

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

**Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
6:00 PM**

Members present

Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran, Homer Guevara

Staff Members:

**Dr. Craft, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Megan Bradley, Kris Trejo, Ben Muir, Stephen Daniel,
Barry Perez. Eric Tobias, Deonna Dean, Valerie Sisk, Jessica Palomares, & Jerry Woods**

1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: A. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Karen Freeman

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

2. Recognitions

Recognition: A. VASE

Hundreds of NISD student artists participated in the 2025 Visual Arts Scholastic Event. This event included hundreds of adjudicated artworks with individual interviews for every competing artist. Among the hundreds of individual medalists from NISD who received the highest rating for their art/interview, 41 artworks advanced to the State VASE competition.

3. Citizens to be Heard

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

4. Business and Finance

Discussion: A. Depository Bank Services Contract

As required by law, the District is required to seek requests for proposals for depository bank services at least once every eight years. Contracts are for a two-year period, and the District has the option to extend the contract for three two-year extensions. At its regular Board meeting on April 25, 2023, the Board of Trustees awarded the contract to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., with the option to extend the contract for two additional years, provided the level of service met or exceeded our expectations. The following criteria were considered in evaluating the proposals received in 2023: (1) cost of services, (2) additional services offered, (3) funds availability schedule, (4) automated services offered, (5) ability of the proposer to provide the necessary services and perform the duties as Depository, (6) collateralization policy, (7) fraud prevention, (8) interest rates proposed on time deposits, (9) assisting the district with its investments, and (10) the reputation of the proposer and of the proposer's services.

As stated in Section 45.205(b) of the Texas Education Code, a school district and the district's depository bank may agree to extend a depository contract for three additional two-year terms. The recommendation is to extend the current contract, using the first of three two-year extensions.

The attached resolution to exercise the option to extend the terms of the current depository contract with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., for the two-year period ending August 31, 2027, will be presented for approval at the April 22, 2025, regular board meeting.

Discussion: B. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Workshop
Attachments are in BoardDocs and will be discussed

- HB2 is not a good piece of legislation. It supports the smaller schools or rural areas

- Fixes will be done on the floor. Proposal in and around change of a 30% increase required for all staff in the form of compensation, but it will not be a significant change. Definitely won't go far in closing that 100+ million dollar gap.
- Enrollment will drop by 98400 students, and that's a decrease in ADA.
- Increase is there, but the districts are being charged on the backend
- Public education hasn't been properly funded in a while.
- Goal - Take care of programs, ensure staff jobs are retained, but at some point, tough decisions have to be made in the best interest of our students
- Possibly approve the final budget by July

5. Superintendent

Action, Approval: A. Resolution Acquisition of Property by Medina Central Appraisal District
Previously, the January 21 Board meeting provided information by

Presenter: Jody Jacobs

Vice Chair of the Medina CAD

Presentation, discussion, and necessary action regarding the Medina Central Appraisal District's purchase and renovation of The Ridge Building located at 728 18th Street, Hondo, Texas. (Johnette Dixon, Chief Appraiser).

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by Karla Duran.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Karla Duran, Homer Guevara

6. 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.

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

7. Open Session

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

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

8. Adjournment

Procedural: A. Adjourn the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm

Northside ISD, Secretary of the Board