



Board Meeting

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Regular School Board Meeting A held on Sept. 10, 2018 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210
Regular School Board Meeting B held on Sept. 17, 2018 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions & Resolutions

- The Board recognized Harris Middle School for earning the International Baccalaureate (IB) World School Status. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) is open to any student in grades six thru ten at schools that have been authorized to implement the program. The MYP is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. Students who complete the MYP are well-prepared to undertake the IB Diploma Programme (DP) during their 11th and 12th grade years. This framework is comprised of eight subject groups, providing a broad and balanced education for early adolescents. Fifty hours of teaching time is required for each subject group in each year of the program. The MYP aims to develop active learners and internationally-minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning. It also empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance, locally, nationally and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers.
- Trustees recognized the SAISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for their achievement of being selected as one of five winners statewide for empowering health in school communities by IT'S TIME TEXAS. IT'S TIME TEXAS, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a statewide organization focused on dramatically improving the landscape of health and wellness in Texas (a collaboration with the UT System). The SAISD SHAC is being recognized for the development of the District Wellness Policy, approved by the Board and for reviewing and approving several evidenced-based instructional abstinence-plus curriculum for secondary campuses. In addition, SHAC parent membership increased from 14 to 28 parents during the 2017-2018 school year. Another major accomplishment includes support for the District and community physical activity programs such as: San Antonio Sports Iplay; Zumba Classes, Mayor's Fitness Council Student Ambassadors; and the development of the Kids' School Health Advisory Council (K-SHAC). The SAISD SHAC will be recognized for their efforts on October 25-26 at the Healthier Texas Summit in Austin.
- The Board recognized the faculty from the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) School of Nursing: Dr. Linda Hook, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Yvonne Davila, Nurse Faculty Clinical Liaison; Dr. Cynthia Nguyen, Assistant Professor, Feik School of Pharmacy; and their students for their support of the SAISD "Back-to-School" vaccination event. This event, which has been held at the Alamo Convocation Center for the last three years on the first two days of school, enables students to receive necessary vaccinations and return to school on the same or next day, mitigating school absences due to incomplete vaccinations. Additionally, UIW faculty and students support SAISD's vaccination program throughout the school year, offering flu vaccine and all other vaccines needed for school attendance. SAISD, with the support of all community vaccinators, was able to offer 98 immunization clinics at sites across the District, throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

Employee New Pharmacy Benefits Approved

Trustees approved the Self-Funded Pharmacy Benefits for SAISD employees. Lorena Rios, Director of Employee Benefits, Risk Management & Safety, provided a presentation to the Board. The Administration and the Employees Benefits Committee (EBC) with the assistance of the District's Employee Benefits Consultants recommended to the Board that Express Scripts (ESI-TEC) be awarded as the District's pharmacy benefit manager. This contract is effective January 1, 2019. The contract will be a one-year contract with the District's option to extend up to three additional one-year terms. ESI will offer a three-year savings guarantee that will save SAISD approximately \$3.5 million dollars a year. The eventual contract will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and the District will not indemnify ESI-TEC. The Employee Benefits Committee reviewed five different responses for its bid for services. The Committee scored the responses in accordance with the guidelines of Purchasing and Procurement department. The Committee also took into consideration best discounts.

School Bus Stop Arm Safety Camera Program Presentation

Trustees received a presentation from Nathan Graf, Senior Executive Director of Transportation, and Lieutenant Stan Slate, SAISD Police Department, on the school bus stop arm safety camera program. Approximately 200 SAISD route buses are equipped with stop arm cameras. The system automatically takes photos of drivers who pass a stopped school bus with a displayed stop sign and flashing lights – vehicles are to stop on both sides of the street. Violators captured in the photos will be fined. The goal is to increase driver awareness of school buses and the safety of children as they board or disembark. In addition, other safety components of the program were discussed. This includes additional interior and exterior cameras, Wi-Fi functionality for students, and a rider tracking system. As of August 2018, 100 percent of the SAISD bus fleet have interior and exterior cameras. By May 2019, 100 percent of District buses will have Wi-Fi capability. SAISD will be the only school district in the Greater San Antonio area, and possibly Texas, that will have student enabled Wi-Fi on all route school buses. A student rider tracking system will be implemented for students in the Head Start program and eventually move up to the elementary level.

Administration Building Options of Floor Layout Presentation

Trustees received a presentation from Willie Burroughs, the District's Chief Operations Officer, on the Administration Building Options of Floor Layout and Adjacency Plans. The Board reviewed and discussed options for the new Administration building and provided input. RVK Architects and staff have developed a facility program based on users input and have considered the community input into developing the building and floor plan options. Two options were presented. Both options feature a 4-story building with 150,000 total square feet. Option 2 has a larger first floor and smaller second, third and fourth floors compared to Option 1. The new building would be built near the grounds of Fox Tech High School and the revitalized San Pedro Creek project.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

James Howard (Governance Committee) and (Ethics Committee), Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee) and Debra Guerrero (Finance and Audit Committee) provided reports.

Items Approved

- Superintendent authorization to negotiate and modify the Arthur J. Gallagher Benefits Services Contract, with the guidance from legal counsel, if needed. Arthur J. Gallagher Benefit Services provides consulting services to SAISD on health benefits products and services.
- Resolution adopting SAISD's Administrative Adjudication Procedures for Stop Arm Violations. On May 21, 2018, the Board approved the District's participation in the School Bus Safety and Stop Arm Enforcement Program authorized by the City of San Antonio ordinance. On Aug. 27, 2018, the District began a 30-day warning period for the program that ends on Sept. 30, 2018.
- Professional Services Agreements for student training for Winter Guard and Color Guard Instructor, Percussion Instructor, and Drill Instructor. The student training will be provided at Brackenridge, Burbank, Highlands, Sam Houston, Jefferson, Lanier and Edison high schools.
- Purchase of textbooks and online access codes from Textbook Warehouse to support Early College High School (ECHS) and Dual Credit (DC) programs.
- Mechanical engineering company for the 2019 Central Plant Upgrades at Brewer.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for September 2018.

Contracts Approved

- Professional Services Agreement between SAISD and the Magik Theatre for student training in theatre arts. Instructors from the Magik Theatre will provide student training at the following campuses: Poe, Page, Lowell, and Rogers Middle Schools in grades 6th through 8th and at the Young Women's Leadership Academy in grades 6th through 12th. Students will learn the fundamentals of theatre and team building.
- Licensing Agreement between SAISD and Accenture, LLP for the Skills to Succeed online program. The Skills to Succeed Academy is a free, online learning program provided by Accenture that builds the skills and confidence of people so they can make career choices, find a job, and keep it.
- Professional Service Agreement between SAISD and Lexia Learning to provide literacy training to teachers.
- Service Delivery Agreement between SAISD GEAR UP and Communities in Schools of San Antonio (CIS-SA) for implementation of the CIS-SA GEAR UP Follow-Up Project at Palo Alto and San Antonio Colleges for the 2018-19 school year.
- Follett Agreement for Barcoding and Crossdocking Services for Textbooks Follett School Solutions. This is a continuation of services necessary to ensure that textbooks purchased through the Technology Instructional Materials and Allotment fund are appropriately inventoried and processed as required by state law.

- Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Leadership SAISD. The Board approved the contribution of \$36,000 (\$1,000 for each participant who lives, works, or partners with SAISD) to assist with administrative and program costs.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- School Readiness Kits (English/Spanish) for each ECE student. The kit includes a family guide, read together books, writing journal, favorite childhood songs, a crayon pack, and safety scissors. The English and Spanish family guide includes over eighty (80) activities that focus on Language, Literacy & Writing Skills, Physical Development, Health, Safety & Fine Arts, as well as Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- Eduphoria Software Suite that will support curriculum-based campus and District assessments, and the purchase of Lead4ward software subscriptions that will support daily planning and data analysis for precision teaching and the development of individualized student learning plans. This will support K-12 campuses District-wide.

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