



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on December 8, 2009 at 141 Lavaca St.
San Antonio, TX 78210

Trustees Approve Employee Accumulated Leave Attendance Incentive Plan

The Board approved the implementation of an accumulated leave attendance incentive plan based on a payout of accumulated leave for District employees meeting specified criteria upon retirement or resignation. The goal of this plan is to improve employee attendance, retention and recruiting.

Board Approves Open Enrollment Zone and Feeder Pattern for Fox Tech High School

Trustees approved an open enrollment zone as the attendance boundary for students currently attending Fox Tech High School for a three-year phase out period. While all current Fox Tech students will be able to graduate from that school, they will also have the choice to transfer to other SAISD high schools through a one-time enrollment period and still maintain UIL eligibility. The Board also approved a new feeder pattern for middle school students living in the current Fox Tech attendance boundaries. Based on the student's home addresses, the students were rezoned to either Lanier, Brackenridge or Edison. Modification of feeder patterns for these middle schools currently feeding into Fox Tech High School is in line with the District's long-range strategic restructuring plan.

Board Approves Agreement with Alamo College District for College Connection Program

Trustees approved the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between SAISD and the Alamo Colleges for the College Connection Program. SAISD has partnered with the Alamo Colleges for the past two years to implement the College Connections program in each high school. The program allows all seniors to complete a free application to one of the Alamo Colleges; take a college placement exam at their high school; and receive assistance registering for college classes while still in high school. Participation allows graduates options such as starting at one of the community colleges immediately following high school and then transferring to a four-year university; taking advantage of summer classes that will transfer to a university; and/or if their plans change then they are already enrolled in the community college and can start classes in the fall.

Trustees recognize Student Christmas Card Winner

The Board recognized Hawthorne Academy's Pablo Gutierrez Gladwish. Pablo was the grand prize winner in the first SAISD Christmas Card Contest. Close to one thousand student entries were submitted at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Pablo's winning entry was unveiled as the District's Official 2009 SAISD Christmas Card.

Long-Range Strategic Restructuring Plan Update

The Board was updated on the District's development of a strategic restructuring plan and an estimated schedule of upcoming activities. The update included information on programs and facilities considerations. On October 26, 2009, the Board authorized staff to complete the development of the proposed Long-Range Strategic Restructuring Plan. This last phase in the process involves enhancement of academic and career programs at campuses, further development of the scope of facilities improvements, project costs and schedules of implementation with implications of District finances and tax rate.

A number of District purchases were approved including:

- Playground Equipment at ten (10) locations in support of Head Start students ages 3 through 5.
- Uniforms for District Classified Personnel in accordance with established departmental guidelines
- Telescopic Forklift Equipment, pipe cleaning and bobcat for use by Plant Services personnel
- "MyChinese360 Program", Self-Paced Online Accredited Chinese-language Curriculum for students at Brackenridge, Tafolla, Davis and Bonham

Ratification of Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Sports Complex for the Texas Youth Football Association on November 28, 2009
- Alamo Stadium for North American Jr. Independent Football Federation on December 5, 2009

For a complete list, please visit www.saisd.net

Board of Education

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