

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

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
5:00 PM**

Members present

**Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Carol Harle
Karla Duran, Laura Zapata, & Sonia Jasso**

Staff Present

**Dr. Craft, Dr. Fey, Dr. Jordan, Megan Bradley, Barry Perez, Ben Muir,
Deonna Dean, Jacob Villarreal, Dr. J. Woods, Jessica Palomares,
Dr. Trevino, Kris Trejo, Lori Gallegos, Valerie Sisk**

1. Business and Finance

A. Public Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grants

Type: Discussion Only

In accordance with federal and state guidelines, Districts are required to provide the public with notice of their application for federal grants and an opportunity to provide input. Per Board Policy CB Local, the District shall provide public notice of federal grant applications through an information item at a Board meeting and by publishing information on the District's website.

Running 2026-2027 Public Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grants .docx (1).pdf

Board Notes: Public Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Grants (2026–2027)

Overview

In accordance with Board Policy CB(LOCAL)-A1, the district is providing public notice of its intent to apply for federal grants for the 2026–2027 school year. Grant information will also be posted on the district website, and opportunities for public input will be provided as required.

Grants Included

The district plans to apply for federal grants supporting:

- Homeless student services
- After-school and enrichment programs
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Support for low-income students
- Services for migratory students
- Teacher and leadership development
- English learner and immigrant student programs
- Student support, academic enrichment, and technology
- Special education and preschool special education services
- Services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing

Timeline

Most grant applications will be submitted between May and September 2026, with grant periods extending through the 2026–2027 school year.

Administration Recommendation

Administration recommends acknowledgment of the district's intent to apply for the listed federal grants for the 2026–2027 school year.

B. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Planning

Type: Discussion Only

Information regarding budget planning, district optimization and bond programming will be discussed.

Budget and Financial Update

- The FY2026 amended budget projects \$1.05 billion in revenue and \$1.089 billion in expenses, creating a projected deficit of \$38.8 million. Fund balances are expected to continue declining.
- Enrollment and attendance continue to decrease, while staffing levels have remained relatively stable.
- The district is reviewing possible optimization strategies, including:
 - o Expanding high-demand programs
 - o New instructional models

- Rezoning and campus redesign
- Possible school consolidation or closures
- FY2027 planning assumptions include:
- Projected enrollment: 95,461 students
- Projected ADA: 88,150
- No school closures currently included in the FY2027 budget plan

Budget reduction work is underway through principal feedback, cabinet discussions, and staffing allocation meetings.

- Proposed reductions include:
 - Staffing: \$14.2 million
 - Services: \$1.6 million
 - Department/campus allocations: \$1.4 million
 - Software and stipends reductions
- Additional areas under review include athletics, Fine Arts, STEM, Dual Language, AVID, GT, magnet programs, transportation, summer programs, and possible campus consolidation.
- Future financial needs include technology replacement funding and compliance with bus seat belt requirements.
- The Board reviewed tax rate and VATRE information as part of FY2027 planning.
- Bond planning continues on a four-year cycle with input from staff, community members, and advisory committees.
- Approximately \$200 million from the 2022 bond remains on hold due to changing enrollment trends.
- The Board will consider additional budget and district optimization actions at the August 17, 2026, meeting.

C. Child Nutrition Updates

Type: Discussion Only

Child Nutrition staff will give an update on program revenues, expenditures, and operational information.

Overview

Administration presented a financial and operational update for Child Nutrition Services for September 2025 through March 2026.

Key Highlights

- Child Nutrition reported a year-to-date operating surplus of approximately \$259,000.
- Revenues increased compared to the prior year, primarily from federal/state reimbursements and USDA commodities.
- Expenditures decreased overall compared to the prior year.

Operational Updates

- Breakfast participation increased from the prior year.
- Lunch participation also increased slightly.
- Student breakfast meal counts increased, while lunch/supper meal counts decreased slightly.

Challenges Discussed

Administration identified several ongoing challenges, including:

- Declining enrollment
- Rising food, supply, and labor costs
- Reduced SNAP benefits
- Maintaining balanced budgets
- Potential future review of paid meal pricing

Additional Information

The presentation also included comparisons of student meal pricing among surrounding school districts and updates on future marketing initiatives for Child Nutrition programs.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED ON MAY 26, 2026