

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

Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, September 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Members present

Carol Harle, Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, Karla Duran

Staff present

Dr. Craft, Barry Perez, and Kelly Rasti

1. Notice of Meeting

Information: A. No Virtual Link Required

2. Meeting Opening

Procedural: A. Call Meeting to Order

6:04 pm

Procedural: B. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

3. Public Hearings

Information: A. There are no items for this meeting.

4. Superintendent's Report

Information, Reports: A. This item will not be considered a part of the agenda.

5. Board Member's Report

Reports: A. This item will not be considered as part of the agenda.

6. Recognitions

Information: A. There are no items for this meeting.

7. Reports

Information: A. There are no items for this meeting.

8. Citizens to be Heard

Procedural: A. This item will not be considered a part of the agenda.

9. Consent Agenda

10. Curriculum and Instruction

11. Facilities and Operations

12. Business and Finance

13. Human Resources

14. Technology Services

15. Administration

Approval: A. There are no items for this meeting.

16. Superintendent

Action, Discussion and Possible Approval: A. Consider Engagement Letter for Legal Services to be provided by Thompson & Horton LLP

Citizens to be Heard

Eric Mata - NISD Product/Resident

Advice only

- transparency and accountability
- restricted speech

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by Carol Harle.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, Karla Duran

17. 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 Freeman announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 the Board would convene in closed session at 6:50

Discussion: B. Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 "Discuss with legal counsel and receive legal advice regarding duties of a school board member as a public officer."

Citizens to be Heard

Robert Gonzales - Dist. resident

Concerned - Trustee Duran is a poor example for students

Created a sense of loss of confidence in the Board

Vera Billingsley -

Concerned about ethics

Morals & character

Do the right thing and remove her from her chair

Ernest Martinez -

Chairman Cesar Chavez

NISD product

Incriminating others

Should be pulled off until judgment

Consideration of the merits

Will Bradshaw

Leon Valley City Council -

Request that we place the full name of the person this is all about. It's an Open Meetings Act

Please do right about the placement of the board member K. Duran

NISD product LCC Council

Concerned about Dist. 3 and the representation. Roles and responsibilities for Board Members

Main responsibility. - Role Model Hold accountable for her actions

Jack Miller

Civil Activism Group

Remind - TX passed a law unless violating a rule

Being Transparent

Roman Pena -

Freedom of Speech

Support of Karla Duran

Richard Gonzalez

1979 NISD tax payer

9/11 - here for 9/11 22 years ago.

Support of Karla Duran

Let the process play out

Fight for issues that affect Hispanic community

Give the benefit of the doubt until it plays out

Laurence Romo

RESIDENT

A part of NEF

Karla Duran - use this as a teachable moment and persevere.

Terry Zablocki-

Spoke at O'Connor dedication /Board Member
Quote from Sandra O'Connor and addressed the crowd about the board's limitation on what they can and can't say.

Resident to Petition

In favor of authentic assessment
LAW and Medical Magnet Board - Bring K. Duran's information to student law.

Eric Mata-
Sense of tribalism
When are we gonna stop using skin color, background etc
Do not allow that direction to influence
For example: setting "special treatment"
demand accountability

Encourage you to act independently from the superintendent

Discussion: C. Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 "Discuss duties of a school board member as a public officer."

18. 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 8:10 pm
A. No action taken

19. Adjournment

Procedural: A. Adjourn the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 24, 2023