



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

Board Meeting A held on February 10, 2020 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210
Board Meeting B held on February 18, 2020 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Resolutions & Recognitions

- Trustees approved a Resolution in recognition of “National School Counseling Week” observed during February 3rd through February 7th in SAISD. The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) believes in one vision and one voice and works to ensure that it meets the needs of all professional school counselors, regardless of setting, experience level or needs. This year’s theme for National School Counseling Week was “Building Better Humans,” which was intended to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact that counselors have made in helping students achieve school success and how they work to maximize the academic, career, and personal development of all students.
- The Board recognized three school counselors for being highlighted as part of the 2019-2020 College Board National Counselor Recognition Program. Each year, the College Board Counselor Recognition Program honors the innovative middle and high school counselors who go the extra mile to expand educational opportunities for students and counselors who are seeing results. Through the District’s nominations, these counselors were notified by College Board of their award for their exemplary work and commitment to student success. This year’s recipients are:
 - ❖ Ashley Cash, Lead Counselor at Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA)
 - ❖ Angeles Coss, School Counselor at YWLA
 - ❖ Chenelle Turner, Lead Counselor at Sam Houston High School

The professional profiles of the counselors were featured on the College Board website and each received a lapel pin. The College Board also recognizes counselors during National School Counseling Week in February. Additionally, two SAISD counselors had their counseling proposals selected this school year at the state conference level. For 115 years, the Texas Counseling Association, Professional School Counseling Conference has been educating school counseling professionals on cutting edge best practices and researched trends. This year, Texas Counseling Association (TCA) Professional School Counseling Conference selected Richard Zabransky, school counselor at JT Brackenridge Elementary. The Young Women’s Preparatory Network also provides leadership development opportunities for school leadership and staff to create a sustainable, consistent model for professional learning resulting in increased student performance. The statewide network held a 2019 symposium and selected Angeles Coss.

- Trustees recognized Jefferson High School’s JROTC CyberPatriot students for their achievements during the Texas State Round of Cyber Patriot Championship held on January 24 and 25, 2020 on school campuses throughout the U.S. Jefferson JROTC competed on January 24, 2020 in their JROTC building. The team consisted of the following

students: Elena Benavidez, Julian Herrera, Malik Agha, Joao Flores, Elisa Figueroa, Jazlyn Morales, Gregory Stille, George Salazar, Ramon Mejia, and George Torres. According to the Air Force Association, CyberPatriot is a national competition initiative created by AFA's National Youth Cyber Education program. CyberPatriot inspires K-12 students toward careers in cyber security or other STEM disciplines critical to the U. S. National Security as well as technology applications. The competition places middle and high school students in an IT professional role leading the networks of governmental agencies and private corporations. Students compete online through several rounds. During the competition, teams receive scenarios of virtual operating systems and are tasked with locating and correcting cybersecurity vulnerabilities while maintaining critical service. The top teams in the U.S. earn all-expenses paid to Bethesda, Maryland for the national finals and can earn national recognition and scholarships. Jefferson HS is the only team in SAISD that qualified for the semifinals.

- The Board recognized SAISD's JROTC students for their achievements at the United States Army Cadet Command, 5th Brigade Drill Team Championship held on January 22, 2020 in San Antonio, TX. The 5th Brigade covers eight states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. The following teams competed and/or placed during these championship competitions:

Brackenridge High School

Armed Color Guard – 17th Place
Armed Inspection – 6th Place
Armed Regulation – 9th Place
Armed Exhibition – 7th Place
Armed Overall – 10th Place
Unarmed Color Guard – 1st Place
Unarmed Inspection – 6th Place
Unarmed Regulation – 4th Place
Unarmed Exhibition – 3rd Place
Unarmed Overall – 1st Place

Highlands High School

Armed Color Guard – 1st Place
Armed Inspection – 5th Place
Armed Regulation – 1st Place
Armed Exhibition – 4th Place
Armed Overall – 2nd Place

Jefferson High School

Armed Color Guard – 2nd Place
Armed Inspection – 10th Place
Armed Regulation – 7th Place
Armed Exhibition – 3rd Place
Armed Overall – 3rd Place
Unarmed Color Guard – 10th Place
Unarmed Inspection – 1st Place
Unarmed Regulation – 2nd Place
Unarmed Exhibition – 2nd Place
Unarmed Overall – 2nd Place

All three schools qualified for the Army Nationals which will take place March 21, 2020 in Richmond, VA. In addition, three other schools participated in the championship: Burbank Unarmed, Edison Armed as well as Lanier Armed, and Unarmed.

- Trustees approved a Resolution in Recognition of “Career and Technical Education Month” in February. The Association for Career and Technical Education strives to empower educators to deliver high quality CTE programs that ensure all students are positioned for career success. CTE Month is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

SAISD’s December 2019 End-Of-Course Assessment Presentation

The Board received a brief overview on the SAISD’s December 2019 End-Of-Course (EOC) Assessment Results from Theresa Urrabazo, the District’s Sr. Executive Director of Accountability, Research, Evaluation and Testing. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has released the district and campus results for all students who tested on one or more of the following EOC assessments during the December 2019 administration: English I, English II, Algebra I, US History, or Biology. These results will be included in the accountability data which will be compiled at the end of the year, following testing in the Spring. Eight SAISD high school principals were recognized for their efforts during the board presentation. Principals recognized included Yesenia Cordova (Brackenridge HS), Miguel Elizondo (Burbank HS), Dr. Cynthia Carielo (Edison HS), Ralf Halderman (Jefferson HS), Dr. Julio C. Garcia (Highlands HS), Dr. Moises Ortiz (Lanier HS), Dr. Mateen Diop (Sam Houston HS) and Robert Loveland (Cooper Academy at Navarro).

Items Approved

- The 2020-2022 Turnaround Plans for campuses who have received an “F” or Unacceptable rating for two consecutive years.
- Budget amendments for the month of February 2020.
- General Contractors for Central Plant Upgrades including Chiller Replacements at Barkley-Ruiz, Collins Garden, Graebner, Hillcrest, and Washington Elementary Schools, Douglass, and Twain Dual Language Academies, YWLA Primary, and Poe and Rhodes Middle Schools.
- Ratify the lease that provides warehouse storage space for approximately 120 pallets of textbooks for the 21st Century Learning Department.
- Applying for and acceptance of a San Antonio Water System (SAWS) rebate by the Facilities Services departments.
- The 2020-2021 SAISD Instructional Calendar. The calendar was developed in collaboration with staff, Professional Consultation, and the District Leadership Team (DLT). Two calendar options were provided to all District staff for a formal vote. Over 1,700 votes were cast, with over 1,200 employees selecting calendar A2, which was presented for Board approval.
- Student travel to Mexico City. Students will spend a week in Mexico City where they will be meeting with officials and learning about leadership and city and state government. In addition, they will meet a senator, take a tour of the senate, and visit the Museo del Paplote.

The summer 2020 trip will include an estimated 15 students who meet criteria from the CAST network schools. Expenses for this trip will be collaboratively funded by students and their families and/or through the CAST Network and HEB partnership.

- Student travel to the Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP). UDLAP is a U.S. accredited university established in 1940. It is also a multicultural and multilingual university ranked as the 4th best private university and 9th best overall in Mexico. The summer 2020 trip will include an estimated 30 students who meet criteria from the CAST network schools. Expenses for this trip will be collaboratively funded by students and their families and/or through the CAST Network and HEB partnership.
- Submission of the Staff Development Minutes Waiver application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the repeal of the seven-hour school day requirement by House Bill (HB) 2442 and the flexibilities provided by 75,600 minutes of operation, school districts that meet certain requirements may release students early from school and still receive full Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding.
- Purchase of a Cisco cloud security service to allow students, staff and administration to connect to the internet with confidence.
- Minor General Contractor for Courtyard Modifications at Democracy Prep at Stewart.
- Auditorium Audio Visual System for Young Women's Leadership Academy (Primary) at Page.

Contracts Approved

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Angelo State University for dual credit certification for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school years. This MOU will provide a tuition-free opportunity for teachers who hold a master's degree but do not have sufficient upper division coursework to teach dual credit through San Antonio College to complete graduate hours within a specific content. Teachers who successfully complete the required coursework will be granted the ability to teach dual credit courses in English, history, or political science, as specified in the MOU between Angelo State University, San Antonio College, and San Antonio ISD.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc. Catholic Charities provides educational presentations, which include pregnancy and childbirth education and parenting skills information, to identified pregnant/parenting students. These presentations will be provided to SAISD students at high schools, middle schools, and academies at no cost.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Antonio College for the 2020-2021 Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program at Fox Tech High School. The P-TECH (advertised as Fox Tech H-TECH) is a Texas Education Agency endorsed college and career model. The P-TECH plans to add a cohort of approximately 50 ninth grade students for the 2020-2021 school year and focus on preparing students with the skills, credentials and an associate degree necessary for high-demand careers in nursing and healthcare. Students can earn their high school diploma as well as an Associate of Science degree and/or healthcare industry-based certifications for patient care technician, pharmacy technician, first aid, and CPR. Students will also complete work-based training

through internships and other job-training programs. In the first four years of the program, students will split their time between Fox Tech and San Antonio College.

- Rental Agreement between SAISD and Mission Concepcion Sports Park for Academy Sports League (ASL) Volleyball and Basketball Games for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Schools impacted are Advanced Learning Academy, Ball, Beacon Hill, Bonham, Bowden, Cotton, Crockett, Douglass, Fenwick, Forbes, Green, Hawthorne, Herff, Japhet, Margil, Mission, Ogden, Riverside Park, Will Rogers, and Woodlawn.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Steve Lecholop (Academic Excellence Committee), Christina Martinez (Governance Committee), Ed Garza (Growth and Development Committee) and Art Valdez (Student Advisory Committee) provided a report.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Supplies for the football program. The supplies will be used by the high school and middle school athletics participating in the football program.
- Ratification authorization for the purchase of HVAC Test and Balance (TAB) services for renovations related to the 2016 Bond project at Lanier HS.
- Ratification authorization for the purchase of contracts for architectural and consulting services selected from approved pool of firms under RFQ #17-019 for various projects to be completed before the start of the 2020-2021 School Year.
- Furniture for Woodlawn Academy. This purchase will provide furniture for grades Kinder through 8th grade classrooms, library, school entrance, and the main office.
- Furniture for Democracy Prep at Stewart. This purchase will provide furniture for grades Kinder through 6th grade classrooms, library, and the main office.
- Rental of the Alamodome for the Graduation Rehearsals and Ceremonies in support of Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Highlands, Jefferson, Lanier and Sam Houston High Schools scheduled for May 26, 27, 29, 30, and 31, 2020.

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