



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

Board Meeting A held on April 11, 2022 at 514 W. Quincy St., San Antonio, Tx. 78212
Board Meeting B held on April 18, 2022 at 514 W. Quincy St., San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Recognitions

- ❖ The Board recognized Julián Cantú, an SAISD high school student from Young Men’s Leadership Academy, on his successful advancement at the 2022 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State audition. TMEA sponsors the Texas All-State audition process to promote students’ dedication to their musical knowledge and skill, and to encourage educators to support their students’ development. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. Approximately 1,800 students are selected through a process that begins with over 70,000 high school students from around the state vying for the honor to perform in one of 18 ensembles (bands, orchestras, and choirs). This competitive process begins throughout the state with auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Selected regional musicians advance from their region to compete in eight Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians and vocalists, qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. Julián is the first student from any music program at YMLA to be selected to a Texas All State group. SAISD would also like to recognize the contributions of the Young Men’s Leadership Academy Director, Mr. Charles Lopez for his hard work, diligence, and dedication to his students. The San Antonio Independent School District congratulates Julián Cantú on his accomplishments.
- ❖ Trustees recognized the students who have received national recognition in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for 2022. This annual competition is the nation’s longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Students compete with thousands of other students across a four-state region for Gold and Silver Key awards. Students who are awarded Gold Keys automatically advance to the national Scholastic event in New York City. Gold and Silver Key recipients may also apply to receive full tuition scholarships for a week of summer art training at any one of many nationally recognized art schools across the country. The contest winners are listed below:

NAME	GRADE	CAMPUS	AWARD
Alondra Ortiz	12 th grade	Burbank HS	1 Gold Key
Zarek Cruz	8 th grade	Young Men’s Leadership Academy	2 Silver Keys
Mikan Sohocki	12 th grade	Burbank HS	1 Silver Key
Lilliana LeBlanc	12 th grade	Highlands HS	1 Silver Key

- ❖ The Board recognized students who have advanced to state level competition for the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) for 2022. This event gives students who have won at the regional level, the opportunity to compete with their peers across Texas for statewide recognition. The contest winners are:

NAME	GRADE	CAMPUS
Sean Emerson	12th grade	Brackenridge HS
Lilliana Marie Antu	10th grade	Burbank HS
Liane Lee Martinez	9th grade	Burbank HS
Camille Peña	12th grade	Jefferson HS
Christianna Silva	12th grade	Highlands HS
Nicholas Rodriguez	12th grade	Travis ECHS
Paola Cano	12th grade	CAST Tech
Kara Vazquez	10th grade	CAST Tech
Marco Rivera-Andreu	10th grade	CAST Tech

- ❖ Trustees approved the resolution in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week on May 2, 2022 through May 6, 2022. Teacher Appreciation Week is observed annually throughout the United States. Observation of a National Teacher Day goes back as far as 1953, when Eleanor Roosevelt asked Congress to set aside a day to recognize educators. Further support for National Teacher Day came in 1980 from the National Education Association (NEA). In 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) designated the first week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, with the Tuesday of that week to serve as National Teacher Day. This year, National Teacher Day is May 3, 2022. Today, many schools and communities honor their teachers through special activities, tokens of appreciation, and other ways to recognize teachers' efforts, dedication, and commitment.
- ❖ The Board recognized Ashley Johnson, Founder and President of Project Prom Dress. For eight years and counting, Ms. Johnson has provided high school students in need of formal attire to attend prom. Since 2014, she has collected thousands of dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories and distributed them to teens through word-of-mouth, social media, and pop-up shops. The teens are also matched with hair stylists and makeup artists who have donated their services to finish off the look at no cost. Because of Ms. Johnson's generous spirit and huge heart, she makes students dreams come true. For the last 7 years, Ms. Johnson has worked as a Clerk in the Child Nutrition Department. Her primary roles are assisting campus managers with daily functions and with reconciling meal counts used to prepare federal reimbursement claims. Her passion and dedication for serving students in SAISD goes well beyond the call of her daily duties and "Project Prom Dress" is an amazing example of that. On behalf of the Child Nutrition Department and SAISD team, it is an honor and privilege to work alongside Ms. Johnson. She exemplifies the true meaning of selflessness and provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to many of our students.

- ❖ Trustees recognized Brackenridge High School for winning the College Cup for having the highest college enrollment immediately after graduation. The College Cup is awarded to the SAISD comprehensive high school with the highest college enrollment rate for their most recent graduates. This cup symbolizes the campus' dedication and commitment to opening the doors to postsecondary opportunities and celebrates the hard work of the Campus Leadership, Counselors, College Bound Advisors, Teachers, and Staff. While the rest of the country saw college enrollment rates decline for the Class of 2021, Brackenridge's college enrollment rate remained at 53% in 2020 and 53% in 2021. This is the second year in a row that Brackenridge High School has had the highest college enrollment for graduates entering college in the year immediately after graduation from high school.
- ❖ The Board recognized Inmer Rodriguez Bonifacio, SAISD alumnus from Sam Houston High School class of 2020, the SAISD Postsecondary Navigators, the City of San Antonio, Communities in Schools, the SAISD Foundation, and the Postsecondary College Advisors (CAAs) for the success of an innovative postsecondary recapture and college enrollment project. In November of 2021, SAISD embarked on a collaborative pilot project to identify and re-engage SAISD graduates from the Classes of 2020 and 2021 who had expressed an interest and intent in going to college and to support them in realizing their goal. These efforts helped 100 students enroll in college.

Sole Finalist Named for Position of SAISD Superintendent

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 552.126, the Board of Trustees must give public notice of the name or names of the finalists being considered for the position of Superintendent of Schools at least 21 days before the date of the meeting at which a final action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the person. The Board of Trustees for the San Antonio Independent School District announced its selection of a finalist for the position of Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Jaime Aquino, a seasoned administrator in some of the largest school districts nationally, was named the sole finalist. In so doing, the Board has given public notice of the name of that person in compliance with the requirements of the statute. The Board of Trustees will then wait for a period of at least 21 days to meet at a duly called meeting to take a final vote on the employment of that person.

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness Update

The Board received an update on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) updates. The STAAR redesign is a result of House Bill (HB) 3906 passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019. The redesign will be implemented in the State summative assessments administered in the 2022–2023 school year. The TEA STAAR Redesign includes four primary components: online testing and accommodations, new question types, cross-curricular passages, and evidence-based writing. This year, SAISD staff have received ongoing updates as information continues to be released from TEA, and they have engaged students in practice on the state testing platform with new item types and online testing features.

Additionally, select students have participated in the TEA STAAR field test of the new item types. SAISD will continue to prepare for these changes by ensuring all teachers understand the redesigned STAAR components and implications for instruction through ongoing professional learning and aligned curricular resources.

SAISD Summer Learning 2022 Program Approved

Trustees approved the SAISD Summer Learning 2022 Program. SAISD is offering over 90 high-quality, high-impact, academic, and enrichment summer camps for students registered for the 2022-2023 academic year. This year the program is themed SMART Camps and offers students and families a comprehensive, project-based curriculum that includes Science, Math, Art, Reading, and Technology (SMART) as its foundation. In middle school, the SMART camps will also include Forensic Studies, Ethnic Studies, and an exploration of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) pathways using drones, robots, 3D printers, computer science, and more. In addition, rising 6th through 8th grade students can opt to attend District-wide Fine Arts Camps in Band, Orchestra, Mariachi, Dance, Theater, and Choir or Athletic Strength and Conditioning Camps. Most K-8 SMART camps will operate from June 13-24 as full-day programs. High school will offer credit recovery, end of course (EOC), Texas Success Initiative (TSI), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and American College Test (ACT) test preparation, college and career readiness opportunities, dual credit summer programs, P-Tech summer enrichment, Fine Arts Camps and leadership programs, and Athletic Strength and Conditioning. High school academic programs will operate from June 6-24 while summer enrichment dates will vary. Registration will be open throughout the months of April and May.

College, Career, and Military Readiness District Outcomes Update

The Board received an update on College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcomes, including an overview of longitudinal data for CCMR indicators, current year data, and support strategies for campuses and students.

Joint Use Agreement Between SAISD, City of San Antonio Approved

The Board approved the partnership between SAISD and the City of San Antonio to build a network which will provide internet access to SAISD students at home. This initiative has been branded Connected Beyond the Classroom (CBTC). CBTC is a partnership with the City of San Antonio and Texas A & M San Antonio to roll out a network to our neighborhoods with low internet connectivity rates. This \$27 million city initiative will provide unlimited internet access to San Antonio ISD, Edgewood and Harlandale ISDs students in certain areas, replacing other connectivity programs (such as our current student issued hotspots). This project requires that cellular towers be installed on the following campuses: Sarah King, Barkley-Ruiz, Ogden, Margil Elementary Schools, Crockett Academy, and as well as a tower at Brady Park (adjacent to Storm Elementary School). The District will provide special router devices to students in the Lanier High School cluster to facilitate their internet access.

Change Order Number One for Additional Professional Services to Architects for 2020 Bond Program for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Approved

The Board approved Change Order Number One for Additional Professional Services for 25 of the 36 2020 Bond Projects. This change order request involves additional design services needed to complete the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) process for the 2020 bond projects in accordance with the United States Green Building Council.

Change Order Number Four for Additional Scope of Brackenridge HS 2016 Bond Project Approved

Trustees approved the Change Order Number Four for additional scope on the Brackenridge High School 2016 Bond project. This change is to accommodate new code requirements from the City of San Antonio (COSA) as it pertains to Low-Impact Development (LID) and existing mechanical equipment repairs at the central plant in order to complete commissioning of the 2016 bond project.

SAISD School Board Member Training Report

The Board received a report on the annual SAISD School Board Member Training for the period of May 2021 – April 2022. State law requires that the continuing education credits be reported at the last regular Board meeting prior to an Election of Trustees. The SAISD Board Member Training Report is presented each year during the last April Board meeting for transparency and accountability. The SAISD Board Member Training Report will be provided during the meeting. In accordance with the Texas State Board of Education rule, completing the required continuing education is a basic obligation and expectation of any sitting board member. The Board President must announce the completion of required training credits of each sitting board member during the meeting. The Board meeting minutes will also reflect the announcement of the completed credits.

Items Approved

- ❖ A one-time lump sum payment in August 2022 to 40 teachers, whose names were inadvertently omitted from SAISD's Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) submission to the Texas Education Agency in October 2021. The affected teachers should have been submitted as part of the annual TIA submission, which included 64 teachers, whose designations and subsequent allotment funding were recently approved. Through this action, SAISD strives to reinforce its commitment to the 40 omitted teachers and reward them for their exemplary teaching.
- ❖ Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for April 2022.
- ❖ Qualified investment brokers and dealers. The Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires that "at least annually, the Board shall review, revise, and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the District (Govt. Code 2256.025)."

- ❖ Waiver of penalty and interest for the real property accounts. SAISD 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 00776-005-0081, Diane Wachs Trustee for Decedents Trust; 11870-002-0140, Laura Fernandez Representative for Hometek LLC; 01720-000-0230, Monica & Jose Antonio Alfaro II, and 03201-026-0220, San Antonio Properties LLC. Texas Property Tax Code-Section 33.011 provides for the governing body to waive penalty and interest due to “an act or omission by an employee of the tax office or the Appraisal District”. The Bexar County Tax Assessor Collector has confirmed that such an error did occur on these accounts.
- ❖ General Contractor for Minor Classroom Renovations at Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA) Primary at Page.
- ❖ General Contractor for District-Wide Security Camera Replacements.
- ❖ CMAR #21-061(RC) Package F (Graebner ES, Schenck ES and Sam Houston HS) to Gilbane Building Company. The Board approved the award of the following CMAR Packages on February 22, 2022: Package A (Brackenridge HS, Steele Montessori, Lanier HS, Longfellow MS, Burbank HS, Tafolla MS and ML King Academy) to Joeris General Contractors, Ltd., Package B (Edison HS, Highland Park ES, Fox Tech Campus, Advanced Learning Academy-Euclid, Storm ES and Irving DLA) to Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, LLC., Package C (Gates ES, Madison ES, Highland Hills ES, Huppertz ES, Highlands HS and Neal ES) to Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., Package D (Jefferson HS, Young Women’s Leadership Academy, Collins Garden ES, Smith ES and Lamar ES) to Rogers O’Brien Construction, Package E (Rhodes MS, Carvajal ES, Rogers MS and Carroll ECEC) to Flintco, LLC., and Package F (Graebner ES, Schenck ES and Sam Houston HS) to Skanska USA Building Inc. Five of the six CMAR contracts have been executed. Negotiations with Skanska USA for Package F have been terminated. 32 of the 36 2020 bond projects have Board-approved Schematic Designs and will soon be completing the design development phase.

Contracts Approved

- ❖ Renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between SAISD and the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to bring additional Social, Emotional, and Academic Development (SEAD) resources to students, teachers, and parents.
- ❖ Subcontract agreement between SAISD and Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio (CCAOSA) to provide citizenship instruction classes to legal, permanent residents in the community.
- ❖ Subcontractor Agreement between SAISD and Project QUEST, Inc. to expand the current partnership which will increase opportunities for in-demand workforce training, relevant workforce readiness skills, and college and career transition

support to prepare them for the 21st century workforce.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- ❖ Library, Textbook and Asset Inventory Management System to manage asset collections, tracks inventory item checkouts and physical locations. This purchase will be utilized by campuses District-wide to locate resources, provide loaner information and facilitate transfers across the district.

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