



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

Board Meeting A held on Feb. 13, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210  
Board Meeting B held on Feb. 21, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

## Recognitions

- Trustees recognized three JROTC Battalions for participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Drill Championships in San Antonio Feb. 4. The Brackenridge, Highlands and Jefferson High School JROTC Battalions competed. Jefferson placed eighth overall in Unarmed Drill. Brackenridge placed fifth overall in both Demilitarized Arms and Unarmed. Highlands placed fourth overall in Demilitarized Arms. The three JROTC Battalions have qualified to compete in the U.S Army Cadet Command JROTC National Drill Championships on April 1, 2017 in Louisville, KY.
- The Board presented a high school diploma to United States Army Staff Sergeant Adam Flores. He was scheduled to graduate from Edison High School in December 2001. However, he joined the military in July 2001 and served in both the Iraq War and in the Afghanistan War. Staff Sgt. Flores was honorably discharged from the Army. At the recognition, Staff Sgt. Flores was honored for his service to our country. In accordance with the Texas Education Code (TEC), 28.0251, a district may issue a high school diploma to a person who is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States; was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1975 or after 1989; and left school after completing the sixth or a higher grade, before graduating from high school, to serve in: World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, or the war in Afghanistan.
- Trustees approved the Resolution in recognition of the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel and the National Education Association (NEA) "Read Across America" Celebration on March 2, 2017. The "Read Across America" Celebration has become a national tradition. The celebration began in 1998 as a way to promote reading while celebrating Theodor Geisel's (Dr. Seuss) birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The "Read Across America" Celebration is the biggest one-day literacy celebration in the United States. The activities associated with the project not only celebrate the joys of reading, but also honor the memory and birthday of Dr. Seuss. This year represents the 19th anniversary of the local observance of "Read Across America" by the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel.
- The Board approved the proclamation in recognition of Professional School Social Workers' Week for March 6 – 10, 2017.

## Duties and Responsibilities of a Board Trustee

District 6 Trustee Olga Hernandez submitted her resignation at the meeting. Board President Patti Radle called for a special board meeting to be held February 24, 2017. The meeting will be held to formally accept the resignation of Trustee Hernandez and to discuss procedures that will cover the opportunity to appoint someone or to hold a special election. A decision will be made on how the Board will proceed.

## New Centers for Applied Science and Technology (CAST) Tech High School Update

Trustees received an update on the new Centers for Applied Science and Technology (CAST) Tech High School. CAST Tech, which is set to open in August 2017 to 150 ninth grade students, will introduce two career pathways for students: 1) technology which includes cyber security, coding, gaming, animation and digital media and 2) entrepreneurship which includes business analytics, informatics, business administration, banking and finance. Architects are renovating a 1930's era building and transforming it to San Antonio's first High Tech high school. The building is being designed by H-E-B architects. The startup funding for CAST Tech was provided by Charles Butt and H-E-B. This new campus has also received additional funding from other companies and donors. CAST Tech is open to qualifying students throughout Bexar County.

## Stanford Harmony Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Program Presentation

The Board received a presentation on the Sanford Harmony Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program. The Sanford Harmony's SEL program, "Building Healthy Relationships, One Classroom at a Time," launched in 2008 by the educators at the Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State University. It was designed to make a difference in how elementary students think about and treat each other. Sanford Harmony SEL has been implemented in thousands of classrooms throughout the U.S. with very promising results. Sanford Harmony provides teachers with a set of tools to develop stronger social connections among students, and foster positive peer relationships that will enable students to thrive at school, at home, and as they grow into adulthood.

## Future SAISD Online Finance Checkbook Tool Proposed

Trustees were presented with a proposal for developing an online finance checkbook tool in order to increase transparency to SAISD families and taxpayers. Patti Holub, the District Chief Information Officer for Technology and Management Information Systems, provided a presentation to the Board with ideas for this new initiative. The focus is to expand the access to financial information that is currently available online and make the information "searchable" by the public in a very user friendly manner. Utilizing technology tools, the District can improve the ease of access to information while continuing to strive for more transparency to SAISD families and the community. The Board approved for the district to move forward with developing a plan for creating this new tool outlining milestones, initial system features and cost. The plan will focus on an initial rollout providing access to Bond and Tax Ratification Election (TRE) purchases with initial system availability in the summer of 2017. Data available through the tool will be from July 1, 2017 and beyond.

## Revisions to Charter of Bond 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee and Extension of Application Deadline Approved

Trustees approved the revision to the Charter for the Bond 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and extended the deadline for submitting applications to serve on the CAC from Feb. 10, 2017 to March 1, 2017. On Jan. 17, 2017, the Board discussed and approved the Committee Charter for the Bond 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee, which outlines the process for appointing members to the CAC and the roles and responsibilities of Committee members. On Jan. 27, 2017 during a Special-called meeting of the Board Governance Committee, Board members asked to revise the Charter to clarify membership. Specifically, the revision states that

two of the three individuals appointed by the Board members shall reside within the respective Single-Member District. The third individual appointed by the Board member shall live within SAISD. The appointment of three additional at-large representatives nominated by the Superintendent from business and community organizations located within SAISD's boundary, remains unchanged in the Charter. The Board Governance Committee also discussed extending the application deadline from Feb. 10, 2017 to March 1, 2017.

## Order Calling an Election for Trustees from Single-Member Districts (SMDs) One, Three, Four and Seven Approved

The Board approved the Order Calling a Board Election for Saturday, May 6, 2017, to be held jointly with the City of San Antonio and other governmental entities. Section 3.005 of the Texas Election Code, requires the Board of Trustees to approve an Order Calling for an election for the purpose of electing Trustees for the San Antonio Independent School District. SAISD Trustees are elected by Single-Member Districts, through staggered terms, every two years. The May 2017 election and Board Policy BBB (LOCAL) require election for Trustees SMDs One, Three, Four and Seven; and the election must be held jointly with the City of San Antonio elections.

## Option A Instructional Calendar Approved

The Board approved Option A as the 2017-2018 SAISD Instructional Calendar. Calendar Options A and B were developed based on a 2017-2018 school start-date survey of SAISD employees, parents, community members and through subsequent discussions with staff and Professional Consultation. The calendar options were posted for ten days for polling by staff, parents, and community members. Of the 2,908 respondents, 83 percent indicated a preference for Option A and 17 percent indicated a preference for Option B.

## Contracts Approved

- Renewal of the Contract between SAISD and Harlandale Independent School District for GEAR UP 2 Grant Partnership for the 2016-2017 School Year.
- Contract for Annual Audit Services for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

## Items Approved

- A resolution to reaffirm the Board's commitment to the admission, safety and privacy of all SAISD students.
- Monthly budget reports and amendments for February 2017.
- Professional Services Agreement between the San Antonio Independent School District and the University of Texas Institute for Public School Initiatives (IPSI) for Training on Building Capacity through Instructional Depth and Rigor with Leaders.
- Additional 2016-2017 List of Certified Appraisers.

## Board of Trustee Committee Reports

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

## Policy Revisions Approved

- Revision to Board Policy CH (LOCAL). CH (LOCAL) relates to Purchasing and Acquisition.
- Revisions to Board Policy CV (LOCAL). CV (LOCAL) relates to Facilities Construction.
- Revisions to Board Policy FNG (LOCAL). FNG (LOCAL) relates to parent/student grievance procedures.

- Revisions to Board Policy GF (LOCAL). GF (LOCAL) relates to community grievance procedures.
- Revisions to Board Policy DIA (LOCAL), FB (LOCAL), FB (EXHIBIT), FFH (LOCAL) and FFH (EXHIBIT). DIA (LOCAL), FB (LOCAL), FB (EXHIBIT), FFH (LOCAL) and FFH (EXHIBIT) relates to discrimination on the basis of a disability and other complaints under Title IX.

## Rental Usage Agreements Approved

- Alamo Convocation Center (ACC), Alamo Stadium, and the Alamo Stadium North West Parking Lots by Drum Corps International for band practices. Dates and times are listed as follows: Friday, July 21, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Alamo Stadium (Band Practice); Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Alamo Stadium (Band Practice); Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - ACC (Band Committee Meetings) and Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. - Alamo Stadium (NW Parking Lots).

## Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Cafeteria shoes for all Child Nutrition employees.
- Software, related licensure and hardware for the Maintenance of Point of Sale System and Inventory System.
- Rental of the Alamodome for Graduation Rehearsals and Ceremonies in support of Edison, Lanier, Highlands, Jefferson, Burbank, and Brackenridge High School scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Playground Equipment at Nelson PK, Gonzales PK, Steele Montessori and Twain Academy.
- HDD removal and surrender of all Ricoh devices less Print Services Systems.
- Interlocal Agreement with National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company (National IPA), Cooperative Purchasing Program. Membership will provide access to competitively bid contracts for purchasing various goods and services with the potential for significant cost savings based upon volume discounts. There is no membership fee associated with this cooperative.
- Elementary Classroom Libraries to motivate and engage readers.
- 1500HD 2WD 2017 Chevrolet Silverado (Qty: 5), 3500HD 2WD w/Dump Body 2017 Chevrolet Silverado (Qty: 1), NVP 3500 2016 Nissan Van (Qty: 1), and NV200 2016 Nissan Vans (Qty: 4) in support of operations District-wide.
- Additional funding authorization for purchase of Sign Language Interpreter Services in support of eligible students, primarily at Mission Academy, and adults with disabilities during the 2016-2017 School Year.
- Assessment Kits, Scoring Report Subscriptions and Testing products. This will be used by Special Education Assessment staff to determine student eligibility for special education District-wide.
- Switches (E-Rate) in support of Middle Schools and Academy Campuses. SAISD is applying for E-Rate funding for this equipment. If awarded, E-Rate will fund 85% of this requirement.
- Network Fiber Optic Cabling including installation, in support of various High School and Middle School Campuses.
- Email Security Appliance (Ironport) including software, hardware maintenance and subscription services District-wide.
- Computers, laptops, tablets, related devices and services for District-wide use.

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