

July 22, 2011

New District appointments and assignments announced

Moises Ortiz, Brackenridge HS principal
Formerly: Eastside Memorial Global Tech HS principal, Austin ISD

Dawn Parker, Fox Tech HS principal
Formerly: Travis Early College HS principal

Orlando Vera, Travis Early College HS principal
Formerly: Christa McAuliffe MS principal, Southwest ISD

Travis McKelvain, Connell MS principal
Formerly: West Orange-Stark MS principal, West Orange-Cove Consolidated ISD

Carolina Elizondo, Tafolla MS principal
Formerly: Longfellow MS assist. principal

Robert Loveland, Twain MS principal
Formerly: Fox Tech HS assist. principal

Mary Olson, Wheatley MS principal
Formerly: Washington ES principal

Gary Pollock, Estrada AC principal
Formerly: Twain MS principal

Dr. John Jenkins, Navarro HS principal
Formerly: Estrada AC principal

Mary E. Alvarez Garcia, Pickett Academy principal
Formerly: Margil ES principal

Belinda Hernandez, Barkley-Ruiz ES principal
Formerly: Franklin ES principal

Erica Younglove, Forbes ES principal
Formerly: Ojeda MS assist. principal, Del Valle ISD

Eduardo Davila, Franklin ES principal
Formerly: Whittier MS assist. principal

Dr. Traci Smith, Herff ES principal
Formerly: Killeen ISD grants director

Shannon Fuller, Margil ES principal
Formerly: Boyd ES, Allen ISD

Anna Garcia, Sarah King ES principal
Formerly: Forbes ES principal

Natasha Flowers, Steele ES principal
Formerly: Ball ES administrative assist.

Phyllis Foley-Davis, Washington ES principal
Formerly: Pershing ES assist. principal

Anita Chavera, guidance and counseling department director
Formerly: Fox Tech HS principal

Linda Marsh, District shepherd, superintendent's office
Formerly: Brackenridge HS principal

John Norman, Human Resources Department administrative officer for policies and administrative procedures
Formerly: attorney at Cox, Smith, Matthews Inc.

Progress on SAISD Bond 2010 heats up over summer

This summer, workers have been busy on Bond 2010 projects. Highlights include:

High school athletic tracks

Work to replace cinder with all-weather tracks got under way at Burbank, Edison, Highlands and Sam Houston, with completion expected in September. Track replacement at the other four high schools will start this fall.

Playgrounds

Elementary school playground installations continue. Work at Beacon Hill and Hillcrest was completed this month. Still under way but slated for completion this month are playgrounds at Foster, Highland Hills and Schenck. The playgrounds being worked on now at Franklin, Highland Park, Maverick, Wilson and Woodlawn Hills are scheduled for completion in August. Receiving new playgrounds in June were Baskin, Bowden, J.T. Brackenridge, Forbes, Herff and Rodriguez.

Safety and security

- Installation of new security fencing is scheduled for July and August at J.T. Brackenridge, Briscoe, Collins Garden, De Zavala, Foster, Highland Park and Kelly elementaries, and Davis and Whittier middle schools.

- Keycard installation at Lamar ES has been completed, while installations at Beacon Hill, Crockett, Foster, Gates, Graebner, and Madison are scheduled for completion in August.

Technology upgrades

Removal of excess equipment was scheduled this month for 25 campuses, and new machines ordered for them.

Overall, 12,000 computers and related software will eventually be delivered to 68 campuses.

Vocation/career instruction

- The new Davis MS SmartLab Learning Environment - the first of 11 middle schools to receive these career technology labs - was completed in June. Labs for the other schools are being designed and are slated for installation next summer.

- Work is under way on the portion of a Sam Houston HS classroom wing to house the New Tech HS, scheduled to open this fall.

Renovations

The initial design phase got under way this summer for major renovations.

Schools: Community meetings were held throughout June and July to introduce project architects to the communities whose schools will receive major renovations, and

to obtain feedback on external site design elements. This was the first of three phases of the design process and meetings will be held during each phase to get community input.

The next round of meetings tentatively is set for mid-September when schematic designs are completed.

Once construction begins, work will proceed in phases to ensure safety and limited disruptions. Targeted completion is mid- to late 2013 for elementaries, and mid to late 2014 for high schools.

Alamo Stadium: Meetings between internal stakeholders and construction management staff were held in June to determine District needs and related renovations.

Coming Aug. 4

The public is invited to a community meeting to meet the architects and provide input into the site-master planning for the renovations to the Alamo Stadium and Convocation Center. The gathering, which will include a tour, will be Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-7:30 p.m in the Convocation Center.

Keep up with SAISD Bond 2010 by visiting www.saisd.net/bondprojects



A road grader clears ground in preparation of a new all-weather athletic track at Edison HS. Cinder tracks at all eight of SAISD's high schools are being replaced.



Highland Park is among 14 elementaries to receive new playgrounds this summer through SAISD Bond 2010.



Muñoz/Jacobs project manager Tray Pham (left) jots down input from Fenwick ES principal Tambrey Ozuna while she reviews plans for her school with consortium representative (l to r) Ken Hitchcock and architect Gabriel Durand-Hollis.

'Employee-only' health and dental coverage continues at no cost

On June 20 Trustees approved the renewal of the Humana Health and Dental programs for the 2011-12 plan year, and approved for the District to continue offering a no-cost premium option for health and dental "employee only" coverage with no plan design changes to either program.

Employee-paid premiums for the entire health

insurance program (all four plans and all coverage levels) will not increase this year. The premium increase to both the SAISD and employee contributions will be 100 percent funded by the District, representing a \$1.1 million, or 3.35 percent increase to SAISD.

Open enrollment starts Aug. 29

Once the enrollment period starts, employees wanting to add or change coverage will have until 11:59 p.m., Sept. 18, to do so.

For more information, call the Employee Benefits, Risk Management & Safety Department, 554-8662.

Partners in education

The many ways the District's schools, students and staff have benefitted from the SAISD Foundation were highlighted during a July 18 reception.

The New Teacher Supply Grant Program has allowed educators to enhance the learning environment for their students, while projects funded through \$332,740 from the Innovative Grant program have been attributed to helping improve Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills math and science test scores.

On Sept. 1 the foundation will announce its largest investment ever of Innovative Grant awards which will add a significant focus on reading.



1.) Foundation board member Trish DeBerry-Mejia addresses colleagues and SAISD staff and Trustees at the reception including (back row) School Board Assistant Secretary Olga Hernandez and Dr. Robert J. Durón. 2.) School Board President James Howard (right) and District 5 Trustee Patti Radle greet foundation board member Javier Leal.

How SAISD observes summer

Whether taking advantage of fun learning opportunities or accepting well-deserved accolades, District staff and students are making the most of summer 2011. These photos are just a few examples.



Lanier HS principal Miguel Elizondo (l to r), students David Garcia, Lalo Ojeda, Amanda Martinez and teacher Tamara Ford celebrate the teens taking bronze at the national SkillsUSA contest for their anti-bullying campaign.



Courtesy photos

Ranking among America's 150 smartest students by the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. qualified Enrique Reyes and Kirsten Redmon of Sam Houston HS for the prestigious "Adventures of the Mind" program.



Courtesy photo

Participating in a summer teacher institute sponsored by Humanities Texas at UTSA were (holding sign) Carol Hill, Poe MS and Valerie Estrada-Mejia, Highlands HS. Also, (l to r) Erin Gutierrez, Lanier HS; Sylvia Zaldivar Gonzales, Pickett Academy; and Maile Parker, Bonham Academy. Not pictured is YWLA teacher Amanda Mendoza, who attended the Humanities Texas Institute at Texas Christian University.



Courtesy photo

Jefferson HS principal Joanne Cockrell was one of two 2011 Change Leaders Award recipients recognized in July by the National Principals Leadership Institute during ceremonies in New York City.



GEAR UP students used raspberry juice to build a dye-sensitized solar cell as part Nanotechnology Camp.

Bonham Academy's Yvette Lopez was among teachers who created robots to prepare their students for a LEGO League robotics competition.



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