



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: March 8, 2017

Purpose: Report Only Recognition Discussion/ Possible Action

Presenter(s): Ms. Connie Prado
Board Member

Item Title:

Request that the Superintendent and staff prepare and present the following report to the Board of Trustees at a future board meeting: *“A Report on the Design of Charter Schools Who May Be In Competition With the School District.”*

Description:

Board policy BBE(LOCAL) states that individual board members may not request reports from the staff. This policy states that only the Board may request reports. Therefore, this agenda item will allow the board members to discuss Ms. Prado’s request for a report and vote to either approve or deny her request that the staff prepare and present this report on charter schools.

In the requested report, Ms. Prado is asking staff to respond to the following questions: **1)** What is the design, target area, anticipated capacity, etc. of the following charter schools, including but not limited to Alamo Leadership Academy, San Antonio Can High School, Frontiers Charter School—Frank L. Madla College High School, New IDEA School (vicinity Hutchins Elementary), New IDEA School (vicinity Ray Ellison Blvd.), Legacy High School – CAST (Center for Applied Science and Technology, SWISD), PreK for SA, and others identified by staff. **2)** Is the school district notified by the TEA when a former SSAISD student’s monetary ADA is “transferred” to the charter school? If so, are we told how many students, from which SSAISD schools, and total monies “lost?” **3)** Does the SSAISD student withdrawal system or request for records system identify how many students we are losing to charter schools and from what SSAISD campuses? **4)** The potential implications of the passage of Senate Bill 3 in this session of the Texas Legislature?

District Goal:

Goal 5 We will prioritize district revenues to guide student future choices.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

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APPROVAL ROUTE

SIGNATURE

DATE

Principal/Director: _____

Executive Director: _____

Chief Administrator: _____

Superintendent: _____

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**BOARD MEMBERS
AUTHORITY**

**BBE
(LOCAL)**

BOARD AUTHORITY

The Board has final authority to determine and interpret the policies that govern the schools and, subject to the mandates and limits imposed by state and federal authorities, has complete and full control of the District. Board action shall be taken only in meetings that comply with the Open Meetings Act. [See BE(LEGAL)]

**TRANSACTING
BUSINESS**

When a proposal is presented to the Board, the Board shall hold a discussion and reach a decision. Although there may be dissenting votes, which are a matter of public record, each Board decision shall be an action by the whole Board binding upon each member.

**INDIVIDUAL
AUTHORITY FOR
COMMITTING THE
BOARD**

Board members as individuals shall not exercise authority over the District, its property, or its employees. Except for appropriate duties and functions of the Board President, an individual member may act on behalf of the Board only with the express authorization of the Board. Without such authorization, no individual member may commit the Board on any issue. [See BDAA]

**INDIVIDUAL ACCESS
TO INFORMATION**

An individual Board member, acting in his or her official capacity, shall have the right to seek information pertaining to District fiscal affairs, business transactions, governance, and personnel matters, including information that properly may be withheld from members of the general public in accordance with the Public Information Chapter of the Government Code. [See GBA]

LIMITATIONS

If a Board member is not acting in his or her official capacity, the Board member has no greater right to District records than a member of the public.

An individual Board member shall not have access to confidential student records unless the member is acting in his or her official capacity and has a legitimate educational interest in the records in accordance with policy FL.

A Board member who is denied access to a record under this provision may ask the Board to determine whether the record should be provided or may file a request under the Public Information Act. [See GBAA]

**REQUESTS FOR
RECORDS**

An individual Board member shall seek access to records or request copies of records from the Superintendent or other designated custodian of records. When a custodian of records other than the Superintendent provides access to records or copies of records to an individual Board member, the provider shall inform the Superintendent of the records provided.

In accordance with law, the District shall track and report any requests under this provision, including the cost of responding to one or more requests by any individual Board member for 200 or more pages of material in a 90-day period.

BOARD MEMBERS
AUTHORITY

BBE
(LOCAL)

REQUESTS FOR
REPORTS

No individual Board member shall direct or require District employees to prepare reports derived from an analysis of information in existing District records or to create a new record compiled from information in existing District records. Directives to the Superintendent or other custodian of records regarding the preparation of reports shall be by Board action.

CONFIDENTIALITY

At the time a Board member is provided access to confidential records or to reports compiled from such records, the Superintendent or other District employee shall advise the Board member of the responsibility to comply with confidentiality requirements.

REFERRING
COMPLAINTS

If employees, parents, students, or other members of the public bring concerns or complaints to an individual Board member, he or she shall refer them to the Superintendent or another appropriate administrator, who shall proceed according to the applicable complaint policy. [See (LOCAL) policies at DGBA, FNG, and GF]

When the concern or complaint directly pertains to the Board's own actions or policy, for which there is no administrative remedy, the Board member may request that the issue be placed on the agenda.



Saavedra, Abelardo <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>

Charter School Information

5 messages

Connie <mconnie.prado@hotmail.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 7:04 PM

To: "Saavedra, Abelardo" <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>

Dr. Saavedra,

As you know, the Board of Trustees will be making two major decisions in March and April 2017. You and your staff are seeking to prepare the Board of Trustees, educational community, and parents in making sound decisions.

Recently, one of my colleagues, Mrs. Elda Flores, was quoted in the local newspaper commenting on the indirect potential impact of charter schools on our school district. Specifically, she said, "If we don't get on board with it, then we're going to be losing them in droves."

I agree. However, I believe we need to be strategically prepared for the inevitable. We should not be afraid of competition, but we should be strong, unbeatable competitors. In addition, to what the Board is being asked to consider, one other layer needs to be examined. This additional piece of information, I believe, impacts our approaching decisions.

Therefore, I am requesting the following informational agenda item be placed on either the 1st or 2nd Board Meeting in March 2017:

"A report on the design of charter schools who may be in competition with the school district."

Pursuant to your request of submitting questions prior to the meeting, I would be interested in the following questions/observations relative to this item:

1. What is the design, target area, anticipated capacity, etc. of the following charter schools?; including but not limited to;
 - a. Alamo Leadership Academy
 - b. San Antonio Can High School
 - c. Frontiers Charter School - Frank L. Madla Early College High School
 - d. New IDEA School (Vicinity Hutchins Elementary)
 - e. New IDEA School (Vicinity Ray Ellison Dr.)
 - f. Legacy High School - CAST (Center for Applied Science and Technology) (SWISD)
 - g. PreK for SA
 - h. Others identified by staff
2. Is the school district notified by the TEA when a former SSAISD student's monetary ADA is "transferred" to the charter school? If so, are we told how many students, from which SSAISD schools, and total monies "lost"?
3. Does the SSAISD student withdrawal system or request for records system identify how many students we are losing to charter schools and from what SSAISD campuses?
4. The potential implications of the passage of Senate Bill 3 in this session of the Texas Legislature?

Connie Prado

Saavedra, Abelardo <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>
To: Connie <msconnie.prado@hotmail.com>
Cc: Angelina Osteguín <aosteguín@southsanisd.net>, "J. Castleberry" <judycastleberry15@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 9:41 PM

Ms. Prado,
Pursuant to board policy BBE(LOCAL), the report that you are requesting be placed on the agenda of one of the March board meetings will require a majority vote by the Board of Trustees.

In response to your questions, the district does not have the information you are requesting on question #1. On question #2, the school district does not receive any notice from TEA when a South San student enrolls in a charter school and we are not informed by TEA on "total monies lost." In reference to question #3, the district learns that a former South San student has enrolled in a charter school when a request for records from the charter school is made to the student's former school. Pertaining to question #4, the district does not have any information at this time on the potential implications of the passage of Senate Bill 3.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Abelardo Saavedra, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
South San ISD

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Connie <msconnie.prado@hotmail.com>
To: "Saavedra, Abelardo" <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 10:10 PM

Thank you Dr. Saavedra please place my request on the agenda for the 1st board meeting in March.

Further, please share my email request with all the board members for their information.

Sent from my iPhone
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Connie <msconnie.prado@hotmail.com>
To: "Saavedra, Abelardo" <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 2:59 PM

Dr. Saavedra,

Thank you for considering placing my requested item on the March 8 board meeting agenda. Should the item be placed on the agenda, please add my initial email, dated February 12, 2017 as back-up information. Thank You.

Connie Prado

From: Saavedra, Abelardo <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:41 PM
To: Connie
Cc: Angelina Osteguín; J. Castleberry
Subject: Re: Charter School Information

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Saavedra, Abelardo <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>
To: Connie <msonnie.prado@hotmail.com>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 4:41 PM

Yes I will do that. Thank you

Abelardo Saavedra, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
South San ISD

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Saavedra, Abelardo <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>

Request for Report on Charter Schools

1 message

Saavedra, Abelardo <asaavedra@southsanisd.net>

Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 1:39 PM

To: Angelina Osteguín <aosteguín@southsanisd.net>, Connie <cprado@southsanisd.net>, "Elda L. Flores" <eflores@southsanisd.net>, Leticia Guerra <lguerra@southsanisd.net>, Linda Longoria <llongoria@southsanisd.net>, Louis Ybarra <loybarra@southsanisd.net>, Panchita <hprather@southsanisd.net>
Cc: "J. Castleberry" <judycastleberry15@gmail.com>, Delinda M Castro <dcastro@southsanisd.net>, Michelle Martinez <mimartinez@southsanisd.net>, Benjamin Castillo <bcastillo@808west.com>

Members of the Board,

Ms. Prado requested that the administration place on the agenda of the March 8 or March 22 board meeting the following report, "A Report on the Design of Charter Schools Who May Be in Competition With the School District." Ms. Prado was informed by the superintendent that board policy BBE(LOCAL) does not permit individual board members to request reports from the administration. Reports may be requested only by the school board through a majority vote of the board. As a follow-up, Ms. Prado has requested that an agenda item be posted for the March 8 board meeting that would allow the board to vote on whether they want the report that Ms. Prado requested, prepared and presented by the administration at a future board meeting. Ms. Prado also requested that I inform other members of the board that she has requested this item be placed on the March 8 board meeting agenda for action by the board. Any questions or discussions pertaining to the information in this email may be directed to the superintendent only. Board members may not discuss or deliberate the information in this email with other members of the board.

Abelardo Saavedra, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
South San ISD