



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

Regular Board Meeting (combined A&B) held on November 18, 2024 at 514 W. Quincy St., San Antonio, Tx. 78212

## Recognition of Green ES at Riverside Park for Being Named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School

The Board recognized Green Elementary School at Riverside Park for being named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program, established in 1982, honors outstanding public and private elementary, middle, and high schools for their academic excellence and efforts to close achievement gaps among various student subgroups. A total of 356 schools were recognized nationwide during a two-day award ceremony in Washington, D.C., on November 7th and 8th, with 31 schools from Texas receiving this honor. Among them, Green Elementary stands out as the only school from the San Antonio and Bexar County region to receive this prestigious recognition this year. Green was awarded a plaque and flag for the school's status and as a respected symbol of outstanding teaching and learning. The 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools reflect the full diversity of American education and serve students from all backgrounds. National Blue Ribbon Schools are led by leaders who articulate a clear vision of instructional excellence and uphold high standards. This prestigious award signifies a major achievement for our community and the dedicated faculty and staff at Green Elementary, highlighting their commitment to exceptional education. The campus celebrated their Blue Ribbon Award on November 21st from 12 – 2p.m. This special recognition is a true example of achieving student outcomes through the board goals.

## Deliberation and Possible Action on the Request to Sell/Exchange Unimproved Property on Camaron St. for a Proposed Baseball Stadium and the Possible Terms and Conditions for such Sale/Exchange

The Board approved the superintendent's recommendation related to the unimproved property on Camaron Street, which is sought for a potential new baseball stadium for the San Antonio Missions team. The Board authorized the superintendent to formally notify all parties involved, including the city, the county, developer Weston Urban, and the San Antonio Missions' ownership group. Designated Bidders on the action taken and also voted to impose a deadline for a response from these parties by Monday, Dec. 9, so that the Board may consider their response at its Monday, Dec. 16 meeting. The Board approved the following terms for the land negotiation:

- Appointment of the SAISD superintendent and an additional community representative to seats on the Houston Street Tax Increment Reinvestment one (TIRZ).
- Fund new construction of a building for the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA).
- Provide necessary parking with safe passage to the Fox Tech campus.
- Provide \$400,000 per year to compensate for loss of interest that could have been earned by SAISD if SAISD was to have sold the property through a sealed bid process.
- Guarantee affordable housing in SAISD attendance zones.

## Board Goals 1 & 2 – Beginning of Year MAP/Circle PK-2 Progress Update

Trustees received information in alignment with their expressed value to ensure excellent schools in every neighborhood. This will include results for the Beginning of the Year (BOY) administration of CIRCLE for Grade PK and MAP for Grades K through 2. This report provided insight into performance and growth in the early grades. The 2025 End-of-year (EOY) data for these assessments is included in the overall evaluation of both goals next summer. District data was provided for both Reading and Math results for all students as well as by Race/Ethnicity and Program participation.

## Update on HB 3 Early Childhood and College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR)

The SAISD Board received a public presentation on District progress towards SAISD's House Bill (HB). All plans are required to include:

- At least one assigned District-level administrator to coordinate implementation and submit an annual report to the Board on the District's progress.
- An annual review by the Board at a public meeting.
- An annual report posted on the District websites.
- Specific, quantifiable, annual goals for five years at each campus.

The presentation highlighted performance data for the 2023-24 school year and key focus areas for the District and campuses, review overall performance on the past 5-year goals. In addition, the presentation elaborated on how the HB3 plans for Early Childhood and CCMR will help the District achieve the overall 5-year Board Goals and Guardrails. The HB3 plans will be posted on the District web page following this public presentation.

## Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP) and the 2024-2025 Campus Improvement Plans (CIP) Approved

Trustees approved the Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP) and the 2024 – 2025 Campus Improvement Plans (CIP).

### Targeted Improvement Plans

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I, 1003 authorizes school improvement grants, P.L. 114-95, Section 1003. Nine San Antonio ISD campuses were

awarded an Effective Schools Focused grant. Any grant recipient must be eligible for and receive Title I, Part A funds. Finally, campuses receiving this grant must submit a Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) to the Texas Educational Agency (TEA). Each plan examines research-based and effective campus and classroom systems. In developing these plans, campuses used eight reflection tools to compare existing and highly effective methods. Campuses then focused on two or three systems for improvement throughout the year, including milestones and monitoring.

### **Campus Improvement Plans**

All campuses that receive ESSA Title I funds are required to develop a Campus Improvement Plan that is:

- Based on a comprehensive needs assessment (CAN) that identifies pressing needs and root causes.
- Developed with the involvement of teachers, staff, parents, and community members.
- Regularly monitored, revised, and evaluated by the campus leadership team.
- Available to the public & in a language & format parents can understand.
- Coordinating and integrating federal, state, & local programs.
- A tool that measures performance objectives with resources, staff and timelines.
- A means to increase parent & family engagement.
- Filled with research-based instructional strategies/activities for implementation.
- Provide opportunities for all children and sub-pops to improve academic performance.
- Strengthen academic programs.
- Increase amount & quality of learning time.
- Provide an enriched & accelerated curriculum.
- Add students for students at risk of not meeting state standards.

The 2024-2025 Campus Improvement Plans are currently available to the public via the campus website.

### **Update on Always Learning Implementation**

The Board received an update on the Always Learning Implementation. Together, as a family of dedicated employees, families, and community members, we have forged a collective path to construct the schools we envision for our students. This shared vision is embodied in the Always Learning Plan. The District will offer a comprehensive status update on the ongoing implementation of this plan. The presentation encompassed achievements, revisions, and areas where opportunities for improvement exist.

### **Selection of the SAISD Board of Trustee to Cast Votes for the Election of Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2025 Term**

The Board casted votes for a candidate or candidates for the election to the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2025 term. As required by Section 6.03(k), Texas Property Tax Code, the number of votes to which each taxing unit is entitled in this year's selection process has been calculated. Each taxing unit authorized to vote may do so by Resolution of its governing body, one or more candidate for a position on

the Bexar County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The San Antonio ISD is entitled to cast a total of 395 votes. Votes must be submitted by resolution no later than December 15, 2024. Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia was voted the SAISD candidate for the election to the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2025 term.

## Items Approved

- ❖ Approval of the Modification of the Green Elementary School at Riverside Park. The updated logo was requested as a result of rightsizing, which merged the campuses of Robert B. Green Elementary School and Riverside Park Elementary School to form Green at Riverside Park. The community came together and created a new mascot and logo. School administration and faculty held meetings with parents, students, and community members to gather input on the proposed logo modification. The responses were highly positive.



- ❖ Acceptance of the Changes to the Audit Committee’s Charter as Recommended by the Audit Committee. The proposed revisions reflect the changes to the new Global Internal Audit Standards and Topical requirements which become effective January 9, 2025.
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- ❖ Installation of Gustavo “Gus” Garcia’s Texas Historical Marker on the grounds of Jefferson High School. Gus Garcia (1915–1964) was a prolific Mexican American civil rights attorney and a legal advisor to various Latin advocacy organizations in Texas including the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the American GI Forum. Most notably, Garcia was one of the lead attorneys in the foundational Supreme Court case, *Hernandez v. State of Texas* (1954). The case was the first Mexican American civil rights lawsuit brought before the Supreme Court during a postwar period. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Garcia and the Hernandez legal team. *Hernandez v. Texas* reshaped constitutional protections based on race under the 14th amendment and is a hallmark moment in the legal history of Mexican Americans in the United States. Gus Garcia graduated as class valedictorian from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1932. He also served as a member of the SAISD board of education.
- ❖ Package #2 Guaranteed Maximum Price for the 2020 Bond Project at Fox Tech High School.

- ❖ Renewal of the 2024-2025 Interlocal Agreement between SAISD and the City of San Antonio Department of Human Services for the After School Challenge Program.
- ❖ Grant to the Board President discretionary authority to approve a request by the superintendent to participate in professional activities, civic organizations and associations where no costs, including reimbursable costs, are incurred by the school district. The purpose for this grant of authority is to create for the Board members a more efficient and economical method for conducting its business.
- ❖ District’s Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024.
- ❖ Monthly Budget Reports and Amendments for November 2024.

### Bids, Proposals and Purchases for Goods Approved

- ❖ Chillers and Service Agreements. This is part of the HVAC Emergency Proclamation that was Board approved on 8/19/2024. This purchase and subsequent installation of chillers will ensure the safety and comfort of students and staff at JT Brackenridge ES, Carvajal ES, Highland Hills ES and ML King ES (@ Gates).
- ❖ Furniture for classrooms, labs and office spaces at CAST Med High School in support of Bond 2020 Phase III.
- ❖ Solid Waste and Recycling Removal/Disposal for District-wide use on an “as needed basis.”

#### **Board of Education**

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