



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on February 15, 2010 at 406 Barrera St.
San Antonio, TX 78210

Board Approves Textbook Committee Recommendations

Trustees approved textbook adoption recommendations for English Language Arts and Reading. Approved textbooks were as follows:

- (K-5) – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Texas Journeys & Texas Senderos
- (6-8) – Prentice Hall, Literature Texas
- (6-8 Reading) – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Texas Portals for Reading
- (9-10) – Prentice Hall, Language & Literature
- (11) – Prentice Hall, Literature Texas – The American Experience
- (12) – Prentice Hall, Literature Texas – The British Experience
- (9-12 AP) – Bedford, Freeman & Worth – AP Language & Literature
- (9-12 ELPS) – Longman, Texas ELPS Toolkit
- (ESOL I & II) – Hampton-Brown, Edge Fundamentals, Edge Level A, Edge Level B

Trustees Approve the 2010 – 2011 SAISD Instructional Calendar

Board members approved Calendar A as the 2010 – 2011 Instructional Calendar. Between Jan. 19 - 22, employees, parents and community members were given an opportunity to vote electronically for the calendar. A total of 3,266 or 46 percent of employees and 244 parents/community members voted. You can view the new school calendar at www.saisd.net. The calendar is available on the District home page and in the Parent's web page area.

Presentations

- Board President James Howard administered the Oath of Office to three new police officers – Hallart Keaton, Walter Nolden and Eddie Valenzuela.
- Shannon Clements presented the District with a check from the Henry Ford Learning Institute. The Institute operates the Henry Ford Fine Arts Academy on SAISD property, formerly known as James Bowie ES.
- The Board approved a Resolution in Recognition of Social Work Month for March, 2010.
- The Board approved a resolution designating Friday, February 26, 2010 as Read Across America Day in SAISD.

District Attendance Auditor Roles presentation

The Board was given a presentation on the roles and assignments of San Antonio ISD Attendance Auditors, and the programs to help improve attendance and prevent dropouts. Information outlined the department structure including campus assignments and current data on the number of cases handled by the Attendance Auditors.

Consultation Update – Employee Groups

The Board was updated on the Professional, Classified, and Paraprofessional Consultation Committees' selected topics for 2009-2010. The Alliance is an employee organization with consultation privileges within the District. A number of topics were presented including issues such as grading policy, bilingual education and special education.

Trustees Announce Principal and Director Appointments

The Board of Trustees made the following appointments:

- Joanne Cockrell, currently interim principal for Jefferson HS, was named as regular principal.
- Mikel Brightman was named Senior Director for Head Start.
- Tiffany Grant was named Director for Board and Superintendent Services.
- John Gerwin was named as Director for Internal Auditing.

Board Approves Audit Committee

Trustees authorized an SAISD board Audit Committee composed of trustees Ed Garza, Tom Lopez and Ruben Cuero. The Audit Committee worked with District attorneys to draft appraisals and recommendations to departments that are designed to add value and improve the operations of the District.

Policy Revisions Approved

The Board approved policy revisions. A few highlighted policies included the following:

DGBA (LOCAL) – As provided by law, a District grievance policy must permit an audio recording of a conference or hearing by an employee who reports a grievance.

EIE (LOCAL) – (Academic Achievement Retention and Promotion) Reflects new accelerated instruction requirements for students whom the Grade Placement Committee unanimously decides to promote (with the understanding that student must attend summer school before they start the new school year).

EIF (LOCAL) – (Academic Achievement Graduation) Under Physical Education Substitutions, the number of credits required for graduation has been deleted (1.5). The state legislature reduced the number of physical education requirements to one for students enrolled in the recommended and advanced high school programs.

FDE (LOCAL) - Provisions and text on school safety transfers were moved to FDE (Local). Also, aggravated robbery has been added as one of the violent criminal offenses for which a student who is a victim must be offered a transfer.

Bids, proposals and purchases for goods approved:

- Columbia Contracting Inc. Company for The Chiller Replacement at Beacon Hill ES
- Interactive Web-based Math and Language Arts and Character Building Sports Software
- Two (2) year Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Maintenance Service Plan
- Symantec Protection Suite Enterprise Edition 3.0 Software/Licensure and Brightmail 8380 Hardware Appliances
- Three (3) Ford E-150 Cargo Vans
- Vehicle Engines, Transmissions, and Differentials

Ratification of Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Alamo Convocation Center for Lone Star Invitational Sports, Inc. (High School All Star Basketball Game) March 27, 2010

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Board of Education

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