



Board Meeting

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Board meeting held on October 19, 2009 at 141 Lavaca
San Antonio, TX 78210

Trustees approve agreement with Teach for America, Inc.

The Board of Trustees approved a professional services agreement between Teach for America (TFA) and SAISD to enable the hiring of teachers through TFA for SAISD campuses beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. TFA is a non-profit organization that focuses on recruiting outstanding college graduates to commit to teach for at least two years in urban and rural public schools, with the goal of eliminating educational inequity. With financial support from some of San Antonio's most influential business leaders, TFA could bring nearly 300 teachers to SAISD classrooms over three years.

Public Hearing: Schools First

For the seventh year in a row, SAISD received the highest rating of "Superior Achievement" under the state's financial accountability rating system, called Schools FIRST. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to improve the management of school districts' financial resources. The Schools FIRST rating is based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2007-08 school year, and budgetary and financial data for the 2008 fiscal year. As required by state law, SAISD announced and held a public meeting to distribute the financial management report that explains the District's performance under each of 24 indicators and the District's rating.

Jefferson HS student filmmaker recognized for achievement

Jefferson High School senior Jessica Torres and media technology teacher Adam Rocha were recognized by the Board of Trustees on being nominated for the prestigious Lone Star Emmy award. The 17-year-old award-winning filmmaker wrote and directed "*Escuela*"- a 60 second narrative that was one of four pieces to receive an Emmy nomination in this year's Children/Youth Teen - Program / Special / Feature / Segment category.

Wilson ES teacher acknowledged for excellence in teaching

Trustees acknowledged the outstanding achievement of Wilson ES teacher Jeannette M. Henderson, who was chosen to be honored with the ExCel award for excellence in teaching. Since 1999, KENS-5 and the San Antonio Federal Credit Union have honored outstanding educators in the Greater San Antonio area by presenting them with a golden apple trophy and a \$1,000 check. Henderson was nominated for the award by her former Wilson Elementary Principal Cynthia De La Garza. She began her teaching career with SAISD in 1990 and she is currently a Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) teacher.

Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee members commended for commitment

Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee members were commended by the Board for their commitment to the critical process of developing a plan for excellence, equity and efficiency throughout the District. Committee members were recognized for accepting the major challenge of creating proposed plans that would restructure SAISD over the next 10-12 years. The members dedicated numerous evenings and several weekends of their personal time to this process.

Trustee Report

Two Board members reported on recent conferences. Carlos Villarreal reported on the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards Annual Conference. Mr. Villarreal was appointed to the Legislative committee. Ruben Cuero reported on the annual conference of the Council of Urban Boards of Education

Appointments

- Trustees approved the appointment of members to the District School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for the 2009-10 school year. SHAC is a group of representatives of segments of the community, appointed by the Board of Trustees to provide advice and make recommendations to the Board on coordinated school health programming, health education curriculum, and their impact on student health and learning.
- The Board approved the appointment of members to the Textbook Adoption Committee for English Language Arts and Reading.

Policy Revisions

Trustees approved the following policy changes:

- Revision of District Policy DH (LOCAL) – Second Reading. The change refers to the District policy on “Arrests, Indictments, Convictions, and Other Adjudications.”

Agreements approved

- Renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement with the STARBASE KELLY Youth Program. STARBASE KELLY is a national program that began in San Antonio in 1994. The six SAISD schools selected by lottery for participation in the 2009-10 school year are: Maverick, Graebner, Margil, Highland Park, Collins Garden, and Washington elementary schools.
- Renewal of an interlocal agreement between the City of San Antonio (COSA) and the San Antonio Independent School District to provide the 2009-10 After School Challenge programs for recreation, enrichment, physical fitness and educational services for a minimum enrollment of 5,700 students at no fewer than 60 campuses District-wide.

A number of District bids and purchases were approved including:

- Formal gowns and tuxedos in support of all high school students in orchestra, choir and band UIL concert performance groups.
- Band, orchestra and mariachi instruments in support of students attending middle schools, high schools and academies during the 2009-10 school year.
- HVAC air conditioning and heating parts and supplies on an “as needed” basis in support of District-wide use.
- Miscellaneous printing services on an “as needed” basis in support of District-wide use.

- Consulting services to provide two 2-day professional development to develop more effective classroom practice in Pre-AP/AP courses.

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