



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

Regular Board Meeting held on August 21, 2023 at 514 W. Quincy St., San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Presentation on 2023-24 Membership: Week 1

The Board received a presentation covering student membership for the first week of school. A historical look of Week 1 enrollment was provided in addition to a review of registration data and rates of re-enrollment.

Modifications to 2023-2024 SAISD Instructional Calendar Approved

Trustees approved modifications to the 2023-2024 SAISD Instructional Calendar. The modifications included new early release dates which have no impact on the official number of instructional days. Early release is for the following dates:

- September 19, 2023
- November 17, 2023
- December 13, 2023

Acceptance of Bexar Appraisal District's Certified Appraisal Roll and Supplemental Appraisal Roll for Tax Year 2023 Approved

The Board approved the certified appraisal roll for tax year 2023 for the SAISD. Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires that once a local appraisal tax roll is certified by the local County Appraisal District, that the roll must then be submitted to the Board of Trustees for official acceptance. The Chief Appraiser of the Bexar Appraisal District has certified and submitted the appraisal roll as approved by the Appraisal Review Board for calendar year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and has delivered to Albert Uresti, Tax Assessor-Collector for the SAISD, a statement of the total amount of appraised, assessed, and taxable value of property as of January 1, 2023. Also included is the value for properties under protest at the time of submission for the assessment rolls lying within the SAISD. The Chief Appraiser also provided a supplemental roll that reflects changes contingent on voter approval of Proposition 4 at the Constitutional Amendment Election on November 7, 2023. This proposition would increase the state mandated homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Designation of Officer Responsible for Calculating and Reporting District Tax Rates Appointed

Trustees appointed the District's Chief Financial Officer as the designated officer responsible for calculating and reporting the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate as determined by state law. Once the District's tax assessor submits the appraisal roll to the Board, an officer or employee designated by the Board shall calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate for the district.

The designated officer or employee shall use the tax rate calculation forms prescribed by the comptroller under Tax Code 5.07 in calculating the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate and shall then submit the tax rate calculation forms used in calculating the rates to the county assessor-collector. The District continues to utilize the consultant services of Moak, Casey, and Associates to oversee this work. However, the Board must designate an officer or employee of the school district to be responsible for these duties.

Acceptance of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023 Approved

The Board approved the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2023 for the SAISD. Albert Uresti, Tax Assessor-Collector for SAISD, has calculated the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate for the district for tax year 2023. Section 26.04 of the Property Tax Code requires that the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Ordinance and Order Adopting Tax Rate for School Year 2023-2024 Approved

Trustees approved and adopted the tax rate of \$1.20782 per hundred-dollar valuation for San Antonio Independent School District. Each year after a certified appraisal roll has been submitted to a school district and after the new school year's budget is adopted, the Board of Trustees must adopt a tax rate. The total tax rate of \$1.20782 is a 21.6 cent decrease from the District's current tax rate. The total tax rate consists of a rate of \$0.75755 for maintenance and operations and a rate of \$0.45027 for debt service.

Consider and Act on New Security Requirements for Public Schools Related to HB 3 of the 2023 Texas Legislature

The Board considered its ability to comply with TEC 38.0814 and act to claim the statutory good cause exception of having a lack of qualified personnel. On June 14, 2023, Governor Greg Abbott signed HB 3 from the 88th Regular Legislative Session into law. The requirements of the law require Board action and are listed below. Armed Security Officer: Each school board must ensure that at least one individual meeting the statutory definition of armed "security officer" is present during regular school hours at each District campus. If a District cannot meet this requirement, the law contains a provision by which the Board of Trustees can resolve to create an alternate standard by which to adhere to the law if one or both of the two statutory "good cause" exceptions applies. "Good cause" exceptions: Lack of funding and/or lack of qualified personnel.

Adopt or Revise Local Board Policies Approved

The Board approved the revisions to the board policies listed below, based on TASB's recommendations contained within Update 121, with the exception of DK (LOCAL) which is a district-initiated update:

Code	Code Description	Revision Highlights
CKE	Safety Program/Risk Management: Security Personnel	To better align the district's legal and local policies, provisions addressing commissioned peace officers have been relocated to CKEA(LOCAL). TASB recommends deletion of CKE.
CKEA	Security Personnel: Commissioned Peace Officers	<i>This is a new policy.</i> Provisions addressing commissioned peace officers have been relocated to this code from CKE(LOCAL).
CLB	Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management: Maintenance	Administrative Code rules regarding integrated pest management (IPM) were amended to include district-owned residential property among the district facilities subject to the IPM requirements.
COA	Food and Nutrition Management: Procurement	Based on information received from the district, the enclosed revisions are recommended to update the position of the employee responsible for overseeing procurement with federal child nutrition funds and for determining whether the district will apply a geographic preference when procuring certain products.
CRF	Insurance and Annuities Management: Unemployment Insurance	No significant revisions to the text on reasonable assurance; however, the policy template has been updated to accommodate the new adoption date function in Policy Online®.
CVA	Facilities Construction: Competitive Bidding	Policy BJA(LOCAL) authorizes the superintendent to delegate responsibilities to other employees of the district as permitted by law; thus, it is not necessary to include a reference to the superintendent's designee at Specifications. In addition, the policy template has been updated to accommodate the new adoption date function in Policy Online®.
CVB	Facilities Construction: Competitive Sealed Proposals	BJA(LOCAL) authorizes the superintendent to delegate responsibilities to other employees of the district as permitted by law; thus, it is not necessary to include a reference to the superintendent's designee at Specifications. In addition, the policy template has been updated to accommodate the new adoption date function in Policy Online®.

DEA	Compensation and Benefits: Compensation Plan	To eliminate the possibility of confusion about the frequency of pay, we recommend replacing <i>bimonthly</i> with the more specific and widely used <i>semi-monthly</i> . Other revisions are recommended for policy style and to clarify the circumstances under which certain employees will receive premium pay during an emergency closing for a disaster. Policy BJA(LOCAL) authorizes the superintendent to delegate responsibilities to other employees of the district as permitted by law; thus, it is not necessary to include a reference to the superintendent's designee.
DK	Assignments and Schedules <i>District-Initiated Revision</i>	Administration is recommending the deletion of the provision "The Superintendent shall inform the Board prior to any change in administrative assignment and/or reassignment," which appears under "Assignment." The recommendation reflects the current authority of the Superintendent to hire or reassign employees whose positions are below the executive director level.
FD	Admissions	Recommended revisions to this policy at Transition Assistance reflect the repeal and replacement of an Administrative Code provision regarding awarding credit to a student who is homeless or in substitute care. Under the new rule, a district must adopt a policy to ensure credit has been awarded appropriately prior to enrollment. Other changes provide greater flexibility for the district with regard to requiring proof of residency by removing specific requirements and referring to administrative regulations.
FFI	Student Welfare: Freedom from Bullying	Policy provisions on reporting bullying incidents are now required. Existing policy language addresses reporting by students and staff. The enclosed revisions are recommended to address the new minimum standards.

Items Approved

- ❖ Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for August 2023.

Contracts Approved

- ❖ 2023-2024 Shared Services Agreement (SSA) Between SAISD and the Education Service Center, Region 20 for Title I Non-Public Schools.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding for SAISD, The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Texas A&M University San Antonio (TAMUSA), and Region 20 to Participate in Texas Strategic Staffing (TSS) with Teacher Residents.
- ❖ Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding Between SAISD and Healy Murphy Center.
- ❖ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between SAISD and the University of Texas

A&M San Antonio for BCBA interns to work with SAISD students with Autism, during the 2023-2024 school year.

- ❖ Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SAISD and the University of South Carolina to provide practicum experience in the field of speech-language pathology to help their students prepare for the 21st century workforce as a Speech-Language Pathologist.
- ❖ Affiliation Agreement (agreement) between SAISD and the University of Oklahoma in support of social work interns.
- ❖ Educational Experience Agreement (Agreement) between SAISD and The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), College of Education and Human Development to provide graduate students an opportunity to participate in a school counseling practicum/internship experience.
- ❖ Installation of a Texas Historical Marker on the Grounds of the Central Administration Building at 514 W. Quincy Ave.
- ❖ Installation of a Fox Tech Fallen Heroes plaque on the school grounds near the existing Vietnam Fallen Heroes Memorial.

Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- ❖ Ratification of the purchase of property and mechanical breakdown insurance.
- ❖ Purchase of authentic decodable books for comprehensive, evidence-based Tier 2 foundational skills and close reading instruction for small groups.

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