



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

Board Meeting A held on May 11, 2020 via Zoom webinar
Board Meeting B held on May 18, 2020 via Zoom webinar

Resolutions & Recognitions

- The Board approved the Resolution in Recognition of National Police Week on May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020 and designated May 15, 2020 as “National Peace Officers Memorial Day.” The Resolution also requested to recognize the 26th Anniversary of the passing of Sergeant William Maldonado, who passed away on May 27, 1994 in the line of duty and the recent line of duty death of Detective Clifton J. Martinez, who passed away on December 21, 2019.
- Trustees approved the Council of the Great City Schools’ (CGCS) Resolution, urging Congress to provide more funding for local school systems in the next Coronavirus Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

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 17th 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 Theresa Urrabazo (Sr. Executive Director of Accountability, Research, Evaluation and Testing), Patti Salzmann (Chief Academic Officer), Dr. Kenneth Thompson (Chief Information Technology Officer), Jenny Arredondo (Senior Executive Director of Child Nutrition), Larry A. Garza (CFO and Associate Superintendent of Financial Services and Business Operations), Willie Burroughs (Chief Operations Officer), Dr. Judith Solis (Assistant Superintendent Office of School Leadership, All Levels), Dr. Patricia Baumer (Executive Director for Office of Access and Enrollment Services), Daniel Girard (Assistant Superintendent, All Levels) and Tiffany Grant (Chief of Staff). 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 regarding student enrollment projection and financial projection for year-end of the 2019-2020 school year and the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. The report provided information on the debt service budget, child nutrition fund budget, proposed tax rate for 2020-2021 and current strategic investments. A key area addressed in the presentation included school closures due to COVID-19 budget considerations. Also presented were the upcoming dates in the budget calendar. The 2020-2021 General Fund Budget is scheduled for approval in June.

Resolution to Authorize Submission of District's Application for Funding Under Federal Magnet Schools Assistance Program and Certify the District's Voluntary Desegregation Plan

Trustees approved the Resolution to Authorize the Submission of the District's Application for Funding Under the Federal Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) and certify the District's Voluntary Desegregation Plan on May 18, 2020. Mohammed Choudhury, the District's Chief Innovation Officer, provided a report. The Magnet Schools Assistance Program provides grants to eligible local educational agencies to establish and operate magnet schools that are operated under a court-ordered or federally approved voluntary desegregation plan. These grants assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of minority group isolation in elementary and secondary schools with substantial numbers of minority group students. To meet the statutory purposes of the program, projects also must support the development and implementation of magnet schools that assist in the achievement of systemic reforms and provide all students with the opportunity to meet challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards. Projects support the development and design of innovative education methods and practices that promote diversity and increase choices in public education programs. The program supports capacity development – the ability of a school to help all its students meet more challenging standards – through professional development and other activities that will enable the continued operation of the magnet schools at a high-performance level after funding ends. Finally, the program supports the implementation of courses of instruction in magnet schools that strengthen students' knowledge of academic subjects and their grasp of tangible and marketable vocational skills (U.S. Department of Education, 2020). San Antonio ISD's proposed MSAP project will expand upon its existing open enrollment Choice Schools and Programs initiative. Specifically, if the grant is awarded by U.S. Department of Education, the District will leverage MSAP funding to scale the impact and reach of its open enrollment Diverse by Design school models that significantly weigh socioeconomic status factors in admissions and leverage controlled choice lotteries for student assignment. The grant will support the expansion and establishment of magnet schools and programs at Cleto L. Rodriguez Montessori Elementary School, Laura Steele Montessori Academy, Mark Twain Dual Language Academy, and CAST Med High School.

MOU Between SAISD, UTSA for PhD Program Approved

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA) to establish a PhD program for instructional leadership. SAISD and UTSA have collaborated to develop a cohort model for the PhD program in Educational Leadership which will be delivered by UTSA at an SAISD campus exclusively for SAISD instructional leaders. The program will begin as early as Summer 2020 and coursework will be completed in eight semesters. SAISD leaders who participate in the program will have tuition and fees paid by SAISD through the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant. Participants will make a commitment to remain employed in a leadership position in SAISD throughout the completion of the coursework and for three years after completion. The estimated cost is \$35,000 per candidate paid by the TIF grant.

SAISD JROTC Safety and Marksmanship Program Approved

Trustees approved the reestablishment of the SAISD JROTC Safety and Marksmanship Program. The program includes an emphasis on safety and responsibility with the incorporation of standard range operating procedures. The JROTC Safety and Marksmanship program offers SAISD cadets an opportunity to practice required skills to compete on a local and national level. The United States Army Cadet Command offers the standard equipment for our schools at no

cost to the District. Rifles, pellets, targets, and other equipment are provided through army funding. The District can also choose to purchase additional equipment if local funds allow.

Overview of Board Related Meetings, Planning Sessions & Activities

The Board received an overview on the Board related meetings, planning sessions and activities. Patti Radle, president of the SAISD school board, led the discussion. Tiffany Grant, Chief of Staff, provided a report.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Steve Lecholo (Academic Excellence Committee), Debra Guerrero (Finance & Audit Committee) and Christina Martinez (Governance Committee) provided a report.

Items Approved

- Proposed 2020-2021 SAISD Board Meeting Schedule.
- 2020-2021 SAISD Instructional Calendar as a result of the COVID-19 school closure. The additions to the 2020-2021 SAISD Instructional Calendar include: November 13, 2020 – Battle of Flowers Holiday and May 28, 2021 – Teacher Work Day/Bad Weather Makeup Day.
- Approval to Purchase College Board SpringBoard Consumable Textbooks and Digital Licenses for International Baccalaureate English Language Arts and Math Classes.
- Budget amendments for the month of May 2020.
- Parameters Order Authorizing the Issuance of the San Antonio Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and/or Refunding Bonds In One or More Series and Other Matters Related.
- Composite Report for the 2019-2020 Student Activity Fund Draft Audit Reports as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Proposed 2020-2021 Internal Audit Department Budget.
- Amend Board Policy DEA (Local) – Compensation and Benefits and Wage and Hour Laws.
- Charter for the 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF).
- Appointment of Members to the SAISD 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force.
- Appointment of a Member to fill the SAISD 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Member Vacancy.
- Submit the Application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for Attendance Waivers for Missed School Days for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- Letter of Intent for Partnership with the Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP).

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Alamo Community College District on behalf of San Antonio Colleges - First Responders Academy for the 2020-2021 academic school year within the magnet program at Edison High School.
- Program Agreement between SAISD and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the Brackenridge Dual Language Academy Program.
- Program Agreement between SAISD and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the Fox Tech Politics and Law Academy Program.
- Program Agreement between SAISD and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the Lanier High School and Jefferson High School Construction Science/Architecture/Interior Design Academy Program.
- Dates and Locations to Conduct Items of Business Regarding the Annual Budget and Setting of the Tax Rate.
- Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Rate to be Published in the “Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate”.

Contracts Approved

- Agreement between the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) for the Pre-freshman Engineering Program (PREP) for Summers 2020 – 2022. This request is a renewal of an 18-year partnership focused on providing a math and science-based summer enrichment opportunity to students beginning in the 6th grade.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Education Service Center, Region 20, to locally implement the Texas Reading Academies. The House Bill 3 (HB 3) statute requires all kindergarten through third grade (K-3) teachers and principals to successfully complete a Reading Academy, which is a 60-hour, 10 modules professional development course that addresses the thirteen competencies found in the Science of Teaching Reading. The Texas Reading Academies will provide educators and administrators with the essential skills necessary to ensure SAISD students develop a strong foundation in reading and writing.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Commodity Processing in support of campus cafeterias District-wide, during the 2020-2021 School Year on an “as needed” basis.
- Frozen and Dry Goods, Paper and Janitorial, Equipment Supplies and Services in support of campus cafeterias District-wide and Administrative Dining Room during the 2020-2021 School Year on an “as needed” basis.
- Commissioning Services to support the 2016 Bond project at Brackenridge High School.
- HVAC Test and Balance (TAB) Services to support the 2016 Bond project at Tafolla Middle School.

- Change Order to increase the Board approved construction for the 2016 Bond project at Bowden Academy.
- Renewal of RFP #19-043, Online Mathematics Program for an approximate amount of \$350,000 per year.
- Fine Arts Instructional Contracted Services on an “as needed” basis for District-wide use. This program will support training for students in grades K through 12th in all Fine Arts content areas including Band, Elementary Music, Choir, Dance, Mariachi, Orchestra, Visual Art and Theatre Art.
- Ratification of the purchase for end user equipment, accessories and any associated services to include 300 Laptop Computers for District-wide use.
- Ratification of the purchase for end user equipment, accessories and associated services to include 30,000 Chromebooks and 50,000 Headsets for District-wide use.
- Ratification of the purchase for Cellular and Wireless Data Services for District-wide use for 3,500 hot spots that will provide high speed data access.
- Classroom Furniture for students at Ball Academy.
- College Readiness Online Workshops to include Licensure which encompass foundational concepts covered across the TSI, SAT and ACT College Readiness Tests for up to 1,300 high school students on an “as needed” basis for District-wide use.
- College and Career Planning Platform System which is a web-based platform with interactive assessments, course and graduation planning, college planning, goal setting, college application, transcript manager, community partner management and alumni tracking on an “as needed” basis.

ITEM TABLED

- Proposed Revisions to Board Policies DK (LOCAL) – Assignments and Schedules and DFBB (LOCAL) – Term Contracts and Nonrenewal

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