



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

Board Meeting A held on January 21, 2020 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions

- Trustees recognized the family of fallen SAISD Detective Clifton J. Martinez. On December 21, 2019, Detective Clifton J. Martinez, a 27-year veteran, lost his life while protecting and serving the community. Detective Martinez was a proud graduate of Highlands High School and a committed and caring Police Officer. The District proudly honored Detective Martinez and thanked his family for his service, heroism, and sacrifice.
- The Board recognized the Resolution in Recognition of the 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March. This year marked the 33rd anniversary of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March, which is celebrated as one of the nation's most revered civil rights leaders. This year's March was held on January 20, 2020. The San Antonio community has been known for having the largest March in the nation with an estimated 300,000 attendees who gather to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King each year. The March began at the MLK Academy located at 3501 MLK Drive and ended at Pittman-Sullivan Park located at 1101 Iowa St. This March was sponsored by the City of San Antonio. Special thanks to the MLK Academy and Principal Natasha Pinnix as well as all SAISD students, families, staff and community members who volunteered, helped, and participated at this year's March and activities.
- Trustees recognized Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Middle School for being named as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Middle Years Programme (MYP). The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is open to any student in grades six through tenth at schools that have been authorized to implement the programme. The MYP is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. Students who complete the MYP are well-prepared to undertake the IB Diploma Programme (DP) during their 11th and 12th grade years. SAISD recognized the campus leadership and the IB instructional team who are responsible for earning approval for Longfellow MS to become the District's fifth school to offer the MYP. School leadership includes Nancy Rodriguez (principal), Derrick Cade (associate principal), Elizabeth Castro (assistant principal) and Jacqueline Carter (IB instructional coach/MYP coordinator). Longfellow MS is one of six SAISD IB World Schools. The following campuses are also bringing the International Baccalaureate experience to San Antonio ISD: Briscoe Elementary School, Woodlawn Academy, Harris Middle School, Burbank High School and Jefferson High School.

Modification of Lanier High School Logo Approved

Trustees approved the modified logo for Lanier High School. The updated logo incorporates a visual of the original entry doors of Lanier HS. The changes were made to create a logo that would visually bridge Lanier's long-time leadership and historical legacy with today's student body – providing recognition of the "Legacy Blue" pride across the Lanier community and a common memory no matter what the age of the alumni. School administration and faculty held meetings with parents, alumni, and community members to gather input on the proposed logo modification. The responses were highly positive.

2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force Process, Overall Campaign Approved

The Board approved the composition of and process for appointing members to the 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force and on the overall information campaign. The report was presented by Vanessa Hurd, the District Chief of External Relations. The purpose of the 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force is to inform and advise Trustees in matters relating to Bond 2020. It will make its formal recommendations to the Board in early August. The Task Force does not have decision-making, policy-setting or management authority. The Blue Ribbon Task Force presentation focused on structure and mandate, process for Board members to appoint their three members and proposed meeting timeline. The Overall Information Campaign emphasized timeline and key activities, draft of frequently asked questions and draft messaging.

Census 2020 Update

Trustees received an update on Census 2020 and on the District's efforts to partner and support the work of the US Census Bureau to optimize participation from SAISD families and community members. The report was given by Vanessa Hurd, the District Chief of External Relations.

Changes to Board Policy Approved

The Board approved updates to Board Policy GKD (LOCAL) Community Relations, Non-school Use of School Facilities and associated Fee Schedules. An internal audit finding led to the review and revision of the policy to address findings to include the categories of user groups, fee waivers, and to correlate fees to facilities and operational costs. The policy was last updated November 11, 2002. The proposed policy has been reviewed through the Audit and Policy Joint Board Committee. The updates will create clarity and increase efficiency of the rental process.

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.

Items Approved

- Acceptance the Composite Report (2019 – 2020 Principal Changes Student Activity Fund Draft Audit Reports) as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Acceptance of the Draft IT Hardware and Software Management Prior Year Audit Follow Up Report as Recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Ratify the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and The Children's Shelter of San Antonio. The Shelter is a short-term residential care facility for children who have been temporarily or permanently removed from their families. They remain at The Shelter until they are placed with foster families or other placement deemed suitable by the Department of Family and Protective Services.
- Ratify the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the Healy-Murphy Center. All classes at the Healy-Murphy Center (HMC) are multi-grades: ninth through twelfth grades, based on the academic needs of the students at the time of enrollment. The Healy Murphy Child Development Center (HMCDC) delivers instruction to three and four year olds assigned to its Pre-K program.

- Ratify an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) to provide high school students with college access and scholarship opportunities. The addendum would add Cooper Academy and the Phoenix Middle College to the list of high schools (Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Fox Tech, Highlands, Jefferson, Lanier, and Sam Houston) served by SAEP and qualifies students to apply for the SAEP scholarship.
- Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County (UWSA-BC) for the Early Development Instrument (EDI) project which includes data collection in Kindergarten classrooms to gather information about the healthy development of Kindergarten students.
- An innovative course for submission to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). According to Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 74.27, a school district may offer innovative courses to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum.
- Purchase of equipment from Technical Laboratory Systems for the Manufacturing and Engineering magnet program at Highlands High School.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Antonio Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), in alignment with the San Antonio ISD System of Care to support Social Emotional and Academic Development.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for January 2020.
- General Contractor for the Playground Enhancements at Bowden Academy, Huppertz, Madison, and Maverick Elementary Schools.
- General Contractor for the Permeable Artificial Turf Installation at Bonham Academy.

Contracts Approved

- Contract for Annual Audit Services for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Eduphoria Suite and Lead4ward subscriptions. The subscriptions will be used to support curriculum-based campuses and district assessments for data analysis tools, processes, strategies, and heat map software with daily planning and data analysis for precision teaching.
- Increase the expenditure for the purchase of STAAR Test Maker Item Bank. Teachers will be able to administer student assessments that are aligned to the TEKS and uses test questions that mirror the rigor and types of questions that will be assessed on the STAAR test.
- Purchase of Classroom Furniture for students in grades 9th – 12th at Jefferson High School.
- Ratification of the purchase for membership and registration fees, professional development and online support and training. This purchase supported IB for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Purchase of Concession Items. This purchase will provide food and beverage items for the District Admin Dining Room and Concessions on an “as needed” basis.
- Purchase of Student Uniforms. This purchase will provide school uniforms for daily use by students for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis in support of the uniform voucher program in accordance to FNCA (Legal) and FNCA (Local).
- Purchase of new Band, Mariachi and Orchestra Instruments. This purchase will provide new instruments for all high school, middle school, academy and elementary students enrolled in band, mariachi and orchestra programs for District-wide use on an “as needed” basis.
- Purchase and installation of new Allegro Performance Dance Floors for Academy expansion dance programs. This purchase will provide new dance floors at MLK Academy, Woodlawn Academy, Advanced Learning Academy, Crockett Academy and Fenwick Academy for students enrolled in the dance programs.
- Purchase of four (4) new Boston grand pianos. This purchase will support the students enrolled in the Choir Programs at Burbank HS, Sam Houston HS, Jefferson HS and Young Women’s Leadership Academy.
- Purchase of Data Center to WAN Connectivity and Equipment (E-Rate) to connect WAN for all campuses and facilities to the newly established District Data Center.
- Purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) (E-Rate) to replace aging and non-functioning UPS equipment in the Main Distribution Frame rooms at 90+ campuses. This purchase will provide backup power to the campus MDF equipment in case of a campus power outage District-wide on an “as needed” basis.
- Purchase of Dedicated Internet Service (E-Rate). This purchase will provide 10 GB Internet bandwidth to support all schools and administrative sites District-wide on an “as needed” basis.

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