



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

Regular Board Meeting held on September 18, 2023 at 514 W. Quincy St., San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Board Goal Updates: Goals 1, 2 and 3 Presented

The Board received a presentation on year-end results for Board Goals 1, 2, and 3.

- **Goal 1: Improve Reading and Writing Outcomes for all Students** - We will increase the percentage of all students who are Meets grade level in reading.
- **Goal 2: Improve Math Outcomes for Black Students** - We will increase the percentage of Black students who are Meets grade level in math.
- **Goal 3: Improve College Readiness for Students with Disabilities** - We will increase the percentage of students with IEPs receiving instruction and services in the general education setting who meet the TSI College-Ready Standard in reading and math.

Data included SAISD performance for the 2022–2023 school year, the Superintendent’s interpretation of the data, and detailed next steps from the appropriate program staff on what has been put in place this year to effect further movement towards our targets.

Amendments to SAISD Code of Ethics Approved

Trustees approved as part of the alignment to the Board Self-Assessment and the Student Outcomes Focused Governance Framework, the amendments to the SAISD Code of Ethics.

Below are the proposed amendments to the SAISD Code of Ethics:

- **The Board must annually review and sign an exhibit confirming they have reviewed the Board Operation Procedures.**
- Section 1.1 AFFIRMATION OF THE CODE, of the SAISD CODE OF ETHICS is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 1.1A. BOARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.

(a) Each Board Member shall receive a copy of the most current version of the SAISD BOARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (“BOP”) and review the contents of the BOP every year. After review, each Board Member shall sign an affidavit in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, confirming that the Board Member received and read the BOP. The signed affidavit shall be given to the Records Administrator, who will maintain a copy of the affidavit in accordance with the terms of the District’s document retention policy.

(b) All newly-elected or appointed Board Members shall, within thirty (30) days of being sworn into office, receive a copy of most current version of the BOP and read the contents of the BOP. After review, each newly-elected or appointed Board Member shall sign an affidavit in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, confirming that the Board Member received and read the BOP. The signed affidavit shall be given to the Records Administrator, who will maintain a copy of the affidavit in accordance with the terms of the District's document retention policy.

(c) At the discretion of the Board President: (i) the Board may attend training sessions on the contents of the BOP, and (ii) newly-elected or appointed Board Members may be required to undergo training on the contents of the BOP.

- **All items from the Approaching Student Outcomes Focus column, and: The Board has included language in its Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Statement requiring that Board Members do not give operational advice or instructions to staff members.**

SECTION 1.2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, of the SAISD CODE OF CONDUCT, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

K. GOVERNANCE - Trustees have the statutory responsibility of serving as a body corporate towards the improvement of student performance of all of the District's students. As a member of a body corporate, an individual board member cannot act singularly on behalf of the Board. Consequently, trustees are prohibited from giving either operational advice or instructions to District staff members.

- **The Board has included language in its Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Statement requiring that Board Members are responsible for the outcomes of all students, not just students in their region of the school system.**

SECTION 1.2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, of the SAISD CODE OF CONDUCT, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

L. CONFLICTING DUAL INTEREST - Board Members must be continuously guided by what is best for all students of the District and shall promote the best interests of the District as a whole and not individual regions of the school system.

- **The Board has included language in its Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Statement requiring that Board Members fully recuse themselves from matters involving individuals or organizations who made campaign contributions to them or who appointed them.**

SECTION 1.4. GIFTS, of the SAISD CODE OF CONDUCT, is hereby amended by adding the subsections (1) and (2) to section (c):

(c) Campaign Contribution exceptions. The general rule stated in Subsection (a) does not apply to a campaign contribution made pursuant to the Texas Election Code.

(1). Board Members are required to recuse from discussion and abstain from voting on matters involving individuals who or organizations that have made campaign contributions to them.

(2). Board Members are required to recuse from discussion and abstain from voting on matters involving individuals who or organizations that have been responsible for the appointment of the Board Member to a public office.

Initial Rightsizing Recommendation Presentation Approved

On June 20, 2023, the Board of Trustees brought forward and approved a resolution calling for a study of school building capacity for the purpose of supporting thriving schools, classrooms, students, teachers, and school leaders. The District hosted 14 public meetings in which community input was provided to develop the best framework possible for an outcome that elevates the educational experiences of our children and the teaching and working experiences for our employees. Following the community meetings, staff shared a presentation on the initial rightsizing recommendation.

Items Approved

- ❖ Acceptance of the Prior Year Follow-Up Charter Schools Compliance & Accountability Audit as Recommended by the Audit Committee.
- ❖ Acceptance of the School Audit – _Whittier Middle School as Recommended by the Audit Committee.
- ❖ Approval of #2A of 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price related to the 2020 Bond Project at Brackenridge High School.
- ❖ Resolution to Designate Investment Officers for the San Antonio Independent School District and Update of Certification of Authorized Representatives for Investment Accounts.
- ❖ Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for September 2023.
- ❖ Quarterly Investment Report, March 2023, and June 2023.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- ❖ Purchase of Facility Condition and Educational Suitability Assessment for approximately 90 campuses District-wide. This purchase will provide the District with a capital planning tool that captures both current operating costs and forecasts future ownership.

- ❖ Ratification of the purchase of Emergency Chiller Maintenance to include installation, repairs and assessments at various campuses for District-wide use on an as needed basis.
- ❖ Ratification of the purchase of Emergency Rentals for HVAC units at various campuses for District-wide use on an as needed basis.
- ❖ Purchase of the Education Service Center Region 20 2023-24 Commitments. This purchase will provide services and support through Cooperatives such as, Business Management, Procurement, Education Resources, School Counselors, Gifted and Talented, Student Health, Bus Driver Exams and other support services on an as needed basis District-wide use.
- ❖ Purchase of Unleaded, Diesel and Propane Fuel to supply fuel to school buses and all district vehicles for District-wide use.
- ❖ Purchase of Stop Arm Safety Camera Enforcement System. There is no cost to the District.

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