

Northside Independent School District
5900 Evers Road • San Antonio, Texas 78238

Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Conducted via Videoconference
July 14, 2020
5:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Dr. Carol Harle, Karen Freeman, Joseph H. Medina, Gerald B. Lopez, M'Lissa M. Chumbley, Robert Blount, Jr., Katie N. Reed

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, Rene Barajas, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Wesley Scott, Lori Jones, Kris Trejo, Leroy San Miguel, Jacob Villarreal, Barry Perez

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Carol Harle.

II. Invocation and Pledges to Allegiance

Joseph Medina led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearings

There were no hearings scheduled for this meeting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

This item was not considered a part of the agenda.

V. Board Members' Report

This item was not considered a part of the agenda.

VI. Recognitions

There were no recognitions scheduled for this meeting.

VII. Reports

There were no reports scheduled for this meeting.

VIII. Citizens to be Heard

This item was not considered a part of the agenda.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Contractor for Asbestos Abatement – Anson Jones MS – IDQ #2019-094

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by M'Lissa Chumbley, Trustees unanimously approved 1 Priority Environmental as the contractor for asbestos abatement at Anson Jones MS.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

A. 2020-21 District Instructional Calendar

Dr. Janis Jordan, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of the current 2020-21 Calendar and provided the following recommendations for revisions: (1) move the October 12 Professional Development Day/Student Holiday to November 3; (2) move the secondary grading periods from 6 weeks to 9 weeks; and (3) add 15 minutes to the instructional day. Following discussion, a motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by Karen Freeman to approve the revised 2020-21 District Instructional Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2020-2021 Staff Development Minutes Waiver

Following discussion, a motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley to approve the submission of a Staff Development Minutes Waiver for the two staff development days, which are November 3, 2020 and February 15, 2021 and the two teacher choice days, which are November 23 and 24, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Facilities and Operations

There were no items for this meeting.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. COVID-19 Purchases

A PowerPoint presentation was made by Dr. Rene Barajas, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance, that showed a consolidated list of purchases made since March in support of the District's COVID-19 response and planned purchases for 2020-21. On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina, Trustees unanimously approved the year-to-date and planned expenditures related to COVID-19.

XIII. Human Resources

There were no items for this meeting.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XV. Administration

There were no items for this meeting.

XVI. Superintendent

- A. Consideration and Possible Action regarding COVID-19 Emergency District Closure, including Extension of Resolution Originally Adopted on March 18, 2020

This item was pulled to allow time with our legal team and for action at a later meeting.

Many parents and teachers addressed the Board regarding possible safety risks for students and staff if schools are re-opened too soon.

- B. Advocacy Resolution

Following discussion, there was consensus among Trustees to reach out to Governor Abbott, Texas Education Agency, the media and our Bexar County legislative delegation to emphasize the importance of district flexibility in decision making, local control and full funding from the state.

XVII. Executive Session

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.

There were no items for this meeting.

- XVIII. Any required action by the Board concerning matters considered in closed meeting will be taken in open session.**

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved 7/28/20