

**NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
5900 EVERS ROAD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78238**

**Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
6:00 PM**

Members present

**Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran
6:00 PM**

Staff present

**Dr. Craft, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Rene Barajas, Leroy San Miguel,
Tiffany Contreras, Barry Perez, Ben Muir, Nicole Franco, Kris Trejo**

1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: A. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Procedural: B. Call Meeting to Order
6:00 PM

2. Business and Finance

Discussion: A. Budget Update - Average Daily Attendance Review
See PP presentation

2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 data includes hold harmless ADA applied by TEA due to COVID
2023-24 data reflects the cumulative refined ADA for the first three six-week reporting periods

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
95,203	96,475	97,944	98,688	98,628	98,227	96,330	96,671	94,636	94,297	
93,851										
91,000	92,000	93,000	94,000	95,000	96,000	97,000	98,000			
99,000,	100,000									

Freeman

S: ADA has gone down - % ABSENTEEISM

Q: What is our attempt to decrease absentees?

Craft - We have not had the same attendance since COVID
Don't want kids coming to school ill.

Ray-

Response to Freeman:

- Continue to have conversation with administration on campus
- Post Covid - not back as it once was.
- Working with multiple departments to work on issues with kid's living styles
- Transportation provided to pick up kids
- Social media advertisement
- The problem is not specific to NISD

Freeman thought to move up on the timeline to interview teachers
start hiring immediately because we are still one of the last schools to hire since we are out late

Saldana

S: Made an old school suggestion - Talk to the kids directly.

With no money from the state we are gonna have to cut staff or programs

Committee meetings = would be a great time to bring it up

Lopez - we are just talking - we need to be cautious about what is being said here. referring to "cut teachers /programs"

ADA- attendance is a problem due to travel

Hazardous routes
More drivers
more money to get around (gas)

Duran - Home visits after a certain number of absences would help
Possibly picking up students, especially students who are at risk of not graduating.

Friday letter - Provide % and overview as a district/campuses
Truancy officers are trying to help those students who won't graduate bc of absences

3. Administration

Action, Discussion, and Possible Approval: A. Recommendation of Deletion of EFAA (LOCAL) Policy
TASB was deleted by EFAA ALSO BE INCLUDED IN UPDATE 122 12-18YRS OLD

EFAA - ADMIN REG
EFA-UPDATE 122

TASB POLICY/POLICY REVISIONS- COMMUNITIES HAVE MISINTERPRETED
REVIEW DISTRICT POLICIES - TASB VIEWS LEGAL AND LAW SIDE

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by Gerald Lopez.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran

Action, Discussion and Possible Approval: B. Recommendation of Deletion of EFA (LOCAL) Policy

Motion by Corinne Saldana, second by Gerald Lopez.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran

4. Superintendent

Action, Discussion and Possible Approval: A. Academic Accountability Resolution

DURAN - Stick to what is currently in place and continue as is through the year -no mid-year changes.

BLOUNT- Never considered a numbers game. We looked at what was in front of us, and we don't want things to go that route. Not being fair to the state.

Motion by Karla Duran, second by Corinne Saldana.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran

Action, Discussion and Possible Approval: B. Nomination for Bexar CAD

Can submit a name to fill vacancy

BLOUNT - Bexar CAD Board will decide not us.

Freeman - Consideration of Genevieve Suldolski Leader of RootEd

Maybe Bexar CAD has another person in mind

Ruben Martinez CPA

Bryan H.

Katie reed

M'Lissa Chumbley

Joseph Medina

Vote is: Genevieve Sugalski first if not accepting
then Ruben Martinez

Motion by Corinne Saldana, second by Gerald Lopez.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran

Information: C. Overview - SA to DC visit

Lopez- I enjoyed the opportunity to work with other school districts, college leaders, trustees, chambers of commerce contractors, medical/science industries. We need to bring back dollars to San Antonio

Topics:

Public Ed

Academic health

Workforce centers

Met Tony Gonzalez and Castro

Ask:

More dollars and Title 1 dollars

Public services- relief of student loans

STEM support pushing for more dollars

Young woman in Science and Engineering program

Dr. Aquino - very close to Michael Bennett meeting with him was key and heard everything himself vs the staffer.

No promises but was key that we had an opportunity to speak to Senator Cornyn's offices was spoken to as well

Financial aid forms

Advisor support us as well

FASFA Form - computer issues - Thank you to Kelly Rasti, Mary Libby, Director provided info.

Takeaway:

Learning experience to be able to advocate at the congressional level

Next year those who haven't should attend.

Ask: Opportunity for presentation Chambers of Commerce. Mario will accommodate our schedule.

Freeman-Kelly Rasti could provide perspective no need for Mario/chamber

FAFSA - a lot of issues with new apps. updated and working through them currently

Bobby- Legislative discussion with other Chambers. We are the voice of the community

Discussion: D. Future Agenda Items

Policy Committee meeting will follow right after EISO/TIA Training

5. Executive Session

Information: A. If, during the course of any duly posted meeting, the Board of Trustees determines that a closed or executive session is required regarding an item posted on the Agenda, that session will be held on any or all subjects and purposes permitted by Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.084 of the Government Code (the Open Meetings Law). If a final vote is required on any matter considered in the closed or executive session, it shall be taken either upon the reconvening of the public session covered by this notice or at a subsequent, duly posted, public meeting as the Board shall determine.

President Blount announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 the Board would convene in closed session at 7:10 p.m.

Discussion: B. LHW PROPERTY/LITIGATION - Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act), deliberation regarding the purchase and value of a 1.1053 acre tract of land out of Lot 18, Block A, Montes Robles Park, in the City of Leon Valley, Bexar County, Texas, located at the south corner of Eckhart Road and Robin Road (the "LHW Property"); and pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with the District's legal counsel regarding a settlement offer involving the pending eminent domain proceeding numbered and styled as Cause No. 2020-ED-0073; Northside Independent School District v. LHW Development Company, et al., in the Probate Court No. 1 of Bexar County, Texas pertaining to the LHW Property. RECOMMENDED ACTION: CONSULTATION ONLY

6. Open Session

Information: A. Any required action by the Board concerning matters considered in closed meeting will be taken in open session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:20 p.m.

Action, Discussion and Possible Approval: B. LHW PROPERTY/LITIGATION - Possible approval and adoption of a Resolution related to the settlement of the eminent domain proceeding numbered and styled as Cause No. 2020-ED-0073, Northside Independent School District v. LHW Development Company, et al, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Bexar County, Texas, pertaining to a 1.1053 acre tract of land out of Lot 18, Block A, Montes Robles Park, in the City of Leon Valley, Bexar County, Texas, located at the south corner of Eckhert Road and Robin Road. RECOMMENDED ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION.

Motion by Corinne Saldana, second by Karla Duran.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran

7. Adjournment

Procedural: A. Adjourn the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

APPROVED ON MARCH 26, 2024