



Board Meeting

H I G H L I G H T S

Board meeting held on April 25, 2011 at David G. Burnet Center, 406 Barrera St.,
San Antonio, TX 78210

Update on Bond 2010 Implementation Plan

The Board received an update on the Bond 2010 Implementation Plan. Kamal ElHabr, SAISD Associate Superintendent of Facilities Services, and Munoz-Jacobs Consortium provided the latest information on the \$515 million bond package, which will make upgrades and renovations to schools across the District. In April, installation began for security fencing, door key-card access controls and playground equipment, and a Contracting Summit for Small Minority and Women Owned Businesses is scheduled for April 30. Athletic track surveys are complete and designs are underway, with plans for resurfacing to begin this summer. The selection of architecture firms was approved in March, and meetings have begun (and continue to be scheduled) with the selected firms to negotiate contracts. In May, computer deliveries to campuses will begin. The first Career Exploration Lab for middle schools is expected to be installed this summer. The Bond's Citizen Oversight Committee has been meeting and will continue to meet each month, the Tuesday before each regular scheduled board meeting.

Board Approves Resolution for Inclement Weather Non-Make-Up Day

Trustees approved a resolution that excuses District employees, whether on contract or at-will, from making up the February 4, 2011 inclement weather day, when schools and facilities were closed for the safety of students, staff and the community. All employees were expected to remain on-call that day in the event of a District determination that employees would be required to return to work. Employees who were required to make the day up already will be provided a day off before the end of the school year as determined by their supervisor. Additional information will be provided by Human Resources and supervisors.

Recognitions and Resolutions

- Trustees recognized three SAISD students for making the All State Texas Music Educators Association All State Band and Choir groups. Kenneth Lopez of Edison HS qualified in Mixed Choir, Bass I. Jacqueline Castillo, a clarinet player at Jefferson HS, made the 4A band, and Manuel Martinez, a tuba player at Jefferson, made the 5A band. The all state music students rank among the top 1% of all high school age musicians in the nation. Also recognized were choir directors from Edison HS (Valerie Watson and Susan Dilmore) and Jefferson HS band directors (Roger Duran, Justin Murphy and Jonathon Mireles).
- The Board recognized Lanier HS Criminal Justice students David Flores, Lalo Ojeda, and Amanda Martinez for winning first place at the SkillsUSA State competition for their Anti-bully Campaign entitled, "Making a Difference." The team will compete in the National SkillsUSA contest in Kansas City this summer.

- Trustees recognized Pastor Milton K. Smith and Empowering Grace Baptist Church as Friends of Education for contributions to the Sam Houston community and SAISD students.
- The Board recognized IKON Office Solutions as Friends of Education for contributions to SAISD Graphic Arts students. To date, IKON has donated \$20,000 in scholarship money to SAISD students. During the meeting, IKON presented scholarships to Lanier and Brackenridge students totaling about \$5000.
- Trustees recognized the SAISD Foundation and its support of the District through the annual Golf Fore Excellence Tournament. Since its inception in 2000, the golf tournament has raised nearly a half million dollars for SAISD schools and students.
- The Board recognized eight SAISD schools for being honored by the Division of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program coordination at the Texas Education Agency for outstanding academic performance. The SAISD schools recognized were Arnold, Austin, Baskin, Briscoe, Hawthorne, J.T. Brackenridge, Maverick, Wilson and Woodlawn Hills.
- The Board approved a Resolution in Recognition of School Nurse Day for May 11, 2011.

Bully Free Texas Program Presentation

Board members were presented with a presentation on the Bully Free Texas Program. Bully Free Texas is a proactive, research-based bully prevention initiative, designed specifically for Texas. Through a proven methodology, students receive triangulated support, guidance and instruction to help them overcome one of the most critical issues that face them today. The program uses a 3-Step process to engage families, teachers and principals.

Trustees Approve 2011-2012 SAISD Board Meeting Schedule

The Board approved the 2011-2012 SAISD Board Meeting Schedule. Board meeting dates usually happen the third Monday of the month. However, meeting dates are subject to change due to conflicts with federal holidays, District holidays and/or scheduled District-wide events. The official schedule is posted on the District's web site on the Board of Trustees page.

Trustees Approve Attendance Waiver Applications for TEA

The Board approved the Administration's recommendation to submit two attendance waiver applications to the Texas Education Agency for the 2010-2011 school year. TEA permits school districts to submit attendance waivers for missed instructional days and low attendance days due to weather, health, or safety related issues. A waived day of instruction is removed from the calendar for the requested schools and functions like a holiday, so the waived day is not included in attendance funding calculations. State funding for the District is based on average daily attendance, so low attendance days have a negative impact on the average.

Board Approves Agreement with City of SA for Lighting Upgrade at Edison Track

Trustees approved an interlocal agreement with the City of San Antonio for the design and construction of lighting around the walking track and field at Edison High School. The City will design, construct and install lighting amenities for the Edison track, allowing for a City expenditure of up to \$218,200. SAISD will be responsible for coordinating any public involvement meetings, obtaining warranties covering the installation and Improvements for a minimum of one year, and for all cost of maintenance of Improvement upon completion.

Board Approves Strategic Action Plan for New Tech San Antonio

The Board approved the \$74,700 contract between New Tech San Antonio and Cambridge Strategic Services for provision of strategic action planning services for a marketing strategy for New Tech San Antonio. This contract will be paid using a portion of the \$200,000 Strategic Planning Grant awarded by the Texas Education Agency to New Tech San Antonio. The school officially opens in August 2011 and is housed within the Sam Houston HS campus.

Trustees Approve SAISD Participation in Federal Promise Neighborhood Grant

The Board approved the District's participation in the continued planning of the Federal Promise Neighborhood Planning Grant, which focuses on converting Wheatley Middle School into a community school and its feeder elementary schools into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academics. These recommended strategies are contingent on the receipt of federal or other grant funds that will be raised by the Promise Neighborhood team. The U.S. Department of Education Promise Neighborhood grants provide funds to design comprehensive approaches for addressing the education and developmental needs of children in distressed, high-poverty communities.

Contracts Approved

- The Board approved the Head Start contract between SAISD and City of San Antonio from February 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011.
- Trustees approved an MOU between SAISD and the Alamo Community Colleges on behalf of Northwest Vista, St. Phillip's Main Campus, and St. Phillip's Southwest Campus for GEAR UP summer enrichment camps.
- The Board approved an agreement between Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design and San Antonio ISD for lease renewal of space at the Bowie Facility.
- Trustees approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning the Margil Old Elementary School Asbestos Abatement and Building Demolition.
- The Board approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning Roofing Upgrades at Douglass Academy, Lowell Academy and Edison High School.
- Trustees approved the award and authorized the Superintendent to execute agreements concerning Roofing at Sam Houston High School and Briscoe Academy.

Policy Revisions Approved

The Board approved policy revisions of CKB (LOCAL). This policy addresses eye and face protection for accident prevention purposes.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved Included:

- Purchase of ProVoice Portable Radios (Qty: 76) and Dispatch Console Equipment for replacement of an inefficient District-wide system with the San Antonio ISD Police Department. This purchase provides access to the city's radio communications system, helping provide a functional and safe environment, while also maintaining compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules.

- Purchase of Kid's College Learning and Star Sportsmanship Program, an interactive web based curriculum which incorporates sportsmanship, drug prevention, character building and reinforces math and reading skills.
- Renewal for the purchase of Floor Screening and Recoating Services for 30 wooden gym floors in support of 8 high schools, 10 middle schools, Douglass Academy and Alamo Convocation Center.
- Purchase of Promethean Interactive Whiteboards (Qty: 6) and Teacher Laptops (Qty: 34) in support of teachers in 9th – 12th grade classrooms for technology integration.
- Purchase of Promethean ActivBoard Projector Equipment (Qty: 4) and Netbooks (Qty: 144) in support of teachers and students in 4th – 12th grade classrooms.
- Purchase of Consulting Services to provide the TBEC Achieve Texas Education and Career Planning System, to include an on-line college readiness and test preparation system, professional development, training and outreach for all students.

Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Alamo Stadium for McCall and Associates LLC on May 21, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the Tashard Choice Football Clinic.

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