



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

Board Meeting A held on March 20, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210
Board Meeting B held on March 27, 2017 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions

- The Board recognized the 2017 SAISD Foundation Fiesta Medal Contest Winner. During fall 2016, the SAISD Foundation called for entries for its inaugural Fiesta Medal Design Competition. Teachers in any grade and content area submitted their student's artwork. The SAISD Foundation received hundreds of entries. Amber Barron, 11th grade student, at Sam Houston HS was selected as the 2017 SAISD Foundation Fiesta Medal Winner. Ms. Barron's design will be used for this year's Fiesta Medal Fundraiser. All funds raised directly benefit grants for arts programs in SAISD. Students with the top three designs received prizes. Teachers of these students received a grant to support the arts in their classroom.
- Trustees recognized Longfellow MS for receiving the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Schoolwide Site of Distinction Certificate. The AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction represents the highest level of AVID implementation commitment demonstrating excellence in instructional practice and the promotion of college readiness schoolwide. This recognition is presented to schools who meet the target percentages for both process metrics and impact metrics during the 2016-2017 school year. Congratulations to Longfellow MS Principal Aurora Terry and Assistant Principals Linda Rios, Robert Hernandez, and Abel Martinez, Jr. for this outstanding achievement.
- The Board approved the Resolution in recognition of the 21st Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice on March 25, 2017. This year marked the 21st anniversary of the annual march in San Antonio as well as the 51st anniversary of Cesar Chavez's historic 350 mile pilgrimage from Delano to Sacramento in support of farm workers in America. The March began on the corner of Guadalupe and S. Brazos Streets and ended at The Alamo. The event was co-sponsored by the City of San Antonio. The Grand Marshal for the march was Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Jr.

Board Selects Community Member as New District 6 Trustee

The Board selected community member Christina Martinez to serve as the new District 6 Trustee. Ms. Martinez will serve the unexpired term until May 2019, when elections will be held. The new Trustee will be officially sworn-in at the next regular Board business meeting in April. At the meeting, the Board considered seven candidates who had applied for the District 6 Trustee vacancy. On Feb. 24, 2017, during a Special Board Meeting, Board members voted to begin an appointment process to fill the vacancy of Single Member District 6. An application was made available on the SAISD website for the residents in District 6 interested in applying. The application deadline was March 10, 2017. The Board received a total of seven applications for the District 6 vacancy by the deadline. The applicants were Ms. Martinez, Steven Ibanez, Rachel Ponce, Lola Rodriguez, David Soto, Cynthia Spielman and Dana E. Wrann. During the March 20, 2017 Board meeting, the Trustees decided to offer a first round five-minute interview to each of the applicants. At the March 27 meeting, Mr. Ibanez and Mr. Soto withdrew their applications. The remaining applicants participated in the initial five-minute interviews and the

Board selected four candidates to answer additional questions. In the end, Ms. Martinez was selected by a unanimous vote.

Formal Naming of Advanced Learning Academy Approved

Trustees approved the name of the school commonly known as the Advanced Learning Academy, which opened in August of 2016 across two campuses: Fox Tech on North Main Street and on West Euclid Avenue. While the school has been referred to as the “Advanced Learning Academy,” the District delayed finalizing the name until after the school was underway to include involvement of the campus community. As a campus-wide engagement activity, students were asked to research and contribute possible names for the school. On Nov. 28, 2017, three names were presented to the Board by student representatives. Students representing Kinder-3rd grade recommended the Wonder Academy; students in grades 4-5 recommended the L.I.G.H.T. Academy; and students representing grades 6-10 recommended Acequia Academy. Administration also recommended recognizing the contributions of these students by establishing the Wonder Playground at the Euclid campus, and the L.I.G.H.T. Playground and Acequia Commons area at the Fox Tech campus. The playgrounds will be provided as a gift from Kingdom for Kids, a partnership of the Rotary Club of San Antonio and City Year.

Receipt of Unopposed Candidate in District 7

The Board approved the receipt of certification of unopposed candidate and order declaring unopposed candidate elected. In order to get on the ballot for the May 6, 2017, general election of Trustees in SAISD, candidates were required to file their applications for a place on the ballot by Feb. 17, 2017, in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The deadline for write-in candidates to file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy to get on the ballot was Feb. 21, 2017. As all deadlines have passed, a Certification of Unopposed Candidate was required to be prepared and delivered to the Board for each candidate in the election that is unopposed. On receipt of the certification, the Board may declare each unopposed candidate elected to office. Board Secretary Debra Guerrero, being the authority for having the official ballot prepared, has prepared and delivered her certification that Trustee Ed Garza was the unopposed candidate for the trustee election in Single Member District 7. Accordingly, a Board order declaring Ed Garza elected was recommended under the Election Code in order to cancel the trustee election in Single Member District 7.

Contracts Approved

- Contract for Election Services with the Bexar County Elections Administrator and costs associated with the election of Trustees in Single-member Districts One, Three and Four.

Items Approved

- Monthly budget reports and amendments for March 2017.
- Instructional Materials Allotment and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Certification for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Technology and Security Systems Consultant for the CAST School at Fox Tech HS.
- Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineering Consultant for Fox Tech HS Central Plant Design Completion.
- Boundary changes for Davis, Poe, and Page Middle Schools and Hawthorne Academy to accommodate expansion of academies serving Pre-K or Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Early Separation Notification Incentive (ESNI) notice deadline from March 31, 2017 to April 27, 2017.

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

Art Valdez (Student Advisory Committee) provided a committee report.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Central Plant Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement at Page Middle School to include installation, labor and materials.
- Central Plant Chiller Replacement at Storm ES to include installation, labor and materials.
- Summer 2017 Painting Projects at Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) and Franklin ES.
- Summer 2017 Painting Projects at Kelly and Miller Elementary Schools.
- Summer 2017 Painting Project at Herff ES.
- Summer 2017 Painting Projects at Storm ES, Carvajal and Tynan Early Childhood Education Centers.
- Summer 2017 HVAC Equipment Controls Replacement at Hillcrest ES and Travis Early College High School to include installation, labor and materials.
- Summer 2017 Painting Projects at Highland Hills ES and Harris MS.
- Interior Painting and Minor Interior Improvements for Phase 1, Package 1 at Steele Montessori Academy.
- Exterior Enhancements to drainage, parking and site work for Phase 1, Package 2 at Steele Montessori Academy.
- HVAC Air Conditioning and Heating Parts in support of District-wide maintenance operations.
- Material Truck Hauling Services in support of the removal of paving debris generated from the repair/resurfacing of parking lots District-wide.
- Edge Firewall to provide security District-wide from digital attacks.

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