

Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Board Meeting "A" held on Jan. 13, 2014 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210 Board Meeting "B" held Jan. 21, 2013 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions

• SAISD Board President Ed Garza administered the Oath of Office to four new commissioned police officers. The new officers are Jesus Alcaraz, Javier Ibarra, Robert Sanchez Jr., and Moses Ramirez.

Superintendent State of the District Address Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Dr. Sylvester Perez on the State of the District. Dr. Perez highlighted recent achievements for SAISD including the downward trend of the District dropout rate in the last six years (expected to be below 10% for the Class of 2013), the increase in ontime graduation rate (above 85% for Class of 2013), expansion of the Read 180 program for grades 6-8 and installation of reading teachers for grades 6 and 9 to improve student literacy, and TEA approval of second Early College High School in SAISD with Alamo Colleges. Dr. Perez emphasized that SAISD is focused on student achievement, with reading and writing rigor as a priority, and overall student and school success, along with continuing and growing the offerings of choice with the many specialized schools and programs within the District. The presentation concluded with recognizing the Team of 8 (school board members and superintendent) for working cohesively in fulfilling the District's mission and goals.

Board Approves District Improvement Plan (DIP)

Trustees approved the 2013 - 2014 District Improvement Plan (DIP). The SAISD DIP is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Education Code. The statute 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.

Tax Exempt Commercial Paper Program Approved

Trustees approved for the District to proceed with the establishment of a Tax Exempt Commercial Paper Program. As a part of the debt financing structure for the Bond 2010 construction expenditures, the District is recommending establishing a Tax Exempt Commercial Paper Program. This program is cost effective because the cost of borrowing is based on short term interest rates, which are significantly lower than the interest cost for long term fixed rate bonds. The Tax Exempt Commercial Paper Program would allow the District to draw funds at the exact time that they are needed to pay construction bills, reducing the carrying cost of interest

that would normally be accrued with excess bond proceeds on hand. This program will be particularly useful as the District enters two years of active construction where the timing of debt issuance afforded by this strategy will minimize interest cost and will help manage the District's Debt Service (Interest & Sinking Fund - I&S) tax rate.

Commercial Paper Dealers Approved

The Board approved Commercial Paper Dealer(s), Issuing & Paying Agent, and Liquidity Facility Provider. As a part of the proposed debt financing structure for the Bond 2010 construction expenditures, the District has recommended to the Board the establishment of a Tax Exempt Commercial Paper Program. District administration completed a formal evaluation of all vendors according to the criteria provided in the RFP. Vendors approved include Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Royal Bank of Canada (Commercial Paper Dealers), Amegy Bank (Issuing and Paying Agent) and Royal Bank of Canada (Liquidity and Facility Provider). District staff and Bond Counsel will develop and finalize the "Final Order." This Final Order will establish terms and conditions for the Commercial Paper program and will be brought to the Board in February for approval.

Bond Update

The Board received an update on the Bond 2010 implementation plan. Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, reported on the internal projects, including security fencing to be installed at Cameron ES; security access controls at Hawthorne Academy partially installed in new campus building only; security video surveillance installation complete at 9 campuses in the past month; career exploration labs for Harris and Whittier middle schools moving from design to construction phase; a new transportation facility in the property platting process and traffic study phase; Alamo Stadium's Convocation Center (gym) substantially complete and occupied, and the stadium and field work at 65 percent complete. The Munoz-Jacobs team reported on the external projects, showing 19 projects currently in the construction phase.

School Board Member Training Hours Report

All SAISD Board Members have met and exceeded their annually required training hours with the exception of the newest Trustees Art Valdez and Steve Lecholop, who both joined the Board in the middle of the year. The record of completed SAISD Board Member training hours was for the period Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Trustee Olga Hernandez gave an update on the Growth and Development Committee. Trustee James Howard provided an update on the Governance Committee.

Policy Revisions Approved

Policy Revisions for BBE(LOCAL), CH(LOCAL), DBAA(LOCAL), DH(LOCAL), FB(LOCAL), FFG(EXHIBIT), and FFH(LOCAL). BBE(LOCAL) relates to Board Members Authority. CH(LOCAL) relates to Purchasing and Acquisition. DBAA(LOCAL) relates to Criminal History and Credit Reports. DH(LOCAL) relates to Employee Standards of Conduct. FB(LOCAL) relates to Equal Educational Opportunity. FFG(EXHIBIT) relates to Student

Welfare, Child Abuse And Neglect. FFH(LOCAL) relates to Student Welfare, Freedom From Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation.

Contracts Approved

- Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County to assess kindergarten students during the spring semester of 2013-2014 using the Early Development Instrument (EDI).
- Agreement between the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex (WHSC, Inc.) and SAISD for the use of the WHSC for the Spring.

Items Approved

- Ratify the Superintendent's approval of St. Mary's University for the use of the SAISD Sports Complex baseball field for eight days during October, 2013, for the purpose of practice and competition while the renovations of their field were being completed.
- Request for Ratification of the Letter of Intent and Understanding between SAISD and the City of San Antonio's Head Start Program.
- Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP Pkg. 2) including Owner's Construction Contingency for New Construction and Renovation at Longfellow Middle School Under the 2010 Bond Program.
- Site Licenses of Math Imagine Software to Provide Additional Curriculum Resources for STAAR EOC Algebra I Non-Masters in Preparation for the Algebra I Re-Test.
- Addition to Employee Service Record Signature Authority.
- 2013-2014 List of Certified Appraisers.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Installation of Office Furniture, including modular units, freestanding units, chairs and conference tables, in support of the newly renovated Alamo Convocation Center.
- Asbestos, Lead and Mold Remediation Services in support of the 2010 Bond Program and routine maintenance and repair operations District-wide.
- Truancy Monitoring and Reduction Program Services in support of students in grades 9th 12th at Navarro Academy.
- Professional Development and Technical Assistance for Teachers, Administration and the Campus Leadership Team in support of Navarro Academy.
- Purchase of International School Buses, 77 Passenger Local Route Buses (Qty: 5), 71
 Passenger Special Needs Buses with Lift (Qty: 2), and 54 Passenger Special Needs Buses
 with Lift (Qty: 2), in support of District-wide use.

Items Pulled

• Proposed Boundary Changes: W. W. White Elementary School, 545 S. W. W. White Road and Cameron Elementary School, 4551 Dietrich Road.

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Board of Education Ed Garza, President; Olga M. Hernandez, Vice President; Arthur V. Valdez, Secretary; James Howard, Assistant Secretary; Steve Lecholop, Member; Debra Guerrero, Member; Patti Radle, Member; Dr. Sylvester Perez, Superintendent