



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

Regular Board Meeting held on August 22, 2022 at 514 W. Quincy St., San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Recognitions

- ❖ The Board commissioned the new SAISD Chief of Police, Johnny Reyes. On July 18, 2022, the Board appointed Johnny Reyes Jr. as the new Chief of Police. Johnny Reyes Jr. has been a Texas Peace Officer for 30 years and has worked for the Bexar and Frio County Sheriff's Departments; working in detention, patrol, traffic, and the drug interdiction and narcotics divisions. Chief Reyes has been employed with the San Antonio ISD Police Department for 20 years. Chief Reyes obtained a Master's Degree from Our Lady of The Lake University in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in Criminology. Chief Reyes is certified as a Master Texas Peace Officer, Police Instructor, and is a Field Training Officer with the department. He serves as an adjunctive Police Instructor with the Alamo Area Council of Governments Law Enforcement Academy (AACOG) and as an in-house adjunct instructor teaching various Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE) courses. The Oath of Office was administered by Board President Christina Martinez.

2020-2021 State Accountability Results Presentation

Trustees were presented the 2021-2022 State Accountability results. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has released the district and campus ratings for the 2021-2022 school year. This year, campuses that earned an A, B, or C will receive a letter grade. Campuses that score below 70 will be "Not Rated" for one more year. Ratings are based on the evaluation of three performance domains for Student Achievement, School Progress, and Closing Performance Gaps. The domains include results from the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing program, College, Career, and Military Ready Rates (CCMR), Graduation Rates, and performance by English Language Learners on the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) assessment. In addition to an overall rating, campuses in good standing may also be eligible for Distinction Designations which recognize performance in English Language Arts/Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Top 25% for Comparative Academic Growth, Top 25% for Comparative Closing the Gap Performance, and Postsecondary Readiness. Distinctions are awarded to schools based on their performance in comparison to a group comprised of Texas campuses that are similar in key demographics.

Potential Board Committees Discussion

Trustees discussed the creation of potential Board Committees, the Chair and members of each committee.

Selection of Two SAISD Board Members to Serve in 2022 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly as a Delegate and Alternate

The Board approved the selection of two SAISD Board members who will serve in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly. Trustee Sarah Sorensen was selected as the delegate and Trustee Art Valdez was appointed as the alternate. The Board was asked to designate both a delegate and an alternate. This year, the assembly will take place on Sept. 24th during the TASA/TASB Convention in San Antonio. TASB's Delegate Assembly gives the school board a direct voice in advocating for Texas public schools. The Delegate Assembly shall consist of either the delegate or alternate. Each member of the Delegate Assembly is entitled to one vote and represents his or her district's interests on issues before the Delegate Assembly. Please note, the designated alternate serves when the designated delegate is not available.

Trustees of Executed Affidavits Affirming Review and Understanding of SAISD's Code of Ethics

Each Board Member is requested to annually review and submit an affidavit affirming the Trustee has read and understood the SAISD's Code of Ethics. On March 19, 2019, the Board approved the SAISD Code of Ethics in order to strengthen such policies that serve to enforce best practices for SAISD Trustees and District employees on ethical conduct in the performance of their duties. Each year, Board Members review the contents of the SAISD Code of Ethics and shall sign an affidavit, confirming that they have received and read the SAISD Code of Ethics. The signed affidavit shall be given to the Records Administrator, who will maintain copies of the affidavits in accordance with the terms of the District's document retention policy.

Acceptance of Bexar Appraisal District's Certified Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2022

The Board approved the certified appraisal roll for tax year 2022 for the San Antonio Independent School District. Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires that once a local appraisal tax roll is certified by the local County Appraisal District, that the roll must then be submitted to the Board of Trustees for official acceptance. The Chief Appraiser of the Bexar Appraisal District has certified and submitted the appraisal roll as approved by the Appraisal Review Board for calendar year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 and has delivered to Albert Uresti, Tax Assessor-Collector for the San Antonio Independent School District, a statement of the total amount of appraised, assessed, and taxable value of property as of January 1, 2022. Also included is the value for properties under protest at the time of submission for the assessment rolls lying within the San Antonio Independent School District.

Acceptance of No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2022

Trustees approved the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2022 for the San Antonio Independent School District. Albert Uresti, Tax Assessor-Collector for the San Antonio Independent School District, has calculated the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate for the district for tax year 2022 and it is presented in the exhibit. Section 26.04 of the Property Tax Code requires that the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Ordinance and Order Adopting Tax Rate for School Year 2022-2023 Approved

The Board approved and adopted the tax rate of \$1.42420 per hundred-dollar valuation for San Antonio Independent School District. Each year after a certified appraisal roll has been submitted to a school district and after the new school year's budget is adopted, the Board of Trustees must adopt a tax rate. The total tax rate of \$1.42420 is a 6.74 cent decrease from the District's current tax rate. In accordance with the language in Section 26.05(b) of the Property Tax Code, the following was the motion to adopt the tax rate: *"I move that the property tax rate be set at \$1.42420 per hundred-dollars of valuation, comprised of a rate of \$0.94295 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.48125 for interest and sinking."*

SAISD Internal Audit Department's 2022-2023 Audit Plan Approved

The Board approved the SAISD Internal Audit Department's 2022-2023 Audit Plan. The Audit Plan establishes the framework for the activity of the Internal Audit Department during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. It was developed using the annual risk assessment and input from District leadership and the Board of Trustees. In accordance with Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Standard 2010, the Chief Internal Auditor will review and adjust the plan, as necessary, in response to changes in the district's business, risks, operations, programs, systems and controls. Any significant changes required to be made to the plan will be presented to the Audit Subcommittee for review and approval by the Board. In addition, the Board will receive periodic reports on the department's activities and related matters as outlined in the Internal Audit Charter.

Confirmation of the Independence of the Internal Audit Function

Trustees acknowledged the independence of the SAISD Internal Audit Function. The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Standard 1110, states that the chief audit executive must report to a level within the organization that allows the internal audit activity to fulfill its responsibilities. The Chief Internal Auditor must confirm to the Board, at least annually, the organizational independence of the internal audit activity. In addition, Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.17 says that if a school district hires an Internal Auditor, he or she shall report directly to the Board. The IIA defines independence as the freedom from conditions that threatens the ability of the internal audit activity to carry out internal audit responsibilities in an unbiased manner. To achieve the degree of

independence necessary to effectively carry out the responsibilities of the internal audit activity, the Chief Audit Executive has direct and unrestricted access to senior management and the Board. The SAISD Internal Audit Charter and Board Policy CFC (LOCAL) document the internal audit department's purpose, authority and responsibilities and clearly defines the reporting structure of the Chief Internal Auditor as reporting functionally to the Board of Trustees and administratively to the Superintendent thereby ensuring the independence of the audit activity.

Items Approved

- ❖ The draft report for the Prior Year Follow Up – Facilities Work Order Process Audit as recommended by the Audit Subcommittee.
- ❖ The draft report for the Prior Year Follow Up – Worker's Compensation Audit as recommended by the Audit Subcommittee.
- ❖ The adoption of, or the revisions to, the board policies listed below, based on TASB's recommendations for alignment with current local, state, federal law or statute:
 - Code AE. Locally developed provisions on commitment to racial, socioeconomic, and educational equity have been moved to AEA(LOCAL).
 - Code AEA. Locally developed provisions on commitment to racial, socioeconomic, and educational equity have been moved to this code from AE(LOCAL).
 - Code CPC. Recent updates by TSLAC prompted recommended revisions on records management, including adding local policy requirements for district management of electronic records. New policy provisions delegate to the records management officer the responsibility to develop procedures for the management of electronic records that comply with the district's records control schedules and meet minimum components required by law.
 - Code DMA. The recommended local policy text reflects that the board shall annually approve the district's professional development plan, which must be guided by the clearinghouse; note any differences from the clearinghouse recommendations; and include a schedule of required professional development.
 - Code EHAA. New provisions include several requirements for instruction on the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking, including a board policy on adopting curriculum materials. The policy follows the steps required by law, including board adoption of a resolution to convene the school health advisory council (SHAC) to hold meetings and make recommendations to the board at a public meeting, as

well as board confirmation that the recommendations meet the requirements in law before taking action by a record vote.

- Code EHB. This policy requiring the district to provide regular training opportunities for teachers of students with dyslexia is recommended to meet TEA policy requirements.
 - Code EHBA. This policy requiring the district to ensure that a student who is transitioning from early childhood intervention (ECI) has an individualized education program (IEP) developed and implemented by the child's third birthday is recommended to meet TEA policy requirements.
 - Code EHBB. HB 1525 (Regular Session) removed the statutory requirement for a district to annually certify to the commissioner of education that the district's gifted and talented program is consistent with the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students. TASB recommends deletion of the corresponding local policy provision.
 - Code EIF. This local policy ensures students and parents are aware of district expectations and ensures consistent application of requirements of the foundation program based on information the district provided to Policy Service. The recommended text aligns with TEA guidance and addresses methods for both the free application for federal financial aid (FAFSA) and the Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA).
 - Code FDA. Nonsubstantive revisions were made to align the district's current policy more closely with TASB's current policy style and language.
 - Code FFBA. SB 1267 (Regular Session) requires training in trauma-informed care to be provided in accordance with the board's professional development policy. Therefore, at Training, a reference has been added to the district's professional development plan. SB 1267 also repealed the requirement for a district to annually report to TEA the number of employees who participated in trauma-informed care training.
 - Code FFH. To meet new board policy requirements new recommended text that requires the district, upon receipt of a report of dating violence, to immediately notify the parent of the student identified as the alleged victim or perpetrator. District policy must also include reporting procedures and guidelines for students who are victims of dating violence and include a clear statement that dating violence is not tolerated at school. Additional revisions are recommended to clarify the definition of prohibited conduct and the district's response to such conduct.
- ❖ SAISD to apply for a waiver for the 2023-2025 academic school years from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to allow SAISD to modify the schedule of classes on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and end-of-course (EOC) testing days.

- ❖ Student travel to the Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP), and to Mexico City, Mexico. According to administrative procedure, all trips outside of the continental United States require SAISD Board approval.
- ❖ Update to the Districts' Designated Investment Officers list in compliance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.
- ❖ Waiver of penalty and interest for the real property accounts. The San Antonio Independent School District received letters from Albert Uresti, Tax Assessor Collector for Bexar County, recommending SAISD Board approval to waive penalty and interest for the real property Tax Accounts.
- ❖ Purchase and implementation of the extension of the Ricoh print services since the contract has now expired. This will allow the Information Technology Department to pay out all pending invoices that will be billed monthly until the removal of all Ricoh printers from the campuses is completed. The Cannon FollowMe Printers are replacing all Ricoh printers.

Contracts Approved

- ❖ Rental agreement between SAISD and Mission Concepcion Sports Park for Academy Sports League volleyball games and boys and girls basketball games for the 2022-2023 school year and the 2023-2024 school year.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and the Trinity University College Advising Corps for College Advising Services. The Trinity University College Advising Corps (TUCAC) has provided college advising services since 2012 in the comprehensive high schools and Fox Tech.
- ❖ Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between SAISD and the University of Texas at Austin for student participation in dual enrollment OnRamps courses for the 2022-2023 school year.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG). This nonprofit organization is focused on improving opportunities for caretakers of children in foster care as well as in kinship placements with a special focus on grandparenting.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The purpose of this initiative is to implement the Real Essentials curriculum to 5th grade students.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Therapy Animals of San Antonio (TASA), a registered animal therapy program. This partnership will provide animal therapy services on demand through TASA's visitation program at SAISD campuses, upon approval of the campus principal.

- ❖ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SAISD and The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) which will place current graduate practicum students from UTSA's School Psychology Program with SAISD Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) employees in order to receive job related experience.
- ❖ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SAISD and Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) which will place current graduate practicum students from the OLLU Department of Psychology with SAISD Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) employees in order to receive job related experience.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and Jefferson Community Church for the purpose of providing one classroom on church grounds for the Cooper Academy at Navarro Dropout Recovery Program for the 2022-2023 school year.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAISD and San Antonio Food Bank to provide 1) food for up to 10 distribution opportunities; 2) pre-packaged food for up to 20 school/district events; 3) food to operate up to 27 in-district pantries (11 existing and up to 16 new ones); 4) food to benefit students at up to 30 schools through the Backpack Program and; 4) access to expert-led classes/demonstrations for families during the 2022-2023 school year.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- ❖ Purchase of Child Nutrition Temperature Monitoring System. This purchase will provide equipment and/or temperature monitoring services for cafeteria freezers and coolers along with a central warehouse freezer and cold holding room on an "as needed" basis.
- ❖ Purchase of Shoes for Child Nutrition Staff on an "as needed" basis. Resolved that the Board approve the contract and, further, that the Board authorize the Superintendent or his designee to exercise any renewals or extensions of the contract term pursuant to the contract's provisions.
- ❖ Purchase of Food and Supplies for District Concessions on an "as needed" basis. Resolved that the Board approve the contract and, further, that the Board authorize the Superintendent or his designee to exercise any renewals or extensions of the contract term pursuant to the contract's provisions.
- ❖ Purchase of a 2-2 year Subscription to SHAC approved Bienestar/NEEMA to address health issues with obesity, cardiovascular disease and type 2 Diabetes among our students in K-8th grade District-wide. This purchase is utilized through Health and PE classes to help support the decrease of obesity.
- ❖ Purchase of an Application and lottery platform for choice schools and programs. The platform provides an application process lottery, waitlists, and offers for families applying for choice schools for students in grades PreK-12th District-wide.

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