



# Board Meeting

## H I G H L I G H T S

Board Meeting A held on May 8, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Board Meeting B held on May 15, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

### Recognitions

- The Board recognized Laurie Recio of Arnold ES and Nalia Torres and Sal Valdez of Beacon Hill ES for their heroic efforts as first responders to medical emergencies. On April 4, 2017, Ms. Recio, (Special Education Instructional Assistant at Arnold ES) was in the classroom when a student began choking on her breakfast. Ms. Recio immediately administered the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged the food from the student's throat. On April 10, 2017, a kindergarten student at Beacon Hill ES began choking on his lunch. Ms. Torres (school custodian) alerted Mr. Valdez (head custodian) to assist her. The child was in distress and unable to breathe. Mr. Valdez immediately administered the Heimlich maneuver twice and dislodged the food on both occasions. These exemplary employees took immediate action and prevented tragedies from occurring. The District applauds the heroic efforts of these staff members.
- Trustees recognized the Brackenridge HS Female Golden Eagle Color Guard Army for being selected as the JROTC National Drill Champions and the Second Runner-up in the Fifth Brigade Essay Contest. The Color Guard competed in the 2017 U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC National Drill Championships held on April 1, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky. The team placed 1st out of 40 teams who competed throughout the nation. The Color Guard scored 819 out of 850 possible points. They are also the only JROTC National Drill Champions in SAISD. Cadet Natalie Tijerina also competed in the Junior ROTC National Essay Contest on March 7, 2017. She was selected as the second runner-up in the Fifth Brigade Essay Contest. The Fifth Brigade consists of Army JROTC programs in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming with 47,412 cadets enrolled. Cadet Tijerina is also the first SAISD cadet to earn this high academic honor. She scored 23 out of 25 points. This year's theme was titled: "Service to Others."
- The Board recognized Sierra Gonzales, Fox Tech HS student, for scoring in the top 2.5 percent on the PSAT/NMSQT among all Hispanic and Latino test-takers in the region. As a result, Ms. Gonzales has been invited to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). The College Board's NHRP is an academic honor that can be included on college applications. The NHRP identifies outstanding Hispanic students and shares information about these well-prepared students with subscribing colleges and universities.
- Trustees recognized six SAISD students for being selected as Dell Scholars. The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation has selected six seniors in SAISD as Dell Scholars. The following students are: Desiree Sharp and Florencio Galvan-Ontiveros (Fox Tech HS) and Alexis Ambler, Ethan Boyle, Luz Moreno, and Elizabeth Parra (Travis Early College HS). Each student will receive \$20,000, a laptop, and textbook credits. Students will also receive ongoing support and assistance to address the emotional, lifestyle, and financial challenges that may prevent them from completing college. The Dell Scholars Program is an initiative of

the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, which provides students with resources and mentoring beyond initial financial assistance to ensure they have the support they need to obtain a bachelor's degree. The Dell Scholars Program places emphasis on the student's academic record, test scores, and determination to succeed in college. The Dell Scholars Program consists of the Grit, Potential and Ambition (GPA) requirement. Scholars must demonstrate the following: Grit – by overcoming personal challenges in their lives related to their families, schools or communities; Potential – by participating in college readiness programs and seeking out academic rigor; and Ambition – by dreaming of obtaining a college degree.

- The Board recognized the highest credit earners for the Middle School Partners Program. The goal of the Partners program is for students to earn high school credits at the middle school level in order to accelerate and be on track once they enter high school. The goal is for students to achieve at least 2.5 credits by the end of the year. The students have met and exceeded that goal by earning 4.0 credits or higher. The recognized students are: Marlen Hinojosa and Abraham Mendoza, 8th grade, Irving MS and Maria Armijo and Miranda Lucille Leija, 8th grade, Twain MS.
- Trustees recognized Triniti Armstrong, St. Philip's Early College HS student, for being selected as a Texas High School Aerospace Scholar. Ms. Armstrong, who is currently a junior at St. Philip's ECHS, has been selected to participate in a weeklong internship with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) where she will have the opportunity to work on helping to design the upcoming Mars mission. Her teacher, Mrs. Guevara, describes her as a very committed student. Ms. Armstrong is also active with organizations within the college. Space science is one of the passions that motivates her to learn more so that one day she can become an astrophysicist. To maintain her commitment to the Aerospace Scholars program, Ms. Armstrong is currently completing a course in which she completes four weekly assignments with an assessment each month. These assignments are based on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) modules that culminate in the completion of a paper outlining the kind of technology a student would design to help solve a problem that NASA is facing.
- The Board approved the Resolution in Recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12, 2017. Teacher Appreciation Week is observed annually throughout the United States. Observation of a National Teacher Day goes back as far as 1953, when Eleanor Roosevelt asked Congress to set aside a day to recognize educators. Further support for National Teacher Day came in 1980 from the National Education Association (NEA). In 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) designated the first week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, with Tuesday (May 9th) to serve as National Teacher Day. During this week, many schools and communities honor their teachers through special activities, cards, tokens of appreciation, and other ways to say "thank you".
- Trustees approved the Resolution in Recognition of National School Nurse Day on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The National Association of School Nurses has designated May 10, 2017 as National School Nurse Day with the theme "Healthy Nurse, Healthy Students." First established in 1972, National School Nurse Day is designated to foster an understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting, and celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of school nurses in their efforts to meet the healthcare needs of today's students. Nurses are an integral part of the student support team providing comprehensive health services for all students in SAISD. Individual campuses may use this day to honor the contributions of their school nurse.

- The Board recognized the 2016-2017 members of the SAISD Student Advisory Committee. On June 26, 2000, the Board first approved the establishment of a Student Advisory Committee to the Board of Education. The purpose of this Committee is to provide student input on educational issues to the Board and Superintendent. The Committee is composed of one student representative from each of the eleven high schools. The Committee selected topics to discuss throughout the 2016-2017 school year and met with the Board and Superintendent monthly. The Committee provided feedback on these topics as well as a report on the responses from their peers. The Committee held their last meeting on April 4, 2017. The Board of Education and Superintendent congratulates the following 2016-2017 Student Advisory Committee members for their leadership and service: Bonnie Ybarra (Brackenridge); Julianne Garcia (Burbank); Chris Martinez (Edison); Andrew Kamali (Fox Tech); Ernest Rodriguez (Highlands); Brayan Garcia (Jefferson); Roger Palacios (Lanier); Fabian Eguia (Cooper Academy at Navarro); Jasmine Paredes (Sam Houston); Natalie Coburn (Travis ECHS); and Eden Dorsey (YWLA).
- Trustees recognized three SAISD students for receiving the 2017 SAISD Police Officers Association (SAISD POA) \$1,000 Scholarship awards. The student winners were Destiny Delaurdes Hernandez (Edison HS); Roberto Mendoza (Highlands HS); and Arely Sarahi Perez (Lanier HS). The SAISD POA, established in 1997, is an organization consisting of SAISD police officers engaged in creating opportunities of goodwill. Some of the initiatives of the organization consist of officer support, community outreach, District support, and scholarships. This year, the POA scholarship program conducted a fundraiser through the sale of a “one-of-a-kind” POA Fiesta medal featuring the SAISD police badge. The fundraiser was a success and the SAISD POA is thankful to all the SAISD family, friends, and community that supported this effort. This initiative provides some financial assistance in support of “Student Success.” The opportunity to receive this scholarship award was made available to any graduating SAISD high school student with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Applicants were also required to submit an essay on why they felt they deserved the scholarship.
- The Board recognized students from Fox Tech HS and Young Women’s Leadership Academy for their participation in the Texas State History Day contest. Students recognized included: Desiree Bernal, April Casanova, Diego Gonzalez, Destiny Herrera, and Ariell Mejia (Fox Tech HS) and Isabella Pozos and Devyn Moore (Young Women’s Leadership Academy). The recognized students competed at the District, Regional, and State levels in the Website, Documentary, and Performance categories. National History Day is a yearlong educational program that makes history come alive every day. Students learn about interesting issues, ideas, people, and events of their choosing. It is an exciting way to study history because students express what they have learned through a creative and original performance, documentary, paper, website, or exhibit.
- Trustees recognized SAISD students who have been accepted to the University of Texas Health Science Center Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy for 2017. District students accepted into the Voelcker Research Academy Class of Summer 2017 are: Giovanna Romero (Young Women’s Leadership Academy), Elizabeth Esparza (Fox Tech HS) and Jair de la Rosa (St. Philip’s Early College HS). The student scholars will be embarking on a three-year summer program using state of the art technology and experimental design as they learn about professional health careers in science and medicine. Each year, 20 freshmen are selected in the greater San Antonio and surrounding areas from both public and private schools. SAISD students garnered three award scholarships after undergoing an intensive application process that included achievement, letters of recommendation, an

essay and an interview with parents/guardians. The Voelcker Academy will provide all expenses. The 2017 summer program runs from June 14, 2017 through July 28, 2017.

- The Board recognized the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Advisory Committee (GATE AC) comprised of students, parents, teachers, principals, a Region 20 representative, community members, and District administrators with a total of approximately 30 members. The GATE AC began meeting in February 2017, with the goal of advising the department on the development and design of GATE services for SAISD's eligible students. The GATE Department is committed to engaging stakeholders in planning the future direction of its services. The GATE AC has explored the need for gifted services, examined National and State standards in gifted education, developed a GATE Scholar Profile, and analyzed District demographics and achievement data for eligible students. The GATE AC will evaluate current services using National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Standards and the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students. The Committee will make recommendations for improving and expanding services and will monitor their implementation.
- Trustees recognized the Response to Intervention (RTI) Task Force comprised of teachers, counselors, assistant principals, principals, a university professor, San Antonio Alliance representatives, and District administrators with a total of approximately 35 members. The RTI Task Force began meeting on December 12, 2016, with the task of creating a comprehensive and effective RTI framework to meet the unique needs of SAISD that cultivates problem-solving, data-based decision-making, and intervention plans designed to maximize the educational opportunities of all students. The RTI Task Force has reviewed and analyzed District data, current SAISD practices, and current research and evidence-based practices. The Task Force has also spoken with superintendents from large urban districts across the country regarding their implementation successes and lessons learned. Committed to fostering academic, behavioral, and social-emotional growth for all students, the Task Force will be making recommendations for an evidence-based support framework for 2017-2018 school year along with a correlated District handbook. The Task Force will continue to meet to evaluate and monitor implementation fidelity and effectiveness of the support framework in meeting student needs.

## 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. The presentation was the third in a series of discussions in preparation for the District Initiative budget proposals for the 2017-2018 school year. Willie Burroughs, the District's Chief Operations Officer, presented an Operation Services Division report. Operation Services is composed into four functional areas of Facilities, Construction, Child Nutrition and Transportation services. The top three priorities for Operation Services is to unify District support services for all units to work cohesively, successfully implement the Bond 2016 program, and to gain efficiencies by managing for results. Mr. Burroughs' report focused on the implementation of Bond 2016. The four concentrated elements included: Implementation/Pre-Planning; Design Professionals and Consultants; Operational Controls for Schedule; and Operational Controls for Quality. The projected timeline for Bond 2016 completion is four to six years. Leslie Price, Executive Director of Communications, provided a Bond 2016 communications report. A customized bond website will be launched that features videos, project progress, a blog, and impactful story telling. Also included in the plan are social media, parent and community meetings, studio-recorded town halls and Facebook Live events. Jenny

Arredondo, Child Nutrition Executive Director, presented the District's Food Quality Plan. The report identified critical areas that would assist and improve the quality and taste of student meals while continuing to meet the nutritional standards set in place by the USDA. Elements featured in the presentation included food standards, student input, marketing, staff development, software enhancements and a pilot project. Nathan Graf, Senior Executive Director of Transportation, provided a comprehensive Transportation Report. The District Transportation Department travels over 2.8 million miles each year and transports over 8,000 students daily to and from school. The report concentrated on areas of Bus Route Efficiency, Bus Driver Recruitment, Bus Driver Retention, Athletic Trips, Propane Grants and Service Delivery Options.

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

The Board received an update on the 2016-2017 SAISD Initiatives. The presentation was the fourth in a series of discussions in preparation for the District Initiative budget proposals for the 2017-2018 school year. Patti Holub, the District Chief Information Officer for Technology and Management Information Systems, provided a presentation to the Board on the Long Range Technology Plan (LRTP). LRTP will be centered on developing a digital ecosystem that offers a seamless digital environment that empowers each user with the tools needed to maximize their efficiency, productivity, and discovery for the highest levels of learning. The plan's primary area of focus will be on improving network infrastructure, increase digital accessibility and improve communications through technology. Toni Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, provided a report on the Master Teachers campaign. District Partner at TNTP, Anashay Wright, assisted in the presentation. The purpose of the partnership between SAISD and TNTP is united by a common goal that all students will have access to an effective teacher. The goals of the program are to increase student achievement and growth in specifically Master Teacher classrooms, and enhance job satisfaction, teacher retention, and recruitment. The Master Teacher role is part of a comprehensive career pathway in SAISD that will match our most effective teachers with the students who need them the most. The program highlights include: recognizing top performers in SAISD; attracting top performing teachers to the District; and increasing student outcomes.

## SAISD 2017-18 Budget Update

The Board received an update on the SAISD budget from Larry Garza, Associate Superintendent of Financial Services and Business Operations. A preliminary update was given on the SAISD budget process for the 2017-2018 school year. Some of the key areas addressed in the budget presentation included the current Texas Legislative session, local property taxes, student projections, preliminary revenue projection, proposed Interest & Sinking tax rate, debt service budget, child nutrition budget and the budget calendar. The 2017-2018 General Fund Budget is scheduled for approval in June.

## Canvassing Election Returns from May 6, 2017 Election

As required by the Texas Election Code, the Board of Trustees canvassed the precinct election returns as submitted by the Bexar County Elections Administrator. The Board approved the adoption of the Tabulation Report for the May 6, 2017 SAISD Trustee elections. In summary: Single-Member District 1, Steve Lecholop, garnered 63.5 percent of the vote; Single-Member District 3, Debra Guerrero, received 58.8 percent of the vote; and in Single-Member District 4, Arthur Valdez, won 59.7 percent of the votes cast.

## Administration of the Oath of Office for Elected Trustees

Carmen Vasquez-Gonzalez, Executive Director for Government & Community Relations, administered the Oath of Office to elected trustees in SAISD Single-Member Districts 1, 3, 4, and 7 at the Board meeting. Steve Lecholop (District 1), Debra Guerrero (District 3), Arthur Valdez (District 4) and Ed Garza (District 7) were all administered the Oath of Office.

## Bond 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee Appointed

The Board approved individuals to serve on the Bond 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). On Jan. 17, 2017, the Board discussed and approved the Committee Charter for the Citizens Advisory Committee, which was subsequently revised at the Feb. 13, 2017 Board meeting. Applications were then received by individuals interested in serving on the CAC. A total of 23 members were appointed at the meeting, with each Board member naming three individuals to serve on the Committee. Board members can appoint two individuals who live within their single-member district and appoint a member from a business or community organization within the single-member district. The Superintendent can also name three at-large members to the Committee who live or work within the District boundaries.

## Contracts Approved

- Agreement with John H. Wood Charter Schools to provide oversight, staff and instruction at Brewer Academy for the 2017-2018 school year, serving students formerly served at the Pickett campus.
- Service Delivery Agreements between Communities in Schools of San Antonio (CIS-SA) and SAISD to support two TTIPS campuses.

## Items Approved

- Career and Technology Education Textbook Adoption.
- World Languages Textbook Adoption.
- Optional Flexible School Day Program for Cooper Academy at Navarro and Travis Early College HS.
- Dates and Locations to Conduct Items of Business Regarding the Annual Budget and Setting of the Tax Rate.
- Proposed 2017-2018 Tax Rate to be Published in the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for May 2017.
- Foreign Trade Zone Designation and Enter Related Hold Harmless Agreements.
- “Order” related to the \$46,480,000 SAISD Variable Rate Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A (Conversion to Fixed Rate).
- Resolution and Grant Agreement Authorizing the Implementation of an Innovative Culinary Program through the Culinary Institute of America (CIA).

## Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Steve Lecholop (Academic Excellence Committee), Debra Guerrero (Finance Committee), James Howard (Governance Committee), and Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee) provided reports.

## Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Professional Development / Services and Support Materials.
- Bank Depository Services in support of District-wide operations.
- Teacher Residency – Teacher Training and Preparation Partnership.

- General Student Learning Materials and Software.
- Food, Paper and Chemical Products, and Equipment Supplies and Services in support of campus cafeterias District-wide, Administrative Dining Room, and Concessions during the 2017-2018 School Year on an “as needed” basis.
- Commodity Processing in support of campus cafeterias District-wide, during the 2017-2018 School Year on an “as needed” basis.
- General Supplies in support of Brackenridge HS during the 2017-2018 School Year.
- Summer 2017 Painting Project at Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA).
- Flex Furniture that can be reconfigured into a variety of formations to support varied teaching methods for grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> at Miller, Rodriguez and Stewart Elementary Schools.
- Reading/Language Arts Intervention System – establish a Tier II/III Intervention System.
- Cisco Identity Service Engine (ISE), a secure access control management tool.
- Symantec Endpoint Protection and Symantec Business Critical Services Advanced Access.
- Additional funding authorization for purchase of IT Staffing Services specifically for Programmer, Developer Analysts and Database Administrators.
- SAT School Day Program for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and Standard PSAT/NMSQT Testing Materials, including reports, guides, and early participation program deliverables, in support of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students District-wide on an “as needed” basis.
- Online Assessments for college readiness. This purchase will support all Academies, Middle and High Schools for students in grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> on an “as needed” basis.
- Advance Academic Assessments to obtain credit for post-secondary courses in support of grades 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> at Academy, Middle and High School Campuses.
- Testing Materials and Scoring Services for CoGAT, the IOWA Test of Basic Skills and the Woodcock-Munoz.
- Computer Adaptive Assessments, in support of K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in reading and math and 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in science District-wide on as “as needed” basis.

**Board of Education**

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