



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on September 21, 2009 at 141 Lavaca
San Antonio, TX 78210

Resolution passed designating Oct. 12, 2009 as Coach William C. ‘Nemo’ Herrera Day

On Oct. 12 the life and contributions of Coach William C. “Nemo” Herrera will be celebrated through the naming of the new Lanier HS Alumni Center court in his honor. During his 17-year (1928-45) tenure as coach for the Lanier boy’s basketball team, Herrera led the team to state championships in 1943 and ’45, and to numerous tournaments and playoffs. His teams were known for their determination and speedy, rapid-delivery style of play, and for their discipline on and off the courts. Herrera also was a 1918 Brackenridge HS graduate. He passed away in 1984, but his legacy will forever live in those whose lives he touched and inspired.

Trustees recognize Sam Houston HS track students

Earnestine Cray and Deshawn Booker were recognized by the board for earning medals for their performances at the June 5 and 6 state University Interscholastic League track and field meet in Austin. Competing in the categories of girls and boys long jump, Earnestine placed second with a jump of 18 feet 5 inches, while Deshawn’s jump of 6 feet 8 inches earned him third place.

Head Start Contract Amendment approved

Trustees approved an amendment to the Head Start Program contract with the city of San Antonio, which increases revenue to SAISD by \$556,896. Approximately \$250,000 will be allocated to playground equipment. The increase is due to stimulus funds received by the city.

Highlands HS to pilot UIL wrestling program

The Board approved Highland High School’s request for a wrestling program at the school. With the addition of this sport, stipends for a head coach and assistant coach will be required. Currently no SAISD high school offers competitive wrestling. Program goals are to provide additional opportunities for student athletes to compete at the UIL level and to enhance their physical development.

Gear Up update presented

The Board was updated on the results of the GEAR Up program to date. Since implemented in 2005, GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness Undergraduate Programs) has assisted the children of predominantly low-income families to acquire the skills, resources and information needed to help them achieve higher education and lifelong success. Approximately 5,196 students have been served to date. This year 3,758 District 10th-graders are participants, and fifty-one percent of this group as 9th-graders met SAEP (San Antonio Education Partnership) scholarship requirements, compared to 37 to 50 percent of 12th-graders in 2006-08.

Some upcoming events and activities for GEAR UP participants are college field trips, tutoring in math, reading, and science, student and parent programs at UTSA, and leadership activities for both students and their parents. In addition to SAEP and UTSA, some of the other SAISD’s partners for this six-

year \$18 million federally-funded grant program include the Family Services Association, Junior Achievement, Communities in Schools, National Hispanic Institute, the Education Service Center Region 20 and Wexford Inc.

Renewal agreements for the 2009-10 school year

Trustees approved:

- Renewal of memorandum of understanding between SAISD and Project Stay Inc., which has provided free college readiness services to District high school students since 1968. For 2009-2010, their services have been extended to Whittier Academy and Twain MS. Project Stay provides assistance to students applying for college admission, scholarships, testing and financial aid.
- Renewal of memorandum of understanding between SAISD and the Alamo Colleges for the Gateway to College Program at Palo Alto and San Antonio College. This program is designed to help 16- to 20-year-olds who are in danger of dropping out to not only complete high school but to earn college credit as well.

Renewal agreements approved

- Rental usage of the SAISD Sports Complex by the First Look Baseball, a college scouting and evaluation service.
- Rental usage of Alamo Stadium by Free Spirits Track Club, which promotes running and coaching for all, especially for school-aged athletes.

A number of District purchases were approved including:

- Advancement Via Individual Determination program licensure, membership, student materials and professional development to support grades 6-12.
- Renewal for purchase of musical equipment on an as needed basis in support of District music programs.
- Foam soap and dispensers for maintaining hand sanitation for girls and boys restrooms on an as needed basis.
- Fire extinguishers maintenance services on an as needed basis Districtwide.
- Renewal for purchase of Early Literacy Assessments to include mCLASS and e-CIRCLE annual software subscriptions, instructional materials and professional development administered on palm handhelds.
- Fast ForWord Program to provide Tier 3 reading intervention program for seven high schools, the Navarro Academy and Bexar County Juvenile Center.
- Disposal, recycling and/or destruction services for obsolete personal computer hard drives, laptops, monitors, records, employee health and financial records.
- Renewal of purchase for Internet Services on an as needed basis to maintain the District's central Internet connection.
- Renewal for the purchase of environmental, health and safety-related consulting services in support of various programs at Brackenridge HS, Riverside Park Academy and other campuses on an as needed basis.
- Renewal for purchase of consulting services to provide external grant evaluation services to conduct research and to collect and analyze data for GEAR UP social studies and other District grants.

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