



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

Regular School Board Meeting held on Jan. 22, 2018 at 406 Barrera St., San Antonio, Tx. 78210

Recognitions

- Trustees recognized the SAISD debate teams from the Advanced Learning Academy, Fox Tech HS and the Young Women's Leadership Academy. They were honored for their outstanding leadership and achievements in the National Hispanic Institute (NHI) Great Debate Conference. Sixty-nine freshmen from 26 San Antonio area high schools competed at the NHI Great Debate Conference. The members of the 2017 San Antonio Ambassador Great Debate Team, which includes ALA, Fox Tech and YWLA, finished first place out of six other regions in the state of Texas.

The NHI is dedicated to creating opportunities for self-reliant leadership in the lives of student leaders and community life. Through the NHI Great Debate residential leadership experience, students can expect to:

1. Advance their communication skills
2. Manage themselves in a multicultural environment of students
3. Express their ideas among their peers
4. Increase their self-confidence in public speaking
5. Increase their capacities to think critically and analytically
6. Learn to use self-evaluation as a tool for improvement

During Summer 2017, the University of Texas at Austin held the National Hispanic Institute Great Debate Conference. This conference hosted between 250 to 350 students annually. Students were selected from around the country to participate in a four or six-day residential program hosted at a Tier One college or university campus to engage them in an intellectual debate centered around Latino community issues. Students also participated in a college fair where they network with over 100 Tier One admission counselors to explore their options. During the conference, student teams prepared for an intense two-day "Great Debate" competition. After two days of competition, students attended the awards ceremony where the State Champions were announced and celebrated with a championship dance.

- The Board approved the Resolution in Recognition of the 31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March on Jan. 15, 2018. This year marked the 31st anniversary of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March, celebrating one of the nation's most revered civil rights leaders. San Antonio has the largest March in the nation where an estimated 300,000 attendees march and gather to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King each year. The March, held last week, began at 10 a.m. at the MLK Academy located at 3501 MLK Drive. The March ended at Pittman-Sullivan Park located at 1101 Iowa St. This March was sponsored by the City of San Antonio. Special thanks to all of our staff, families and community members who hosted events during Dream Week, volunteered and helped to plan activities and who participated in the March.

Texas House Bill 1842 and Texas Senate Bill 1882 Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Mohammed Choudhury, Chief Innovation Officer, on Texas House Bill 1842 and Texas Senate Bill 1882 and their implications for multi-year Improvement Required (IR) campuses. HB 1842 relates to public school accountability, including the intervention in and sanction of a public school that has received an academically unacceptable performance rating for at least five consecutive school years. If a campus has not met standard for five consecutive years, the Texas Commissioner of Education has one of two options: 1) appoint a Board of Managers; 2) order closure of the campus. SAISD could have as many as six HB 1842 eligible campuses in the school year 2018-2019. Texas SB 1882 was created in 2017 and provides a district with a third option for HB 1842 eligible campuses. SB 1882 allows a school district to contract an open enrollment charter or nonprofit entity with a track record of excellence to operate a district campus. SB 1882 allows an additional two years for a campus to exit IR if they partner with an open enrollment charter or nonprofit entity.

In-District Charter Applications for Irving, Stewart and Storm Approved

Trustees approved the applications for the creation of in-district charters at the following campuses for the 2018-2019 school year. They are:

Irving Dual Language Academy (PK-8)

Mission

To provide an educational program where all students can develop stronger cognitive and academic skills through the intentional development of on-level bilingualism and bi-literacy while also attaining higher levels of self-esteem, cultural pride, and intercultural understanding and collaboration.

School Design Components

- Campus-wide dual language instruction
- Intercultural education
- Project-based learning

Democracy Prep at Stewart ES (PK-8)

Mission

To educate responsible citizen-scholars for success in the college of their choice and a life of active citizenship.

School Design Components

- Extended day and school year
- Civic activities that provide students with “the knowledge, skills, and attitude to change the world”
- Classrooms facilitated by both a Lead Teacher and a Teaching Fellow resulting in smaller student to teacher ratios and increased opportunities for differentiation and enrichment

Storm Residency Lab School (PK-8)

Mission

To deliver on a bold vision for creating a high quality and innovative inner-city, pre-kindergarten through 8th grade (“PK-8”) public school that produces students ready to succeed in college and their careers and attracts, develops, and redeploys cohorts of highly effective teachers and leaders.

School Design Components

- Multi-age experiences
- Customized, interdisciplinary curriculum
- Classrooms facilitated by Master Teachers and Resident Teachers working collaboratively

to develop an authentic and challenging learning environment for every student

Board of Trustee Committee Reports

James Howard (Governance Committee) and Art Valdez (Student Advisory Committee) provided reports.

Items Approved

- Resolution of the Turnaround Plans for the Campuses Designated as Second Year Improvement Required campuses.
- Planning Grants from City Education Partners for Relay-Ogden Summer Academy and Relay-Storm Elementary School In-District Charter School.
- Revised agreement with New Leaders, Inc. to conduct the Emerging Leaders Internship Program, a program aimed at building leadership capacity across the District by providing structured leadership development opportunities for teachers, coaches and campus administrators.
- Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for January 2018.
- Parking license agreement with the Center for Nature Based Learning (Zoo School) for Alamo Stadium parking spaces.
- Interlocal Agreement for the use of VIA Metropolitan Transit's Propane Facilities. This year, SAISD will receive propane-powered school buses that will immediately reduce operating costs. Through this Interlocal Agreement, the District will use VIA's propane facilities to fuel and/or refuel their buses until the SAISD propane refueling station at the Roland Avenue location is complete and in operation.
- Interlocal Agreement between SAISD and the City of San Antonio (COSA) for the use of propane fueling services.

Rental Usage Agreement Approved

- Rental usage of Alamo Stadium by the Alzheimer's Association for their RivALZ Flag football fundraiser on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- Field Maintenance and Services to repair current systems for the safety of the students and aesthetics for eight high school football fields and two football/soccer fields at the SAISD Sports Complex on an "as needed" basis.
- Kitchen Equipment Parts and Supplies in support of campus cafeterias District-wide and the Administrative Dining Room on an "as needed" basis.
- General Maintenance Services, Parts and Supplies on an "as needed" basis in support of maintenance and repairs in support of campus cafeterias District-wide and the Administrative Dining Room.
- Uniforms for Classified Employees in support of the District's Uniform Clothing Assistance Program based upon established clothing guidelines for the following departments: Maintenance, Custodians and Grounds, Transportation and Materials Management.
- Additional funding authorization for purchase of Sign Language Interpreter Services in support of eligible students, primarily at Mission Academy and adults with disabilities during the 2017-2018 School Year on an "as needed" basis.
- Thirteen Propane Powered School Buses. Regular route (seven) and Special Needs (six) in support of District-wide use to transport students to and from school and to accommodate local field trips.

Tabled Items

Appointment of Trustees to a Special Committee on Ethics

Board of Education

**Patti Radle, President; Arthur V. Valdez, Vice President;
Debra Guerrero, Secretary; Ed Garza, Member; James Howard, Member; Steve Lecholop, Member;
Christina Martinez, Member; Pedro Martinez, Superintendent**

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