Board Meeting
HIGHLIGHTS

Board meeting held on March 21, 2011 at David G. Burnet Center, 406 Barrera St.,
San Antonio, TX 78210

Trustees Approve Architects and Engineers for Bond 2010

The Board approved the District's selection of architects and engineers for the Bond 2010 package (pending contract finalization). Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, provided the presentation. A four-member District panel selected the top firms during an 8 week evaluation period. Twenty-five primary firms were chosen and will be offered contracts with the District. A point system was used to rate the firms.

2010-2011 District Accreditation Status Presentation

Administration briefed Board Members on the District's Accreditation rating by the Texas Education Agency. Earlier this month, SAISD received an Accredited-Warned status as a result of being rated Academically Unacceptable, due to Completion Rate for the class of 2008 and class of 2009. The interventions put in place over the past two years have resulted in steady improvement and preliminary estimates for the Class of 2010 meet or exceed state standards.

Board Advised of Basketball Game Incident

Trustees were briefed on an incident that occurred March 4, 2011, during the semi-final boys basketball game between Cedar Park HS and Lanier HS. At the game, a select group of Cedar Park fans chanted derogatory remarks towards the predominantly Hispanic Lanier basketball team. SAISD has filed a formal report with the University of Interscholastic League, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Public Safety. DPS has referred SAISD to the San Antonio Police Department, the law agency on duty at the game. The Cedar Park HS principal has sent a letter of apology to the Lanier principal. The Cedar Park superintendent apologized to SAISD Superintendent Robert Durón via a telephone conversation. An official response from the UIL is pending.

Recognitions and Resolutions

- Trustees recognized campuses for being named as 2010 National Center for Education Achievement Higher Performing Schools. Elementary school recipients were Arnold, Baskin, J.T. Brackenridge, Briscoe, Fenwick, Foster, Margil, Maverick, Miller, Steele and Woodlawn Hills. Middle school winners were Poe and Tafolla. Edison was the high school honoree.
- The Board recognized Green and Kelly elementary schools for their exemplary counseling programs and receiving the Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award.
- The Board recognized a Resolution in Recognition of 50 Years of National Youth Art Month for March 2011.

Board Appoints Academic Advisory Council

Trustees approved appointing an Academic Advisory Council to provide advisement for a 3-year strategic plan to improve academic performance throughout SAISD. The goals of this Council will be to provide recommendations for improving academic performance, reducing drop-out rate and preparing college/career ready students. The scope of the Council will be to gain an understanding of state and federal accountability rating systems, review the District academic plan, and analyze current issues impacting public education and SAISD. The Council will consist of District personnel and community members.

Trustees Approve Textbook Committee Recommendations

The Board approved the District Textbook Committee's Recommendations for English Language Arts, English as a Second Language and Pre-Kindergarten Systems. The committee was composed of volunteer teachers that met regularly in October, November, December and January. The sessions included input from teachers, parents and community members. Textbooks selected will be implemented during the 2011 school year and will remain for the life of the adoption.

Contracts Approved

- The Board approved the ESC-20 Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Shared Services Arrangement Agreement. SAISD will join eight districts to provide for the efficient delivery of legally required special education and related services to eligible students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Trustees approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the 2011 Athletic Facilities Air Tempering at six middle schools: Davis, Page, Tafolla, Irving, Lowell and Rhodes.
- The Board approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the Chiller Replacement at Young Women's Leadership Academy at Mann and Lowell middle schools.
- Trustees approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the HVAC Controls Replacements at Collins Garden Elementary School and Page Middle School.
- The Board approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the HVAC Controls Replacements at Sam Houston High School.
- Trustees approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the Replacement of the Steam Boilers with Hot Water Fire Tube Boilers at two Campuses: Pershing Elementary School and Rogers Middle School.
- The Board approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the Site Water Line Replacements and Backflow Preventers at four Campuses: Carvajal, Highland Hills, JT Brackenridge and Irving.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Purchase of Closed Circuit Television Security System (CCTV), including maintenance, service and training for equipment at eight high schools and other campuses with existing security cameras.
- Purchase of Laserjet Black and White Printers (Qty: 40), Laserjet Color Printers (Qty: 5), and Promethean Interactive Devices (Qty: 25) for students in grades 9-12 at Fox Tech HS.
- Renewal purchase of Teaching Materials and Supplies in support of campuses District-wide on an "as needed" basis.
- Renewal purchase of Classroom and Office Supplies in support of campuses and departments District-wide on an "as needed" basis.
- Purchase of Teacher Desktop Computers (Qty: 15) and Teacher Laptops (Qty: 16) in support of teachers in 6th – 8th grade Science, Math and Reading classrooms.
- Purchase of Notebook computer Storage Carts for Laptops (Qty: 25) in support of students in grades 9th – 12th at Sam Houston High School.
- Rental of the Alamodome for Graduation Ceremonies in support of all eight high schools scheduled for June 11-13, 2011.
- Renewal purchase of Maintenance Repair Services for Microcomputers and Printers in support of campuses and departments on an "as needed" basis.
- Purchase of Network Servers in support of 91 campuses District-wide to maximize the availability and stability of SAISD's technology infrastructure.
- Purchase of CISCO Switches in support of 25 Elementary Schools, Phase I (E-Rate).
- Purchase of Cellular Services, Year 14 (E-Rate) to provide push-to-talk, cellular, data and mobile service for Travis Early College, Campus Administration, and other Administrative Offices.
- Purchase of Consulting Services to provide speech therapy services in support of District-wide use for eligible students with disabilities during the 2010-2011 school year.

Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Alamo Convocation Center for the Crusades for Christ Chris Foster Ministries on July 1 and 2, 8 and 9, 15 and 16, 23 and 30, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day for youth programs, events and ministry.
- Alamo Stadium for the Place for Life Church on May 28, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for their Remember Me Children's Field Day.
- Alamo Stadium for Youth United Against Drugs and Gangs on March 19, 2011 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for 25th Annual Spring Break Extravaganza Track Meet.
- Sports Complex for First Look Baseball on June 4-5, 10-12, 17-19; July 1-3, 8-11, 15-17, 22-14, 29-31; and August 5-7, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.
- Ratify the usage of the Sports Complex Baseball Field for San Antonio College on Feb. 12, 19, 20 and March 12, 2011. Additional use of the Sports Complex Baseball Field on March 26-27, April 16 and 17, 2011 for SAC.

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