



# Board Meeting H I G H L I G H T S

Board Meeting A held on April 10, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210  
Board Meeting B held on April 17, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

## Recognitions

- The Board recognized Dr. Linda Vargas-Lew, the Fox Tech HS Lead Counselor, for being selected to visit New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi in United Arab Emirates. This visit is for a 3-day Counselor weekend at the NYU Abu Dhabi campus on April 28 - 30, 2017. Dr. Vargas-Lew was interviewed by the NYU Abu Dhabi Admissions office, and was identified as a passionate high achieving counselor who goes above and beyond to support college opportunities for students. The New York University has three campuses located in New York, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai. Dr. Vargas-Lew has been selected to join 32 counselors from all over the United States and Canada to meet with several of the NYU students, faculty, and staff.
- Trustees recognized the work of the Bilingual Redesign Committee (BRC). The BRC is comprised of bilingual teachers, principals, assistant principals, university professors, Region 20 representatives, San Antonio Alliance representatives, Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) representatives, and district administrators (a total of approximately 35 members). The BRC met nine times during the 2016-2017 school year with the charge of redesigning SAISD Bilingual/ESL Programs to better serve English Learners (ELs). The SAISD Bilingual Redesign Committee has reviewed TEA guidelines regarding instructional programs for ELs, researched the effectiveness of instructional programs for ELs, and evaluated SAISD's current instructional programs serving ELs.
- SAISD Board President Patti Radle administered the Oath of Office to three new commissioned police officers. The new officers are Justin Croft, Connie Ellis and Georgina Scribner.

## Oath of Office Administered to District 6 Board Member

Board President Patti Radle administered the Oath of Office to Christina Martinez, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Single Member District 6. Ms. Martinez will serve as Trustee for District 6 until May 2019, when the term expires and elections are held. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Martinez at the March 27, 2017 school board meeting.

## SAISD 2016-2017 District Initiatives Update (Meeting A)

The Board received an update on the 2016-2017 SAISD Initiatives. In spring 2016, staff provided the Board with an overview of the District Initiatives that were implemented during the 2016-2017 school year. The objective is to help SAISD lay the foundation for plans to reach the District's 5 Year Goals. Lisa Riggs, Associate Superintendent of Academics, provided a report that showcased how the District Initiatives have now taken shape and are being refined in an effort to provide the best streamline of work. The District Initiatives revolve around five pillars – Academic Excellence, Culture Shift, Stakeholder Engagement, Talent Management and Fiscal Management. The report profiled only Academic Excellence. The Instructional Model is the core of the District's work. The purpose of the Instructional Model is to organize the District's vision

into a high level visual plan that is testable and periodically revisited. Some components in the Instructional Model are Gradual Release of Responsibility, Learning at all Levels, TEKS Resource System, Implementation Specialists, Balanced Literacy, Advanced Academics, Digital & Online Learning and Assessments. Advanced Academics consists of Advanced Placement (AP), World Languages, International Baccalaureate (IB), Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), Dual Credit and College Readiness / Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). The report also included a presentation from Dr. Matthew Weber, Deputy Superintendent for District Instruction, who provided an overview of the current assessments used in SAISD which consist of MAP (teacher feedback), Semester Exams, TSI (college ready), CoGat (verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative reasoning skills), GT (gifted and talented), SAT (college entrance exam) and AP (advanced placement). This presentation was the first of a series of discussions in preparation for the District Initiative budget proposals for the 2017-2018 school year.

## SAISD 2016-2017 District Initiatives Update (Meeting B)

Trustees received an update on the 2016-2017 SAISD Initiatives. This presentation was the second in a series of discussions in preparation for the District Initiative budget proposals for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Matthew Weber, Deputy Superintendent for District Instruction, provided a wrap up report of the Instructional Model Initiative and reviewed initiatives for 1) Residencies & Internships 2) Post-Secondary Culture and 3) Accelerated Campus Transformation. The Instructional Model included information from Bilingual/ESL/Dual Language, Special Education & Dyslexia, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Residencies and Internships is an area that invests in SAISD staff and puts systems in place where the District grows its own emerging leaders. Partnerships include Aspiring Principals with New Leaders, Relay Graduate School of Education, Relay Ogden Lab School, Texas A&M – San Antonio Masters in Reading, Trinity Administrative Intern Graduate Program, UTSA Urban School Leaders Collaborative and the McNeil Foundation. Accelerated Campus Transformation and Post-Secondary Culture were addressed in the Culture Shift category report.

## Contracts Approved

- Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and St. Philip's College for the Early College High School Program at Brackenridge High School.
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- Renewal of the MOU between SAISD and San Antonio College for the Early College High School Program at Travis ECHS.

## Items Approved

- Turnaround Plans for Second Year Improvement Required campuses.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for April 2017.
- Rental Agreement for the use of Mission Concepcion Sports Park (MCSP) Facilities for the 2017-2019 volleyball and basketball season and tournaments by the SAISD Athletics Academy Sports League.
- The proposed 2017-2018 SAISD Board Meeting Schedule.
- Change Order #005 for Edison High School under the 2010 Bond Program.

## Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Trustees Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee) and Art Valdez (Student Advisory Committee) provided committee reports.

## Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Online, Interactive Menus and Smartphone Application for parents and students to utilize.
- Equipment, Supplies and Services in support of campus cafeterias District-wide and Administrative Dining Room for the 2017-2018 School Year.
- Books, Reading and Writing Materials for Summer Reading/Writing Journals to build/enhance students home libraries.
- Property and Mechanical Breakdown Insurance to protect District owned property and limit financial impact of business interruption due to property damage or mechanical breakdown events.
- Mark Twain Conversion Project. This award will provide a functional and safe environment for students and staff.
- Purchase and Installation of Furniture. This purchase will support new programs including but not limited to Twain Dual Language Academy, Gonzalez and Nelson Early Childhood Education Centers, and Steele Montessori on an “as needed” basis for campuses receiving 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Purchase and Installation of Furniture. This purchase will support 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff at the new CAST Tech High School.
- Embedded Technology Walls including conduit and mounting brackets. This purchase will support 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff at the new CAST Tech High School.
- Purchase of the relocation of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment within a campus or between campuses to include labor, supplies and equipment.
- Audio Equipment for the Sam Houston High School Digital Production Room. This purchase will support the digital music program for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Inspections of Fire Alarm Devices in elevator shafts and hoists on an “as needed” basis District-wide.
- Daycare Services in support of Middle and High School teen parents with young children requiring services within the vicinity of their home and/or school during the 2017-2018 School Year on an “as needed” basis.
- Cooperative Purchasing Management Fees Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

## Tabled Item

Installation of mural at Fox Tech HS.

### **Board of Education**

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Debra Guerrero, Secretary; Ed Garza, Member; James Howard, Member; Steve Lecholop, Member;  
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