



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

Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 2020 via Zoom webinar

Recognitions

The Board recognized the Student Holiday Card Contest Winners. The Fine Arts Department also unveiled the official 2020 Holiday Card. Each year, the SAISD Fine Arts Department showcases student art through the Student Holiday Card Contest. This is the 17th year of the contest. This year's theme is "Holidays Around the World". The contest was initiated and completed under the direction of Fine Arts Coordinator Dianne Marks. The contest was introduced in September of this school year and dozens of entries were received in the elementary, middle and high school grade levels.

Judge's Choice Elementary, Level K-2:

Casaybree Ortiz, Kinder, Wilson Elementary School
Art Teacher: Julie Cummock

Honorable Mention Elementary, Level K-2:

Giacomo Diaz, 2nd Grade, Advanced Learning Academy
Art Teacher: Sonya Castro

1st Place Elementary, Level K-2:

Isabel Alfaro, 2nd Grade, Irving Dual Language
Art Teacher: Katy Bleyl

Judge's Choice Elementary, Level 3-5:

O'Laura G. Alvarado, 5th Grade, Washington Elementary
Art Teacher: Stephanie Ramirez

Honorable Mention Elementary, Level 3-5:

Sebastian Vasquez, 4th Grade, Bonham Academy
Art Teacher: Morgan Oliver

1st Place Elementary Level, 3-5:

Joacim Olivo, 4th Grade, Mark Twain Dual Language
Art Teacher: Elisabeth Diaz

Judge's Choice Academy/Middle School:

Iliana Cabrera, 7th Grade, Tafolla Middle School
Art Teacher: Nicole Vasquez

Honorable Mention Academy/Middle School:
Jazmin Parga, 8th Grade, Harris Middle School
Art Teacher: Phillip Sada

1st Place Academy/Middle School:
Julienne Marie Gonzaga, 7th Grade, Young Women's Leadership Academy
Art Teacher: Marcella Gutierrez

Judge's Choice High School:
Sadie Carter, 11th Grade, Jefferson High School
Art Teacher: Omer Garcia

Honorable Mention High School:
Isis Santos, 9th Grade, Jefferson High School
Art Teacher: Amber Smith

1st Place High School:
Melissa Faz, 10th Grade, Young Women's Leadership Academy
Art Teacher: Laura Schultz

Grand Prize Winner:
Gabriela Mendoza, 8th Grade, Bonham Academy
Art Teacher: Monico Vitela

[Response to Ongoing COVID-19 and Associated Expenditures Update](#)

Trustees received an update on SAISD's Response to the Ongoing COVID-19 Crisis and associated expenditures. Superintendent Pedro Martinez provided an update on current safety levels and community partnerships that provides COVID-19 testing for students and staff, which includes initiatives with rapid testing (results within 15 minutes) and testing with community labs. Toni Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, gave a report on a non-profit partnership for COVID-19 testing that will provide a weekly mobile unit Districtwide. The partnership will provide testing to staff, students and parents.

[Order Canvassing Bond Election Returns from Nov. 3, 2020 SAISD Bond Election Approved](#)

In accordance with the Texas Election Code, the Board of Trustees approved an Order canvassing the results of the SAISD Bond Election based on the tabulation submitted by the Bexar County Elections Administrator. Voters approved the 2020 SAISD Bond Proposition A by 68.45 percent. A total of 60,621 votes were cast for Proposition A and 27,946 votes were cast against. Voters approved the 2020 SAISD Bond Proposition B by 69.62 percent. A total of 62,149 votes were cast for Proposition B and 27,114 votes were cast against.

SAISD's Beginning-of-Year 2020 (BOY) Assessment Results

Trustees received a presentation on the District's Beginning-of-Year (BOY) assessment results for CIRCLE, administered to Pre-Kinder and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) reading and math, administered to Kinder through high school. These assessments are offered in both Spanish and English. The CIRCLE Progress Monitoring System is a technology-driven tool that enables a teacher to assess a child's progress in a specific skill area and to focus on lessons that target their students' least developed skills. The assessment provides data for both literacy and math skills and is given three times each year. District and campus data for CIRCLE will be provided for both 3- and 4-year-old students. The MAP assessment in reading and math is given primarily to students in grades K-8. High school students who have yet to pass the English I/II or Algebra I End-of-Course (EOC) exams are also tested. Students in grades K-2 are tested three times each year: Fall-BOY, Winter-Middle-of-Year (MOY), and Spring-End-of-Year (EOY). Students in grades 3-8 are tested twice a year (fall and winter). This year, the fall MAP testing window ran from August 17th through October 2nd. Data for MAP was provided for the District overall as well as by campus. An analysis of overall performance compared to previous years and individual student measures of growth was discussed.

SAISD's Legislative Priorities for 87th Texas Legislative Session Approved

Trustees received a presentation from Seth Rau, SAISD Consultant, on the legislative agenda ahead of the 87th Texas Legislative Session. The topics included: school finance, accountability, digital divide, and local control.

MOU Between SAISD and SAISD Foundation Approved

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the San Antonio Foundation for Excellence in Education, Inc. (SAISD Foundation). The MOU outlines the relationship with and the responsibilities between San Antonio ISD and the SAISD Foundation. As a part of the MOU, the Board also approved the annual contribution of \$75,000 to support the work of the SAISD Foundation. As the Educational Foundation for the San Antonio Independent School District, the SAISD Foundation operates as a 501(c)(3) public charity, securing investments from the private sector to support SAISD in becoming a model urban school district through innovation towards educational excellence. The SAISD Foundation invests in teacher grants, innovative District schools and programs, and strategic initiatives aimed at increasing student success. Each year, the SAISD Foundation awards more than 400 grants and 150 scholarships gap funding impacting students across the District. In addition, the SAISD Foundation stewards' investments from corporation and private foundations in line with the District programs and initiatives.

Contract Management Procurement Draft Audit Report Accepted

The Board accepted the Contract Management Procurement Draft Audit Report as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee. The request was part of the guidelines approved by the Board on November 18, 2019 by which the Internal Audit Department communicates audit findings to the Board.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Christina Martinez (Governance Committee), Debra Guerrero (Finance & Audit Committee) and Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee) provided a report.

Items Approved

- Budget Amendments for the month of November 2020.
- Purchase and installation of six virtual and collaborative remote classrooms at Tynan Early Childhood Center.
- Purchase and installation of upgraded memory modules for 3,000 laptops.
- General Contractor for the 2020 Head Start Playground Enhancements at Foster Academy, Gonzales Early Childhood Education Center, Graebner and Sarah King Elementary Schools.

Contracts Approved

- Pharmacy Interlocal Agreement for the proposed participation in the Education Service Center Region 12 Universal Benefits Consortium, effective January 1, 2021. Through this interlocal agreement, SAISD employees will have lower out-of-pocket costs for medications as well as long term savings to the District.
- Subscription service between SAISD and MailChimp (all-in-one integrated marketing platform and email marketing service) for the 2020-2021 school year. The program will help manage and send targeted e-marketing to the SAISD community, parents, and other interested parties.
- Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Project SEARCH. Project SEARCH is a one-year transition-to-work internship for adult students with intellectual and other disabilities.
- Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the Trinity University College Advising Corps for College Advising Services.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Junior Achievement of South Texas to support the development of students' work readiness, financial literacy, and skills of entrepreneurship.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and STEMuli to support the Cybersecurity P-TECH at Sam Houston High School as an industry partner.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Integrated Human Capital to provide adult education customer service certification students with a direct connection to employers in San Antonio that are seeking to hire customer service representatives.

- Agreement between SAISD and the San Antonio Food Bank. The partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank (Food Bank), a non-profit organization that serves a multi-county area will expand the current food pantry at Poe Middle School in the Brackenridge feeder pattern area. A food asset map of SAISD reveals food deserts within the Burbank feeder pattern. As a result, Lowell Middle School has been designated as an additional food pantry site due to the location within the feeder pattern and space availability at the Lowell campus, considering the physical distancing requirement. The SAISD feeder pattern social workers will serve as the point of contacts for students and families throughout the community and the greater SAISD through these two locations.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Increase the expenditure for the purchase of Sanitation and Food Safety System. This purchase was originally approved in the amount of \$106,777. The Board approved increasing the expenditure to \$85,000.
- Purchase of Moving and Relocation Services in support of various department moves to the new Central Office Administration Building as well as the occupancy of new spaces on Bond 2016 projects on an “as needed” basis.
- Ratification of the purchase of Plexiglass for District-wide use. This purchase will provide safety and protection of students and staff who will be on site during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Purchase of Mill Shop Supplies. This purchase will provide supplies for necessary repairs at campuses and administrative buildings on an “as needed” basis for District-wide use.
- Purchase of Painting Materials. This purchase will provide supplies for necessary repairs at campuses and administrative buildings on an “as needed” basis for District-wide use.
- Ratification to replace two HVAC rooftop units at Whittier Middle School. This purchase will provide safety and protection of students and staff.
- Purchase of yearly Maintenance of the Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) on an “as needed” basis for District-wide use.
- Purchase of an annual subscription for Docuware Large Enterprise Cloud Document Management Program. This purchase will provide fast search and retrieval of digitized documents, reduces the amount of physical document storage space and improves accuracy by minimizing manual tasks thus eliminating inefficiencies.
- Purchase of a District and Optional Individual Zoom Licenses for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis.

- Purchase of IT Staffing Services for Programmer, Developer Analyst and Database Administrator on an “as needed” basis. This purchase will be used on a temporary basis to assist maintaining, enhancing, developing databases, programming and data related projects.
- Purchase of Furniture for Classroom and Ancillary Space at for students and staff at CAST Med High School.
- Purchase of Classroom Furniture for students and staff at Ball Academy.
- Purchase of Classroom, Cafeteria and Office Furniture for students and staff at Woodlawn Hills Elementary School.
- Ratification of the purchase of Membership Costs and Fees related to International Baccalaureate Program authorization, implementation, evaluation, examination and professional development. This purchase will support students and staff at Briscoe ES, Burbank HS, Fenwick Academy, Harris MS, Huppertz ES, Jefferson HS, Longfellow MS, Woodlawn Academy and Woodlawn Hills ES on an “as needed” basis.

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