



Board Meeting

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Board Meeting A held on Oct. 9, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210
Board Meeting B held on Oct. 16, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions

- The Board recognized SAISD teachers for their participation in the first cohort for Teach Plus. They were: Nathaniel DuPont (Advanced Learning Academy); Dora Leija and Monica White (Carroll Early Childhood Education Center); Dana Wrann (Cotton ES); Amy Hestilow (Japhet ES); Christopher Green (Rhodes MS); and Sarah Perez (Riverside Park ES). Teach Plus programs are designed to engage and support teacher leaders in transforming the educational system to best serve high-need students. Since 2007, Teach Plus has grown from 16 teachers to a network of more than 22,000 solutions-oriented teachers nationwide. This year, Teach Plus launched their first teacher fellowship program in Texas. SAISD is honored to have seven outstanding teachers who participated in this year's first cohort. Teach Plus had more SAISD teachers than any other school district or charter in the state of Texas.
- Trustees recognized Longfellow MS for earning the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Designation as a "No Place for Hate" School. According to the Anti-Defamation League, to earn this designation, schools must commit to creating a student-led coalition, signing the ADL's Resolution of Respect and implementing at least three anti-bias and diversity related activities during the school year. Longfellow submitted a pre-assessment analyzing the school's culture, goals and areas of strength and concern. Longfellow held a kickoff event and completed three major projects during the school year. They submitted an application and an end-of-year assessment. The kickoff activity was a school-wide assembly to introduce the initiative. Following the kickoff, students viewed the one act play "Gossip" to help students understand its negative effects. Longfellow's three campus-wide projects were as follows: Dia De Los Muertos Altars (this project helped students learn about culture, diversity, and honor victims of bullying and cyberbullying); Diversity Door Decorating Contest (this activity helped students understand the meaning, types, and positive effects of diversity on campus and across the world); and Series of Advisory Lessons (students received week-long lessons with information on diversity, immigration and the struggles that immigrants face, as well as the effects of gossip and bullying).
- The Board recognized the Financial Services Department for the awards that were received during the 2016-2017 school year. The awards are as follows: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting - presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting - presented by the Association of School Business Officials; Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); and the Meritorious Budget Award - presented by the Association of School Business Officials.

New State Accountability System and Campus Performance Objectives Presentation

Trustees received a public presentation on the new State Accountability system in order to provide a framework for the Campus Performance Objectives for the 2017-2018 school year from Theresa Urrabazo, the District's Executive Director of Accountability, Research, Evaluation and Testing. The State of Texas is moving towards a new accountability system for this school year. The state accountability system will measure three areas: the student achievement domain; the school progress domain; and closing the gap domain. The District will receive an "A-F" rating this school year. Campuses will still be rated as "met standard" or "improvement required" this school year, but they will also get a preview as to what their letter grade would have been had they received an "A-F" rating this year. The state will use the best score of the student achievement and school progress domains for 70 percent of the District's overall rating. Closing the gap domain will account for the final 30 percent of the overall rating.

SAISD Foundation Update

Trustees received a presentation on the SAISD Foundation from Executive Director Judy Geelhoed and Board Chairman Manny Ruiz. The update provided highlights of the Foundation's activities over the last six months. The annual audit and tax report was presented. The Foundation also shared information on upcoming events and grant programs. As the Educational Foundation for the District, the SAISD Foundation operates as a 501 (c) (3) public charity, securing investments from the private sector to support SAISD in becoming a model urban school district through innovation towards educational excellence. The SAISD Foundation invests in Teacher Grants, Innovative District Schools and Programs, and Strategic Initiatives aimed at increasing student success. Annually, the SAISD Foundation awards more than 300 grants and 120 scholarships impacting students across the District. Since its inception in 2007, the SAISD Foundation has raised \$17,752,000 to benefit SAISD students. In the spring of 2018, the SAISD Foundation plans to prominent events. They are: SAISD Run For Education (March 3, 2018 at Alamo Stadium) and Golf Fore Excellence (May 7, 2018 at Brackenridge Golf Course).

Contracts Approved

- Agreement between SAISD and the Alamo Council of the Blind (ACB) for technology equipment for students identified with visual impairments or other disabilities to enhance their education.
- Service Delivery Agreement between Communities in Schools of San Antonio (CIS-SA) and SAISD for grant year 2017-2018. CIS-SA will provide one full-time Case Manager to the Wheatley Community School and one full-time Site Coordinator to the Young Men's Leadership Academy at Wheatley Community School.

Items Approved

- 2017-2018 Campus Turnaround Implementation Plan for Ogden ES, an Improvement Required (IR) campus.
- Budget amendments for the month of October 2017.
- An increase in the adult meal price for breakfast (five cents) and lunch (10 cents) in conformity with Federal regulations for a complete meal tray price. The meal price for breakfast is \$2.10. The meal price for lunch is \$3.70.
- Submission of the Grant application for the Alamo Area Council of Governments Solid Waste Grant Program for the implementation of Project Waste Warriors. The program will teach students about recycling at seven campuses during the 2018-2019 school year.

- Letter of Support and commitment for the District's application to the City of San Antonio under the Competitive Education Grants for Pre-K Four Programs. The grant will be used to serve 400 students through the continuation of the Afterschool Enrichment Program (ASEP) at 10 SAISD campuses during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Professional Services Agreement for professional development for multiple campuses throughout the District for the 2017-2018 school year. The purpose of this training is to help teachers and leaders understand the complexity of state standards and how to align and integrate these standards when planning.
- Waive penalty and interest for the real property accounts of Oscar Alonzo Jr. and Desiree M. Alonzo.

Rental Usage Agreement Approved

- Alamo Convocation Center by the San Antonio Pop Warner Football Conference, a non-profit organization, on Oct. 14, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for their cheer competition.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Debra Guerrero (Finance & Audit Committee), James Howard (Governance Committee) and Art Valdez (Student Advisory Committee) provided reports.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Book Subscription Service that delivers high quality award winning print books to each school on a monthly basis.
- PebbleGo Database for a Subscription Service to an online library designed for students in grades K-2 District-wide.
- School Improvement Program which provides a rigorous Professional Development training to a Teacher Leadership Cohort.
- Beverage Products to be sold at Alamo Stadium and SAISD Sports Complex Concessions in support of District sponsored events on an "as needed" basis.
- General Maintenance Services, Parts and Supplies on an "as needed" basis in support of maintenance and repair operations District-wide.
- Additional funding authorization for purchase of Online Literacy Program to include teacher and student licenses, access to online libraries, access to weekly progress reports, online instructional resources, ongoing instructional support and professional development. This purchase will support any K-12 reading program District-wide.
- Additional funding authorization for purchase of an Adaptive, Online K-8 Math Program designed to complement classroom instruction for all Elementary, Academy and Middle Schools.
- Contract approval with indemnification clause language. Purchase is for Technology Web Hosting Services. This purchase will host a website that features school profiles/enrollment platform.
- Transportation Routing Software and Related Services including annual software maintenance and support. This purchase will be used to plan and publish school bus routes.
- Resolution Amending SAISD Grant Agreement – Trinity Program and SAISD Grant Agreement – Relay Program including Approval of Forgivable Loan Agreement.
- Memorandum of Understanding between SAISD and Relay Graduate School of Education for participation in its Master of Arts in Teaching program.

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