



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on September 12, 2011
at David G. Burnet Center, 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, TX 78210

Reorganization of the SAISD Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees approved its reorganization by designating the officers of president, vice-president, secretary and assistant secretary. Ed Garza was voted president-elect and will officially take office at the first board meeting in January 2012. The other three newly-elected board officers began serving their terms at the September board meeting. Ruben Cuero was named vice-president, Olga Hernandez was named secretary and Adela Segovia was named assistant secretary.

Recognitions

- The Board recognized Pete Rios, the Head Custodian at Pershing ES. On August 18, Mr. Rios detected a fire in his school cafeteria. Because of this brave employee, school staff were evacuated safely from the building and extensive school property damage was prevented.
- Board President James Howard administered the Oath of Office to two new District police officers – Daniel Cortinas and Gilbert Huron.

Core4 STEM Expo Presentation

The Board was given a presentation on the upcoming 2nd Annual Core4 STEM Expo, the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's premiere education initiative. Ramiro Cavazos, president and CEO for the Hispanic Chamber, gave the board a report. The Core4 STEM Expo's mission is to inspire and motivate students within the San Antonio community to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Professionals from the industry meet with students and serve as role models. Four area school districts will participate including San Antonio ISD. Seventh and eighth graders from SAISD will participate in this two-day event that will take place Nov. 2-3 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Update on Bond 2010 Implementation Plan

The Board received an update on the Bond 2010 Implementation Plan by Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, and members of the Munoz-Jacobs Consortium. Mr. ElHabr reported on the progress of internal District management projects, including: the resurfacing of four high school tracks to be complete in September; playground installation complete or substantially complete at 18 of 45 elementary schools; security fencing designs being drafted for 32 schools; key-card access system installations continuing at several schools; partially or fully installed technology equipment for 23 schools and 22 more campuses have technology equipment ordered; transportation facilities are conducting design, site and environmental studies and hosting user group meetings; architect contract is in progress for the

upgrade of vocation and career labs at District middle schools; design and a site survey continuing for Alamo Stadium and the Convocation Center. The District's external report included a briefing on the extensive communications promoting community bond meetings. All 23 primary architect contracts for school renovations have been signed. A contractor fair is being planned for October.

State Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Presentation

Trustees were given a presentation on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and its implications for District and Campus Accountability. Beginning in spring 2012, STAAR will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), which is the assessment program that has been in place since 2003. The STAAR program at grades 3-8 will assess the same grades and subjects as are assessed on TAKS. For high school, general subject-area TAKS tests will be replaced with twelve end-of-course assessments. STAAR will have a greater focus on college and career readiness.

Update on Academic Advisory Council

Trustees were given an update on the status of the Academic Advisory Council by Deputy Superintendent Betty Burks. The Academic Advisory Council is to provide advisement on a three-year strategic plan for improvement in academic performance throughout SAISD. The scope of the council is to gain an understanding of the state and federal accountability rating system, review performance goals for the next three years and review the district academic plan. The goal is to improve academic performance, reduce drop-out rate and prepare college/career ready students. Membership to the council will consist of principals, teachers, parents, and representatives from the community, business, university, SAISD Foundation and teachers' organizations.

Board of Trustee Sub-committee Reports

The Board Sub-committee Chairs provided update reports. President-elect Ed Garza, chair for the Internal Audit Sub-committee, provided an update on an internal audit regarding school activity funds. Vice-president Ruben Cuero, chair for the Board and Superintendent Goals Sub-committee, said the group would meet in September to discuss a TASB workshop suggestion of changing the evaluation tool for the Superintendent from a numerical to a category assessment.

Update on Request for Electronic Campaign Finance Reporting

The Board of Trustees received an update on the status of a Board request for electronic campaign finance reporting by Carmen Vazquez-Gonzalez, Executive Director of Government Community Relations. The electronic campaign reporting system would be provided to the District by the City of San Antonio. A formal agreement and associated costs is pending and will be bought back to the Board for final approval.

Two SAISD Board Members Approved to Serve on TASB Delegate Assembly

Trustees approved the selection of two SAISD Board members to serve in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly. Adela Segovia was voted to serve as the delegate and Ruben Cuero was named the alternate.

Discussion on Nominations to the Board for Bexar County Appraisal District

The Board of Trustees discussed the nominations to the Board of the Bexar County Appraisal District for the January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 term. Each taxing unit authorized to vote may nominate, by resolution of its governing body, one candidate for each position on the Bexar County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Contracts Approved

- A “Cooperative Purchasing Agreement” with the City of Fort Worth which will allow the District to enter into a Participation Agreement between SAISD and JP Morgan Chase Bank to provide Purchase Card and related services.
- Memorandum of Understanding between SAISD and the University of Texas at Austin for the Students Partnering for Undergraduate Rhetoric Success Dual Credit Pilot at Brackenridge HS for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Renewal Memorandum of Understanding between SAISD and the National Council for History Education to plan and present two 3-day colloquia for 38 teachers.
- Service Delivery Agreement between Communities In Schools and SAISD for implementation of CIS-SA Project at Davis MS.
- Online Supplemental Science Materials – Grades 5-8, Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), and Physics as recommended by the District-wide Teacher Committee.
- DMI Corp Decker Mechanical (parent Company of DMI Entegral Solutions) for the replacement of existing HVAC equipment at 11 sites contingent on award of a State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Grant.
- Concordia University Texas for the use of classroom space at Harris MS.

Board Approves Revision of Rental Fees

The Board of Trustees approved the revision of rental fees for Alamo Stadium, Alamo Convocation Center and the Sports Complex by non-SAISD organizations. Rental fees had not been revised since 2001. The revision is intended to generate increased revenue for SAISD by providing affordable fees to a variety of users. The new fees will also align SAISD with the fees of comparable school districts in San Antonio.

Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Alamo Convocation Center for Texas Fuel, a Professional American Basketball Association franchise, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day for 16 days. The dates include November 20, 27, 2011; December 4, 11, 18, 30, 2011; January 8, 15, 22, 2012; February 4, 12, 19, 26, 2012 for regular season games and March 9, 10, and 11 2012 as potential playoffs, to host basketball tournaments.

Items Approved

- The Board approved the method of procurement of construction for the Bond 2010 projects including the Alamo Stadium and Convocation Center, Transportation Center, Career Exploration Labs and other district-wide projects.
- Trustees approved a parking license agreement with KIPP San Antonio for the use of Alamo Stadium and Convocation Center parking lot.
- The Board approved SAISD schools for public health emergency dispensation centers.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Renewal for purchase of Letter Jackets and Letters in support of all 9-12th grade students who meet the award criteria for UIL participation in Athletics and Fine Arts programs.
- Interlocal Agreement between City of San Antonio (COSA) and SAISD in support of the 2011-2012 After School Challenge Program.
- Purchase of desktop computers (Qty: 50), laptops (Qty: 50), black and white printers (Qty: 19) and promethean interactive white boards (Qty: 6), in support of students 9th – 12th grade at Navarro HS. Purchase of promethean interactive white boards (Qty: 7) for students 6th – 8th grade at Poe MS. Purchase of desktop computers and cables (Qty: 88) for students 6th – 8th grade at Rhodes MS.
- Purchase of trash disposal and recycling services for all campuses District-wide.
- Renewal purchase of Environmental, Health and Safety Related Consulting Services in support of SAISD Bond and various routine campus projects on an “as needed” basis.
- Renewal purchase of Musical Equipment on an “as needed” basis in support of Academy, Middle and High School Music Programs.
- Renewal purchase of band instruments on an “as needed” basis in support of Academy, Middle and High School Music Programs.
- Renewal purchase of musical instrument materials and supplies on an “as needed” basis in support of Academy, Middle and High School Music Programs.
- Renewal purchase of band instrument accessories and supplies on an “as needed” basis in support of Academy, Middle and High School Music Programs.
- Renewal purchase of band uniforms and accessories for 9th -12th grade students in the 2011-2012 school year.
- Renewal purchase of External Grant Evaluation Consulting Services to conduct research studies, collect and analyze data in support of GEAR UP students, teachers and parents for all high school campuses, including Travis ECHS.
- Renewal purchase of physical and occupational therapy services in support of District-wide use for eligible students with disabilities during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Renewal purchase of Emergency Notification System (ENS) including Software Site Licensure to provide a fully hosted web-based service in support of 70,000 users.
- Purchase of iPads (Qty: 100) in support of District-wide use.

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