



# Board Meeting

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

Board Meeting A held on March 19, 2018 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210  
Board Meeting B held on March 26, 2018 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

### Recognitions & Resolutions

- The Board recognized the Sam Houston HS Academic Decathlon Team for their achievements at the 2018 Texas Academic Decathlon Competition from Feb. 23-25, 2018. The team brought home five medals this year. The students engaged in the topic of Africa for the 2017 – 2018 school year. They competed by completing exams over this topic and a written essay, delivered a prepared speech, completed an interview, and composed and delivered an impromptu speech. The students also competed in the Super Quiz, an overall knowledge competition that took place in front of a live audience.
- Trustees approved a Resolution in Recognition of the Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice on March 24, 2018. This year marked the 22nd anniversary of the annual march in San Antonio as well as the 52nd anniversary of Cesar Chavez's historic 350-mile pilgrimage from Delano to Sacramento in support of farm workers in America. Seventeen Lanier HS students joined Andrés Chávez, grandson of the civil rights activist, to lead the annual César Chávez March for Justice through downtown San Antonio. The event was co-sponsored by the City of San Antonio.

### Transforming Stewart ES Presentation

Trustees received a presentation from Mohammed Choudhury, Chief Innovation Officer, on the District's plan for transforming Stewart ES. The presentation also reviewed Texas House Bill 1842 and Texas Senate Bill 1882 and the implications of both bills on transforming Stewart ES in partnership with Democracy Prep Public Schools. Texas House Bill 1842 relates to public school accountability, including the intervention in and sanction of a public school that has received an academically unsuccessful performance rating for at least five consecutive school years and the designation of a school district as a District of Innovation. Texas Senate Bill 1882 relates to a school district contract to partner with an open enrollment charter or nonprofit entity to operate a district campus. Stewart ES is an Improvement Required Year 5 campus. According to House Bill 1842, Year 5 campuses can be ordered to close, or a Board of Managers can be appointed by the State.

### Partnership to Support Overage Students and Dropouts - Presentation

Trustees received a presentation on a strategy to support overage students and students who have dropped out of school. The report was given by Dr. Pauline Dow (Deputy Superintendent of Schools), Dr. Julio C. Garcia (Principal at Highlands HS), and Daniel Girard (Assistant Superintendent for High Schools). The strategy presentation focused on a partnership with Texans Can Academies to create an in-district charter at Highlands HS. The report concentrated on three primary areas: background context regarding the need for a new strategy to serve the most in need high school students who are overage and under-credited, details about the operation of the charter, and stakeholder engagement that established support for the charter. Data shared with the Board showed that 33% of Highlands students are overage, the dropout rate at Highlands is the highest in the district, and last year 75% percent of the

Highlands students who dropped out were overage. These students meet at least one and often multiple at-risk criteria; they are generally the most at-risk of not graduating. The report provided information about Texas Can Academies' extensive experience serving overage high school students and dropouts as well as details about the proposed charter, which will serve 250 students. Finally, the report communicated efforts to engage the Highlands community in the decision-making process regarding the charter. Feedback from faculty members, students, and parents indicated broad support. The Texas Can Academies charter at Highlands will provide the flexibility and support that overage students and former dropouts need to realize the goal of graduating from high school.

## School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Roger Rodriguez, District Senior Coordinator for Health and Physical Education, on the purpose of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and proposed parent members to SHAC for the 2018-2020 School Years. The SHAC is an advisory body whose purpose is to ensure that local community values are reflected in the District's health education instruction. The presentation covered the responsibilities for the school health advisory council members. SHAC members primarily focus on health and nutrition, physical education, safe and healthy schools, counseling, employee wellness and parental involvement.

## 2017-2018 Transportation Department Initiatives Presentation

Trustees received a presentation on the 2017-2018 Transportation Department Initiatives from Nathan Graf, SAISD Senior Executive Director for Transportation. Updates included school bus routing efficiency, school bus driver recruitment and retention, community outreach, grant funding and alternative fueled school buses. A tier schedule transportation model also was discussed as a method to further increase school bus operational efficiencies.

## SAISD 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year. Some of the key areas addressed in the budget presentation included local property taxes, student membership projections, a preliminary revenue projection, guiding principles for next school year's budget and the budget calendar. The 2018-2019 General Fund Budget is scheduled for approval in June.

## Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee), Debra Guerrero (Governance Committee), and Art Valdez (Student Advisory Committee) provided reports.

## Contracts Approved

- Management Agreement and the Performance Contract for Democracy Prep Public Schools (DPPS) at Stewart ES. This formalized the relationship between the District as a charter school authorizer and DPPS as a school operator in SAISD's Innovation Zone. The Board authorized DPPS and its appointed school leadership team and staff at Democracy Prep at Stewart ES the responsibility for managing day-to-day operations and hold them accountable for achieving the academic and operational targets outlined in its performance contract.
- In-District Charter Application for Democracy Prep at Stewart ES since the DPPS Management Agreement and Performance Contract were finalized. This formalized the relationship between the District as a charter school authorizer and DPPS as a school

operator in SAISD's Innovation Zone. The Board authorized DPPS and its appointed school leadership team and staff at DPPS the responsibility for managing day-to-day operations and hold them accountable for achieving the academic and operational targets outlined in its performance contract.

- Management agreement between Texans Can Academies and SAISD. The school will be co-located with Highlands High School and will open in the 2018-2019 school year. The Board authorized Texans Can Academies and its appointed school leadership and staff the responsibilities for managing the day-to-day operations and hold them accountable for achieving the academic and operational targets outlined in its management agreement.
- Application for the creation of an in-district charter with Texans Can Academies and SAISD. The school will be co-located with Highlands HS and will open in the 2018-2019 school year. The Board authorized Texans Can Academies and its appointed school leadership and staff the responsibilities for managing the day-to-day operations and hold them accountable for achieving the academic and operational targets outlined in its management agreement.
- Contract between SAISD and Safal Partners. Safal Partners, a Texas Education Agency (TEA)-approved Transformation Zone Design Partner, would provide SAISD support in refining and expanding the existing Innovation Zone. This partnership is grant funded. Safal Partners is a Texas-based, education-focused, management consulting firm that bridges the gap between ideas and outcomes.
- Ratification of the Professional Services Agreement between SAISD and New Classrooms Innovation Partners for Professional Development and for the Purchase of Student Licenses at Ogden ES. These licenses provide access to the *Teach to One: Math* platform, a proprietary program for teaching math using personalized, blended learning.
- Renewal of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Alamo Colleges and SAISD for the Early College High School Program (ECHS) at Brackenridge ECHS, St. Philip's ECHS, and Travis ECHS. Early College High Schools blend high school and college coursework to enable students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and up to two years of transferrable college credit (60 hours), with the possibility of an Associate's Degree, tuition free.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Digital Promise for the participation of Harris, Longfellow, Rhodes, and Whittier Middle Schools in the Verizon Innovative Learning schools (VILS) initiative. Digital Promise will provide each student and each teacher at the participating schools with a tablet device during the two-year project and Verizon 5G LTE connectivity, giving them 24/7 access to the internet for learning in the classroom, at home and beyond.

## Items Approved

- Proposed list of new members to the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for the 2018-2020 School Years. The SHAC is an advisory body whose purpose is to ensure that local community values are reflected in the District's health education instruction.
- Ratification of the Purchase of Student Licenses for the ST Math Program from Mind Research Institute at Advanced Learning Academy and Ball Academy. ST Math is an adaptive online K-8 math program that is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and

Skills (TEKS) and provides rigorous visual learning methodology that connects symbols and language to build conceptual understanding.

- Technology and Instructional Materials Allotment (TIMA) and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for March 2018.
- Purchase of dedicated internet services from Zayo Group. This purchase will include 10 GB Internet bandwidth to support all schools and administrative sites.
- Fiber Optic Connectivity Services from United Private Networks, LLC. (UPN), in accordance with the proposal cost tabulation and detail, and authorize the superintendent to execute documents to effectuate this purchase. This purchase is for wide area network (WAN) connectivity to campuses and administrative locations.
- Purchase of Main Distribution Frame (MDF) catalyst switches for elementary schools and specified campuses from Netsync Network Solutions to replace outdated core switches in campus MDF rooms.
- 2018-2019 SAISD Board Meeting Schedule.
- 2018-2019 SAISD Instructional Calendar for Lamar Elementary School.
- Purchase of the Huantes Building, locally known as 1411 Guadalupe Street, currently being leased by the District of the Adult Education Department as described in the Earnest Money Contract from the City of San Antonio and authorize the Superintendent to execute the sale and all related documents.

## Rental Usage Agreement Approved

- Sport Complex Field #2 by the Urban Soccer Leadership Academy (USLA) on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Soccer Youth Camp.

## Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- SAISD Service Center Transportation Building Phase II.
- Chiller Replacement/Central Plant Upgrades at Steele Montessori Academy to include installation, labor and materials.
- Chiller Replacement/Central Plant Upgrades at Tynan Early Childhood Education Center to include installation, labor and materials.
- Chiller Replacement/Central Plant Upgrades at Briscoe Elementary School to include installation, labor and materials.
- Chiller Replacement/Central Plant Upgrades at Austin Advanced Learning Academy to include installation, labor and materials.
- Chiller Replacement/Central Plant Upgrades at Washington Elementary School to include installation, labor and materials.
- Chiller Replacement/Central Plant Upgrades at Bowie Learning Center to include installation, labor and materials.
- Two-Way Radio Communication Systems for Edison, Highlands, Sam Houston, Jefferson, Lanier, Fox Tech/ALA/CAST, ALA Euclid, Ball Academy, Estrada and YWLA.

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