



Board Meeting

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Board Meeting “A” held on Nov. 12, 2012 and Board Meeting “B” held Nov. 26, 2012
at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions

- The Student Christmas Card Contest Winner and Unveiling of the Official 2012 SAISD Christmas Card. The theme for this year is the “Christmas Star.” The grand prize winner was Betty Clay of Highlands HS.

Trustees Approve Renewal of Teach for America Contract

The Board approved to renew the contractual amendment with Teach for America (TFA) for the Educational Professional Services. The approval allows the District to have a pool of qualified teachers from TFA assigned to campuses throughout the District. The proposed third amendment modifies the base contract by extending the term for three years, beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year through 2015-2016. About 90 to 100 TFA teachers will be hired each school year during the three year agreement. Each TFA teacher remains in a cohort for two years in SAISD.

Board Approves Agreements with TAMU-SA

Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with Texas A&M University at San Antonio for implementation of the Ready from Day One Model for Success Initiative. The program provides an 18-month field residency commitment in one school district for the university participants (student fellows). The program focuses on teaching practices that will prepare the student fellows to become highly effective and to be ready to take charge of their classroom (when offered full-time employment) on day one. A second Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with TAMU-SA was approved for implementation of the School Leadership Consortium Initiative. TAMU-SA has designed a program as part of their Models for Schools (MSI) Initiative that focuses on the preparation of aspiring campus administrators.

Trustees Approve the SAISD 2013 Legislative Priorities

The Board approved the adoption of the SAISD’s 2013 Legislative Priorities for the 83rd Texas Legislative Session. SAISD has developed legislative priorities committed to its mission of graduating and educating all students to be contributing members of the community. The District will advocate for these priorities during the 83rd Texas Legislative Session, which convenes Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Update on Continued Dialogue with Cedar St. Property and Bonham

The Board was provided an update by members of the Emily Edwards Endowment on their proposal for the development/integration of the 114 Cedar St. property and Bonham Academy. Trustees requested additional detail, and a full presentation will be given at the December school board meeting.

Digital Food Imaging Analysis Project Update

Trustees were given a presentation from Dr. Roberto Treviño from the Social & Health Research Center (SHRC) on the Digital Food Imaging Analysis (DFIA) project, a four-year research grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). On May 31, 2011, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with SHRC to conduct the USDA research study within SAISD aimed at developing an innovative instrument to estimate dietary intake. The study is being conducted at Graebner, Franklin and Woodlawn Hills elementary schools.

Bond Update

The Board received an update and discussed the Bond 2010 Implementation Plan and other related matters. Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, reported on the internal projects, including the athletic tracks at Jefferson, Brackenridge and Lanier where rubberized top coating will be installed in December and January. Additional progress included: playground equipment for the remaining 22 schools will be done after major construction is complete; obsolete technology equipment is being replaced at campuses; security fencing construction is in progress at nine schools; security access systems is complete at 46 of 68 schools; security cameras are being installed at six campuses; construction work for Career Exploration labs is being done at Poe and Rhodes middle schools; and Alamo Stadium received final approval from the Texas Historic Commission and the Historic and Design Review Commission. Construction for Alamo Stadium is scheduled to start in December. The SAISD external team did not provide a report.

Board of Trustee Sub-committee Reports

Vice-president Ruben Cuero provided an update on the Budget, Finance and Audit sub-committee. Secretary Olga Hernandez gave a briefing on the Growth and Development sub-committee. Assistant Secretary Adela Segovia gave an update on the Academic Excellence sub-committee. Trustee James Howard briefed the board on the Governance subcommittee.

Contracts Approved

- Renewal of the contract with Education Service Center Region XIII (Region XIII) for annual membership in the Texas Title I Priority School (TTIPS) TEA-Design Transformation Model, which is also referred to as the TTIPS-Texas Transformation Project. The TTIPS transformation campuses are Sam Houston HS, Fox Tech HS, Navarro Academy, and Davis MS.
- Wheatley Heights Sports Complex for the Usage of the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex during the 2012-2013 school year.

Items Approved

- The District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012.
- The Amended Budget report for November 2012.
- Revisions to the Board Operating Procedures.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Professional Development Training in support of teachers at Estrada Achievement Center, Cooper Academy, Navarro Academy and all Satellite Campuses.
- Rubberized Playground Covering Materials, including removal, installation and disposal of existing playground coverings in support of Carroll, Knox, Carvajal, and Tynan Early Childhood Facilities.
- Testing and Balancing Consultative Services for environmental systems for newly constructed and renovated facilities for Bond 2010 projects.
- Energy Efficient Translucent Window Panel System to provide insulation for the SmartLab Learning Environment in support of Lowell and Rhodes middle schools.
- Musical Instruments on an “as needed” basis in support of Academy, Middle and High School Music Programs for grades 6th – 12th.
- Uniforms, Apparel and Accessories on an “as needed” basis for performances of musical groups.
- Musical Instrument Supplies and Accessories on an “as needed” basis in support of Academy, Middle and High School Music Programs for grades 6th – 12th.
- Reading Materials for Guided Reading Library, Shared Reading and Classroom Libraries in support of all campuses District-wide.
- Professional Development Training in support of faculty and staff to add rigor in Reading/ELA curriculum.
- Funding increase to purchase Voice and Data Network Cabling Services, including cabling repairs and equipment installation, in support of the District-wide network infrastructure on an “as needed” basis.

Items Tabled

- Policy revisions of BDB (LOCAL) – relates to committees
- Citizens Oversight Committee Charter

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