



Board Meeting

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Board Meeting A held on September 9, 2019 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210
Board Meeting B held on September 16, 2019 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions & Resolutions

- The Board recognized Burbank High School for being named as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Middle Years Programme (MYP). The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is open to any student in grades six through tenth 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. SAISD recognizes the campus leadership and the IB instructional team who are responsible for earning approval for Burbank HS to become the District's third school to offer the MYP and only the second high school in Bexar County to offer both the MYP and DP. Burbank is one of five SAISD IB World Schools. The following campuses are also bringing the International Baccalaureate experience to San Antonio ISD: Briscoe Elementary School, Woodlawn Academy, Harris Middle School, and Jefferson High School.
- Trustees recognized the SAISD Social Work Team for earning accolades for their outstanding service in the field of social work. Each year, the University of Texas at Austin sponsors the Texas School Social Work Conference. Carmen Thatcher, social worker with the Family and Student Support Services Department, received "Honorable Mention" for being recognized as one of four best social workers in the state of Texas. She was nominated by a colleague exemplifying her work with District social workers, the San Antonio Food Bank, McKinney-Vento, and the Transitional Housing Assistance. During the annual end-of-year program, through the Social Work Department at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Stephanie Sanchez and Norma Almazan, SAISD social workers, were both recognized for their partnership in creating exemplary work, having passion and enthusiasm, and for their service to the students of the Juvenile Detention Center. Ms. Sanchez was awarded as "Field Instructor of the Year" and Ms. Almazan was selected as "Social Work Intern of the Year". The selection for UTSA's "Field Instructor of the Year" is based on the creativity of the Field Instructor in supporting the activities of the social work intern. The selection for UTSA's "Social Work Intern of the Year" is based on creating legacy documents and program guides for future social work interns
- The Board approved the Resolution to declare September 2019 as "Attendance Awareness Month". In addition, the resolution serves as the official kick off of SAISD's student attendance campaign called "Count Me In". The District attendance team believes that positive community (student, family and campus) engagement helps to build a culture of attendance by helping SAISD's students and their families understand the importance and benefits of attending school each day. The goal of the team is to support students and ensure their achievement by building a culture of regular attendance through positive approaches as opposed to punitive ones.

SAISD Current and Future Capital Needs Approved

The Board received a presentation from Willie Burroughs, the District's Chief Operations Officer. The presentation included:

- 2016 Bond Program project status, schedule, and budget
- Master Plan 2030 to include criteria to be considered for prioritizing project for future bond programs, and
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) overview and expenditures to date

In addition, the Board approved funding for expenditures incurred due to HVAC repairs and approved funding for additional repairs and equipment replacement as identified by staff. A total of \$6,973,985 of additional funds for the 2019-2020 school year were approved from the Capital Expenditures fund. Also, the superintendent was authorized by the Board to secure an additional \$2.1 million for operating expenses.

Successful Sale of Series 2019 Bonds and Recognition of Student Participation

Trustees recognized the successful pricing and sale of the District's Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2019. The Board received a presentation from Larry Garza, Associate Superintendent of Financial Services and Business Operations, and Sean Mullen, Director of Cash & Treasury Management. On July 23, 2019, the District went out to the market to price and sell its \$294.82 million Series 2019 Bonds, which was comprised of two components:

1. A \$124 million refunding (i.e. refinancing) of the District's Series 2010B Build America Bonds.
2. The issuance of \$200 million in "new money" bonds from the Bond 2016 authorization.

The District's Financial Advisor, Frost Bank, has continued to host the pricing and sale of the Bonds. Students from all of the District's high schools were invited to attend and observe the event at the newly opened Frost Tower in the downtown area. This ongoing tradition of involving students in the District's bond sales provides SAISD students with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience "Wall Street", to learn about the various careers within the public finance sector, and to learn about how their school buildings are funded. A total of twenty-one (21) students were in attendance from the following campuses: Brackenridge, Burbank, CAST Tech, Edison, Fox Tech, Highlands, Jefferson, and Lanier High Schools, Travis Early College High School, and Young Women's Leadership Academy. To date, this brings the total amount of students who have participated in the District's bond sales to sixty-six (66).

The District was very successful in the transaction and, as result, lowered its debt service costs by approx. \$820,000/year which is equal to a Net Present Value savings of \$12.59 million.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Student Information System (SIS) Approved

Trustees received a presentation from Dr. Kenneth J. Thompson, the District's Chief Information Technology Officer, on the acquisition process for Request for Proposal (RFP), Enterprise Resource Planning and Student Information System Platform, an enterprise solution software

package specifically designed for K-12 institutions. The selected system is a modern, centralized and integrated system that will streamline current business practices as well as implement best practices and improve operational processes to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the District's daily operations. This purchase will provide a platform for the following District data: student, general ledger, financial, human resources, talent management, procurement, inventory and other program specific data modules. In addition, the Board approved the purchase with Frontline Education and authorized the Superintendent or his designee to exercise any renewals or extensions of the contract term pursuant to the contract's provisions.

SAISD, UT Austin – Early Childhood Partnership Presentation

The Board received a presentation on the first year of a professional development partnership between SAISD and the University of Texas at Austin. This partnership is focused on an early childhood program redesign. The report was presented by Patti Salzman, SAISD Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Jennifer Adair, Associate Professor at UT Austin. Also contributing to the presentation were Elizabeth Gibbons (teacher at Tynan Early Childhood Education Center), Rawan Hammoudeh (principal at Cotton Academy) and Gregory Rivers (principal at Ball Academy). Developed to build instructional and administrative capacity to offer and sustain equitable, dynamic and agency-rich childhood learning experiences in grades PreK-3, the Dynamic Innovation For Young Children (DIFYC) initiative provides for the design and implementation of a comprehensive, high quality early childhood professional development model. The program is built for a 5 year cohort model that fully executed will include 18 schools and 144 teachers.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Steve Lecholop (Academic Excellence Committee) and Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee) provided a report.

Items Approved

- Ratification of the Commercial Lease between the SAISD and James E. Poole, located at 102 Jon Ann, Suite 201, San Antonio, Texas, 78201. The commercial lease will provide a workshop for the Fine Arts Band Repair Department.
- Texas Education Agency (TEA) Application for Expedited State Waiver for Modified Schedule and State Assessment Testing Days for the 2020-2022 Academic School Years. This application for a waiver would allow the District to modify the schedule of classes on State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and End of Course (EOC) testing days.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for September 2019.
- Addition to Employee Service Record Signature Authority for SAISD. Talent Management Administrators granted the authority to sign service records. The employee service record is prepared in order to document service with the school district and state sick leave data. Service records are updated each school year. Upon completion, the service record requires an original signature of a Board-approved employee to validate the information.
- Quarterly Investment Report for the period of April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.
- Overtime Pay Draft Audit Report as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

- Athletics Purchasing and Inventory Process Draft Audit Report as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Composite Report (High Schools, Academies, and Elementary Schools Student Activity Funds Draft Audit Report) as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Rental Usage of Lowell Academy main, field #2 (middle field) and field #3 (back field) soccer fields by the Urban Soccer Leadership Academy (USLA) for soccer games on nine successive weekends from Sunday, September 21 to Sunday, November 17, 2019.

Contracts Approved

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and CHRISTUS Children's Hospital of San Antonio for the 2019-2020 school year. Educational services offered at CHRISTUS by SAISD meet the requirements of the Texas Education Code (TEC), the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education. The delivery of special education and related services to eligible students admitted to Children's Hospital of San Antonio is required by state and federal law as recommended in the ARD/IEP.
- Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and UT Austin for the Texas OnRamps distance courses. Participation in OnRamps Dual Enrollment Program provides students an opportunity to earn college credit in English, chemistry, physics, geoscience, college algebra, pre-calculus, statistics, and computer science while also meeting high school graduation requirements.
- Ratification of the Agreement between San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the Pre-freshman Engineering Program (PREP) for Summer, 2019. A total of 91 students participated in the program.
- Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the Early Birds Dual Credit Program. Participation in Dual Credit programs provides students an opportunity to earn college credit in English, government, economics, college math, and history courses while meeting high school graduation requirements.
- Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) to provide high school students with college access and scholarship opportunities. The addendum would include Cooper Academy and the Phoenix Middle College to the list of high schools (Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Fox Tech, Highlands, Jefferson, Lanier, and Sam Houston) served by SAEP and qualifies students to apply for the Café College scholarship.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Increase in expenditures for the purchase of Athletic Supplies and Equipment. This purchase will provide supplies for the Middle School and High School Athletes participating in Athletics.
- Increase the expenditure for the purchase of Athletic Game Uniforms. This purchase will provide uniforms for the Middle School and High School Athletes participating in Athletics.

- Student Instruction and Training Services. This purchase will provide college credit, college advising, career related education and industry certifications at all high schools for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis.
- Infrastructure cabling in support of renovations to the Operations Service Center Building. This purchase will prepare the building for occupancy by Child Nutrition Services, Construction & Development Services, Facilities Services and Procurement Services.
- Trash Disposal Services to include Solid Waste and Recycling for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis.
- Expenditure for the purchase of continuing HVAC Building Maintenance Repair, Installation, Operations Supplies and Equipment. This purchase will provide various HVAC work District-wide on an “as needed” basis.
- Increase the expenditure for the purchase of Fire Sprinkler Inspections and Repairs. This purchase will provide inspecting, testing, servicing and certifying of all Fire Sprinkler Systems District-wide on an “as needed” basis.
- Professional Development to focus on language and vocabulary development strategies, high yield instructional practices, productive mathematics talk, writing in the mathematics classroom and student engagement strategies. This will create clear instructional practices, develop deep understanding of mathematics and high quality structures for intervention. This purchase will provide opportunities for teachers to create a mathematics literate environment for students in grades Kinder – 6th at Cotton Academy, Huppertz Elementary, Crockett Academy, DeZavala Elementary, Sarah King Elementary and Herff Elementary Schools.
- Special Education Professional Development and Support Materials and Services. This purchase will provide professional development training to SAISD staff, including related purchases of materials and supplies for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis.
- Ratification authorization and to increase the expenditure for the purchase of electronic whiteboards, projectors, digital and interactive displays including installation services that campuses have planned or are planning to purchase for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis.

Tabled Item

- New lease rates for use by outside entities of SAISD facilities.

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