



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on January 18, 2011 at Burnet Center, 406 Barrera St.,
San Antonio, TX 78210

Board Approves Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee

Trustees approved the appointment of members to the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) to ensure the effective and efficient use of 2010 bond proceeds. The 24-member Committee, chosen from a pool of applicants, will provide feedback to staff, review progress reports and report recommendations to the Board. Board members and the Superintendent each nominated three people to serve on the Committee. Each Trustee also named an alternate, in the event a vacancy occurs. The first meeting will be held on February 2, 2011.

Trustees Approve Playground Equipment for 45 Campuses

The Board authorized the purchase and installation of playground equipment at 45 campuses under the 2010 Bond Program. The playground equipment will include rubberized play surface (artificial turf), fall zone protection, concrete curbing and shading structures. The Playground Installation Initiative was included under the 2010 Bond Program and approved by voters on November 2, 2010.

Board Approves New Technology Program for Sam Houston HS

Trustees approved the contract with New Technology Network to implement the New Technology program at Sam Houston HS. The New Tech model, which will be operated as a school-within-a-school, focuses on preparing students to excel in an information-based and technologically advanced society, raising graduation rates and achievement test scores, and increasing college enrollment and college completion. The program is distinguished by project-based learning incorporated into a technology-rich environment to deliver both core area knowledge and 21st century skills. Sam Houston HS will be the only campus to offer the New Tech program in South Texas when it opens its door in August 2011. It will be open to approximately 250 freshmen and sophomores from across the District.

Trustees Approve Priorities for 82nd Texas Legislative Session

The Board approved priorities committed to its mission of graduating all students with the academic and social preparation to be successful in higher education and career in a 21st century global economy. The District will advocate for these priorities during the 82nd Texas Legislative Session, which convenes in January 2011 in conjunction with the Texas School Alliance, Texas Association of School Boards, the Equity Center and the Texas Council of Urban School Districts.

Board Approves Resolution for School Counseling Week

The Board approved the Resolution in Recognition of School Counseling Week for February 7 – 11, 2011. National School Counseling Week focuses public attention on the tremendous impact that counselors have in helping students achieve school success and maximize the academic, career, personal and social development of all students.

Trustees Approve Star Academy for Navarro

Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding between SAISD and Education Blueprints Association for the Star Academy at Navarro, which will operate as a school-within-a-school program that ensures success for at-risk students and disengaged learners. This program will focus on at-risk ninth grade students who have failed to accrue the credits to advance and reach sophomore and junior status. The expected outcomes of participating in the Star Academy Program are accelerating two grade levels in one school year, improving attendance habits, and improving behavior.

Board Approves Renewal of Dropout Reduction Pilot Program

The Board approved the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between SAISD and Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department, Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc., and Alamo Colleges in connection with the Collaborative Dropout Reduction Pilot Program at Highlands High School, also known as Project CONNECT.

Trustees Approve MOU for Energy Saving and Water Conservation

The Board authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Association of School Boards for an assessment on potential energy saving and water conservation measures at seven sites. The agreement does not require any financial obligation for the analysis nor any obligation to perform any actions outlined, but could provide insights for a comprehensive plan to reduce operation costs at facilities.

Board Approves 2010-2011 District Improvement Plan

Trustees approved the 2010-2011 District Improvement Plan (DIP). The Texas Education Code requires each school district to have a district improvement plan that is developed, evaluated, and revised annually, in accordance with district policy, by the Superintendent with the assistance of the district-level committee. The purpose of the DIP is to guide district and campus staff in the improvement of student performance for all student groups in order to attain state standards with respect to academic excellence.

Trustees Approve 2011 District and Campus Student Achievement Plans

The Board approved the 2011 District and Campus Student Achievement Plans that will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Districts must receive board approval for student achievement plans that address both currently academically unacceptable campuses and previously unacceptable campuses. Plans must be targeted specifically in those areas for which the District or campus was deemed unacceptable.

Board Approves Head Start Contract

Trustees approved the Head Start contract Amendment #5 to the SAISD and the City of San Antonio contract approved in April 2009 for six months, from August 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011. The Amendment #5 adds to the contract an allocation in the amount of \$300,000. This allocation of \$300,000 has been granted for the purpose of installing playground equipment, shade covers, and ground improvements.

Trustees Approve Deferred Maintenance at Sam Houston

Trustees approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the Deferred Maintenance Mechanical Renovations Administration Area at Sam Houston High School. Maintenance staff reevaluates the conditions of equipment, systems and facilities annually and recommend priority projects that have imminent impact on the learning environment. This project was prioritized due to equipment being at the end of its lifecycle and lack of remote scheduling ability. Deferred Maintenance funds will be used for this project. Columbia Contracting Inc. was awarded the contract.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Purchase of Adobe Master Collection Site Licensure for up to 500 users per campus in support of all high schools.
- Purchase of SAT Prep Courses including student materials and instruction for 7th grade Duke Talent Search Qualifying Students to prepare them for the SAT exam in support of all middle schools and academies.
- Purchase of Track Supplies and Equipment in support of athletes participating in extracurricular track activities at 8 high schools and 15 middle schools.
- Purchase of Teacher Desktop Computers (Qty: 45) in support of 9th – 12th grade teachers at Brackenridge HS.
- Renewal of Cold Storage Facility Services to provide freezer storage space and related services for commodity and purchased frozen food items during 2010-2011 school year.
- Purchase of paint materials, i.e. latex, enamel undercoat, primer, brushes, scrapers, paint poles and other related products for District-wide use.
- Purchase of laptops (Qty: 20), student desktops (Qty: 300) and printers (Qty: 22) in support of all high school and elementary identified campuses with reading intervention programs.
- Renewal of Symantec Protection Suite Enterprise Edition 3.0 Software for District-wide use.
- Purchase of Consulting Services for professional development including a planning meeting and 3-day colloquium to increase content knowledge of United States History and Geography for District-wide use.
- Purchase of Consulting Services for professional development for GT and AP Teachers and Principals to enhance instructional leadership District-wide.

Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Alamo Convocation Center for P16 Plus Council on January 29, 2011 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) to host “Generation TX San Antonio,” a college campaign for students and parents.

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