



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

Board Meeting A held on April 6, 2020 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210  
Board Meeting B held on April 13, 2020 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

## Resolutions & Recognitions

- The Board approved the Resolution in recognition of “Teacher Appreciation Week” on May 4, 2020 through May 8, 2020. 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 the Tuesday of that week to serve as “National Teacher Day”. This year, “National Teacher Day” is May 5, 2020. Today, many schools and communities honor their teachers through special activities, tokens of appreciation, and other ways to recognize teachers’ efforts, dedication, and commitment.

## Amend Resolution For Employee Premium Pay During COVID-19

The Board approved an amendment to the resolution adopted on March 17, 2020 authorizing employee payment during the COVID-19 crisis and school closure. The purpose of the amendment is to authorize the Superintendent to address the issue of Premium Pay for employees who will be required to perform work during a period of time beginning on Monday, April 13, 2020 and up to the last day of the school year.

## SAISD’s Response to Ongoing COVID-19 Crisis Update

Trustees received an update on SAISD’s Response to the Ongoing COVID-19 Crisis and approved associated expenditures. During the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, SAISD Trustees approved a resolution giving the Superintendent authority to take reasonable action to address the needs of students and employees during the COVID-19 crisis. Several District administrators provided updates and highlights of the District’s efforts. Administrators providing reports included Patti Salzman (Chief Academic Officer), Gerard Cortez (Assistant Superintendent for Behavioral & Disability Services), Dr. Kenneth Thompson (Chief Information Technology Officer) and Jenny Arredondo (Senior Executive Director of Child Nutrition). In addition, an overview of expenses incurred to date was provided.

## SAISD Budget Update

The Board received an update on the SAISD budget from Larry A. Garza, CFO and Associate Superintendent of Financial Services and Business Operations. A preliminary update was given on the General Fund Budget financial projection for year-end of the 2019-2020 school year. A key area addressed in the presentation included school closures due to COVID-19 budget considerations. Also discussed were goals for the 2020-2021 budget and upcoming dates in the budget calendar. The 2020-2021 General Fund Budget is scheduled for approval in June.

## Two Surplus Buses for COVID-19 Emergency Use Approved

Trustees approved to delegate to the Superintendent authority to dispose two surplus buses by conveying ownership of the buses to Bexar County for fair market value or if the buses have no value, to convey ownership to Bexar County in his administrative discretion, and further to authorize the Superintendent to execute any documents to effectuate this disposal of property. Bexar County has requested two buses to transport healthcare workers in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Staff has identified two surplus buses. The buses are 1999 models, campus-based athletic buses, and each bus has an estimated value of less than \$1,000. The Superintendent does not have authority to dispose of the surplus buses because the Board policy pertaining to the disposal of surplus property, CI (LOCAL), does not apply to buses. Also, the buses cannot be loaned or leased to the County because Board Policy CNB (LOCAL) does not permit buses to be used for non-school purposes.

## Emergency Communication Program Grant Presentation

The Board received a presentation on the Emergency Communication Program Grant from Nathan Graf, District Senior Executive Director for Transportation. SAISD was the only school district in Bexar County to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to be used towards school safety programs. The goal of SAISD's program is to better protect SAISD students, teachers, and staff by improving the district's ability to communicate during emergencies. Funding from the grant will be used to install digital radio communication systems in SAISD school buses, schools, and the SAISD Police Department.

## Board Policy Approved

Trustees approved the proposed Board Policy CQB (LOCAL) – Cybersecurity. Texas Senate Bill 820 (SB 820) was signed by Governor Abbott to require Texas school districts to adopt a cybersecurity policy.

## Board of Trustee Committee Reports

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

## Items Approved

- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for April 2020.
- Acceptance of the Draft Report for the Prior Year Follow Up - Payroll Processing and Time Management System Audit as Recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Acceptance of the Draft Report for the Prior Year Follow Up - Vehicle Insurance Audit as Recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Acceptance of the Draft Report for the Workers Compensation Claims Management Audit as Recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Technology and Instructional Materials Allotment (TIMA) and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification for the 2020-2021 School Year.
- Teacher Textbook Committee (TTC) for High School English Language Arts and Reading and English Learners Language Arts Grade 7 and 8.

- Purchase of Centegix Crisis Alert System which gives teachers and staff members the power to immediately notify key stakeholders in the event of an emergency.
- Purchase of Cisco SmartNet Service. Cisco SmartNet is a technical support service giving IT staff direct, anytime access to Cisco experts and online self-help resources required to resolve issues with most Cisco products.
- Purchase of Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures and accessories to replace existing lighting at 15 campuses during the spring-summer of 2020.
- General Contractor for the 2020 Rodriguez Montessori Elementary School Renovations.
- General Contractor for the 2020 Steele Montessori Academy Cosmetic Renovations.
- General Contractor for the Phase II Renovations to Convert to Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA) Primary at Page.
- Change Order for the Modifications to the SAISD’s Operations Services Center Building – Phase II.

## Contracts Approved

- Renewal of the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the Alamo Colleges and SAISD for the Early College High School (ECHS) Program at Brackenridge, St. Philip’s, and Travis. 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) between SAISD and Roy Maas Youth Alternatives, Inc. as part of the SAISD System of Care. The MOU represents agreements between SAISD and Roy Maas Youth Alternatives, Inc. to provide a no cost part-time counseling therapist to support SAISD students entering the District from a residential placement facility.

## Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- HVAC Trane Unit Ventilators to be used for time sensitive preventative maintenance at campuses District-wide.
- Classroom furniture for the students at Rodriguez Montessori. This purchase will furnish the classrooms with tables, chairs and shelves.
- School furniture for the students at Storm Elementary School in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

## No Action Taken

- Appointment of Members to the 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF).

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**Debra A. Guerrero, Secretary; Ed Garza, Member; Steve Lecholop, Member;**  
**Christina Martinez, Member; Alicia M. Perry, Member; Pedro Martinez, Superintendent**

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