preliminary Estimate of Property Values, and the Budget Calendar. The 2014-2015 General Fund Budget is scheduled for approval in June.

Bond Update

The Board received an update on the Bond 2010 implementation plan. Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, reported on the internal projects, including security video surveillance installation at Brackenridge HS in design phase and seven elementary schools in construction phase; career exploration labs for Harris and Whittier middle schools moving from design to construction phase; a new transportation facility in design phase and construction expected to start in September 2014; Alamo Stadium at 70 percent complete. The Munoz-Jacobs team reported on the external projects, showing 20 projects currently in the construction phase. The external team's primary presentation focused on Fox Tech HS and Bonham Academy. At the meeting, the Board approved the Competitive Sealed Proposal and Owner's Construction Contingency for Major Renovation and New Construction for Fox Tech. With the approval, Fox Tech is scheduled to start construction in March and will be completed by the end of 2014. A new administration wing will be added to the Fox Tech campus. The Board also approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Bonham Academy project which would allow construction to proceed soon afterwards. Bonham Academy is receiving general renovations mostly mechanical system upgrades and adding a new building, which will include a black box theater.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Debra Guerrero provided an update on the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee. Trustee Patti Radle gave an update on the Academic Excellence Committee.

Policy Revisions Approved

Policy Revisions for EIA(LOCAL) and FEA(LOCAL). EIA (LOCAL) relates to Grading/Progress Reports to Parents. FEA (LOCAL) relates to Compulsory Attendance.

Items Approved

- Teacher Textbook Committee for Technology Applications.
- Parking License Agreement for the Central Office Parking lot with the Magik Theater.
- A lease renewal of space at Edison HS by Redeemer Presbyterian Church on specified dates beginning Jan. 5, 2014 through June 29, 2014 (Sundays only); in addition, on Thursday - Friday, April 17 – 18, 2014 for worship services.
- Guaranteed Maximum Price including Owner's Construction Contingency for New Construction and Renovation at Bonham Academy Under the 2010 Bond Program.
- Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) and Owner's Construction Contingency for Major Renovation and New Construction for Fox Tech High School Under the 2010 Bond Program.
- Commercial Real Estate Brokers.
- Submission of the Seton Home Pathways to Success for Parenting Students Grant Application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office.
- Additional appraiser for teacher appraisals for the 2013-2014 Certified Appraisers' List.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Athletic Supplies and Equipment on an "as needed" basis in support of athletes at (9) High Schools and (16) Middle Schools.

- Football Supplies and Equipment on an “as needed” basis in support of athletes participating in extracurricular football activities at (7) High Schools and fifteen (15) Middle Schools.
- Athletic Game Uniforms on an “as needed” basis in support of athletes at (9) High Schools and (16) Middle Schools.
- Playground and Shade Equipment, including installation of fall zone concrete foundation and rubber surfacing, in support of students in grades Pre-K through 5th attending Ball, Green, Huppertz, Stewart and Storm Elementary Schools.
- Installation of Modular Office Furniture to replace existing furniture in support of the Superintendent’s staff members.
- Professional Development Training and Consulting Services in support of Teachers, Instructional Coaches and Administrators District-wide.
- Participate in an Interlocal Agreement with Region 16 Education Service Center (ESC), TexBuy Cooperative, in support of District-wide use.
- STAAR and EOC Math Preparation Resources in support of students at all Elementary and Middle Schools District-wide.
- Professional Development Training in support of struggling learners at all Elementary and Middle Schools District-wide.
- Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Servers (E-Rate), to provide phone service and 911 capabilities in support of campuses District-wide that have been converted to VOIP.
- Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Migration (E-Rate), to upgrade the VOIP software District-wide. SAISD is applying for E-Rate funding for this service.
- Data Center Firewall (E-Rate), to ensure security of critical servers District-wide.
- Core and Data Center Access Switches (E-Rate), to replace aging core switches that support the network District-wide.
- Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) (E-Rate), to replace aging and non-functioning UPS equipment District-wide.
- Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) SIP Trunking and Consolidation and VPN Connection (E-Rate), to provide scalability and enhanced VOIP services District-wide.
- Catalysts and Switches (E-Rate), to replace aging and out of warranty core equipment, in support of (51) Elementary Schools, Travis Early College High School, (4) Early Childhood Centers and (4) Academies.
- Catalysts and Switches (E-Rate), to replace aging and out of warranty core equipment, in support of (14) Middle Schools and (2) Academies (King and YWLA).
- Catalysts and Switches (E-Rate), in support of (8) High Schools.
- Network Copper/Fiber Optic (E-Rate), in support of (8) High Schools, (15) Middle Schools, (4) Elementary Schools and two (2) Academies.
- Network Management System to allow for centralized management of the wireless infrastructure and edge switches throughout the network District-wide.
- Voice-Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Survivable Remote Site Telephony (SRST) Router to replace aging and out of warranty routers in support of (84) Campuses.

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