

Northside Independent School District

Northside Activity Center •7001 Culebra Road • San Antonio, Texas 78238

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
(Meeting also Conducted via Videoconference)
August 25, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, Ray Galindo, Rene Barajas, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Wes Scott, Lori Jones, Patty Hill, Jerry Woods, Diana Ely, Kris Trejo, Jacob Villarreal, Barry Perez

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Carol Harle.

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Katie Reed led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearings

There were no items for this meeting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Woods reported on the following:

- While the first day of school did not look like we anticipated, District staff stepped in to address the technical difficulties, specifically Lori Jones, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services, and her department staff.
- Dr. Woods thanked teachers, campus staff, Technology Services and Curriculum & Instruction staff for their efforts preparing for the school year.
- Dr. Woods is pleased with the public health metrics and anticipates being able to bring in students, specifically those with high academic needs and not served well in a virtual learning environment, for in-person learning.
- Because of improved health metrics, practices for student activities in athletics and fine arts are expected to begin the week of Aug. 31.
- Through the generosity of staff and community members, thousands of backpacks have been donated along with many school supplies. These items will be sorted and prepared for distribution to students across the District.
- Northside ISD Fine Arts students will be showcased at the virtual TASA/TASB convention at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.
- Much effort has gone in to reconnecting Northside families with their schools. The Communications Department prepared a video highlighting some of these efforts by the District and campuses

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Carol Harle enjoyed the District's annual Convocation event held virtually this year. She found the highlighted student performance videos inspirational.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley is encouraged and enthused by the work and commitment of District staff. She highlighted three for their efforts to encourage and motivate their school communities: Clark HS Principal Steve Zimmerman, the Holmes HS Theatre Arts Department, and Ross MS Family and Community Involvement Liaison Irene Zinsmeister.

Trustee Karen Freeman thanked all District staff for a great start to the school year despite the first day technical hiccups.

Trustee Joseph Medina shared his appreciation to all staff working behind the scenes to get the school year started and acknowledged the many teachers who have shared positive messages on social media.

Trustee Bobby Blount provided an update from the Bexar County School Boards Coalition, specifically a collaboration with Clear Channel Communications.

Trustee Katie Reed recognized the many amazing teachers across the District working to engage students in such creative ways. She also provided an update to Trustees from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Gerald Lopez thanked and congratulated Dr. Woods and District staff for the successful start to the school year.

VI. Recognitions

A. There were no items for this meeting.

VII. Reports

A. Update on Reengagement Work

Trustees were updated on District and campus efforts to re-engage with families and students in preparation for the start of school.

VIII. Citizens to Be Heard

Citizens addressed the Board regarding software products and safety of employees and students during the pandemic.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the Meetings of July 28, August 4, and August 18, 2020

B. Disbursements for the Month of July 2020

C. Awarding of Bids

Bid Number 2020-113 Door Frames

Bid Number 2020-114 Curriculum & Instructional Supplies

Bid Number 2020-116 Sheet Music & Music Material

Bid Number 2020-118 HVAC IDQ

- Bid Number 2020-119 Window Coverings & Shade Products
- Bid Number 2020-122 Athletic Uniforms
- Bid Number 2020-123 Baseball, Softball & Track Equipment
- Bid Number 2020-137 School Bus Equipment & Supplies
- RFQ Number 2020-121 Roofing Repair & Replacement IDQ
- Requisition #20051529 to Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions in the amount of \$443,988.40.00 for the purchase of annual subscription of the District's Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services.
- Requisition #21000000 to Severin Intermediate Holdings LLC in the amount of \$226,985.31 for the purchase of eSchoolPlus and PowerSchool software.
- D. Exterior Colors – Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet HS – RFCSP #2020-003
- E. Interior Colors – Joey Tomlinson ES – RFCSP #2020-002
- F. Interior Colors – Science Lab Addition/Renovation – Gregory Luna MS – RFCSP #2020-015
- G. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration and Replacement – John Marshall HS – RFCSP #2020-064
- H. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – Northside Activity Center – RFCSP #2020-089
- I. Change Orders
- J. School District Teaching Permits
- K. Certified T-TESS Appraisers
- L. College Board Assessment Suite 2020-2021
- M. 2020-21 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC)

On motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and second by Katie Reed, the Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved as presented.

Board action included the following contractor appointments:

- 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration and Replacement – Marshall HS – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – Northside Activity Center – Topside Consulting, LLC

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There were no items for this meeting.

XI Facilities and Operations

There were no items for this meeting.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. 2019-20 Amended Budget

Following review, the Board approved the 2019-20 amended budget on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed. Vote was 6-0 due to Ms. Chumbley being out of the room when vote was taken.

B. Commitment of Fund Balance Resolution

Following review, the Board approved acceptance of the fund balance resolution amending balance reporting on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed. Vote was 6-0 due to Ms. Chumbley being out of the room when vote was taken.

C. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District providing for the defeasance and calling for redemption certain currently outstanding obligations designated as “Northside Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012” and “Northside Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016”; directing that authorized district officials effectuate the redemption of these obligations; and other matters in connection therewith

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Bobby Blount, Trustees voted 6-0 to approve the above-referenced Resolution which authorized the defeasance and calling for redemption a portion of the 2012 Obligations in the original principal amount of \$95,305,000 and a portion of the 2016 Obligations in the original principal amount of \$73,545,000 to be redeemed on June 1, 2021 in the amount of \$36,000,000. Vote was 6-0 due to Ms. Chumbley being out of the room when vote was taken.

D. Adoption of 2020-21 Budget

A Public Meeting was held on August 18, 2020 for the 2020-21 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. The proposed 2020-21 budget for the General, Child Nutrition and Debt Service Funds was presented and discussed by the Board of Trustees.

The following motion was made by Gerald Lopez: “I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the recommended budget which includes a revised compensation plan for the 2020-21 school year that provides compensation increase for all employees, including those whose contracts for the 2020-21 school year begin earlier than the date the final compensation plan is adopted, in an amount to be determined at a future date, contingent upon available funds and that is effective for all work performed for the 2020-21 school or contract year.” Motion was seconded by Katie Reed and was unanimously approved.

E. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance fixing and levying the Northside Independent School District ad valorem taxes for the year 2019-2020; directing the assessment and collection thereof, and other matters in connection therewith.

The following motion was made by Gerald Lopez: “I move that the property tax rate be set at \$1.2857 per hundred dollars of valuation, comprised of a rate of \$0.9502 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.3355 for interest and sinking.” Motion was seconded by Karen Freeman and was unanimously approved.

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. COVID-Related Expenditures

An overview of the District's COVID-related expenditures was presented by Dr. Woods.

B. Endorsement for TASB Board of Directors

Following discussion, a motion was made by M'Lissa Chumbley to open the floor for nominations for TASB Board of Directors, Region 20 Position A. Motion was seconded by Bobby Blount and unanimously approved. Karen Freeman nominated Rolinda Schmidt of Kerrville ISD and Gerald Lopez nominated JD Rodriguez of Dilley ISD. Bobby Blount then moved to close nominations; motion was seconded by Katie Reed and unanimously approved. A show of hands for all in favor of Rolinda Schmidt resulted in five Trustees in favor – Karen Freeman, M'Lissa Chumbley, Bobby Blount, Katie Reed and Carol Harle. A show of hands for all in favor of JD Rodriguez resulted in two Trustees in favor – Gerald Lopez and Joseph Medina. Rolinda Schmidt secured the endorsement.

C. Board Member Attendance at Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, 2021 Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members Education Summit, and Mexican American School Boards Association Annual Conference

Board Policy BBG (LOCAL) states that attendance at required training sessions and at the annual conference of TASB and NSBA qualifies for reimbursement. In order to qualify for reimbursement, all other Board member travel must be authorized by action of the Board. On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Karen Freeman, Board member attendance at the CUBE Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members Education Summit, and Mexican American School Boards Association Annual Conference was unanimously approved.

D. Nomination for NSBA Advocacy Institute Stipend

TASB will award a stipend to one trustee from each of the 36 congressional districts in Texas to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute being held in Washington, DC on January 24-26, 2021. The stipend will pay for the cost of the Advocacy Institute registration fee only. School boards can nominate a trustee and alternate for consideration of receiving a stipend. The deadline for nomination is September 18, 2020. On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Bobby Blount, Trustees unanimously agreed that M'Lissa Chumbley will apply for the stipend and Gerald Lopez will be the alternate to apply for the stipend.

E. Future Agenda Items

Superintendent Woods and the Board discussed possible agenda items for future Board meetings. No action was required.

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.

President Harle announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Consideration and Discussion to Approve a Resolution determining that the Superintendent of the District is authorized and empowered in the name of and on behalf of the District, to negotiate, execute, deliver and perform in the name of and on behalf of the Board and the District, all instruments and documents as the Superintendent in his discretion may deem necessary or desirable in connection with such acquisition of the Property, including without limitation, a contract for the purchase and sale of the Property, and any and all closing documents specified in the Contract or otherwise required in order to close the acquisition of the Property, and to do or take any other action necessary or desirable to effect such closing, and to do or take any other action necessary or desirable to effect the foregoing in carrying out the policies of the Board of Trustees in accordance with Texas Education Code Sections 11.1512
- B. Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Deliberation and Consultation with District's Legal Counsel regarding the Value and Possible Exchange of Real Property with a Governmental Entity
- C. Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Deliberation and Consultation with District's Legal Counsel regarding the Value and Possible Acquisition (through Negotiation and Purchase, and/or Eminent Domain Proceedings) of the 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
- D. Appointment of Vice Principal at Warren HS

XVIII. Open Session

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

- A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution determining that the Superintendent of the District is authorized and empowered in the name of and on behalf of the District, to negotiate, execute, deliver and perform in the name of and on behalf of the Board and the District, all instruments or documents as the Superintendent in his discretion may deem necessary or desirable in connection with such acquisition of the Property, including, without limitation, a contract for the purchase and sale of the Property, and any and all closing documents specified in the Contract or otherwise required in order to close the acquisition of the Property, and to do or take any other action necessary or desirable to effect such closing, and to do or take any other action necessary or desirable to effect the foregoing in carrying out the policies of the Board of Trustees in accordance with Texas Education Code Sections 11.1512
- B. Consideration and Possible Approval and Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent or his Designee to Execute an Interlocal Agreement between the District and Another Governmental Entity providing for the Exchange of Real

Property, and Authorizing the President of the Board of Trustees to Execute the Deed Contemplated Thereby

- C. Consideration and Possible Approval and Adoption of (i) a Resolution Declaring a Public Necessity for the Acquisition of Exclusive Rights (through Negotiation and Purchase, and/or Eminent Domain Proceedings) of the 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; and (ii) a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Take Action, on behalf of the District, to Acquire Exclusive Rights from LHW Development Company, through Negotiation and Purchase, and/or Eminent Domain Proceedings, to the 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

- D. Appointment of Vice Principal at Warren HS

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:15 p.m. and took the following action:

Item A

This item was pulled for possible action at a future meeting.

Item B

A motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by Katie Reed to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio and authorizing the President of the Board of Trustees to execute the deed contemplated thereby. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C

The following motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley: "I move that the Board approve a resolution declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of exclusive rights (through negotiation and purchase, and/or eminent domain proceedings) of the 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." Motion was unanimously approved.

The following motion was then made by M'Lissa Chumbley and seconded by Bobby Blount: "I move that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to take action, on behalf of the District, to acquire exclusive rights from LHW Development Company, through negotiation and purchase, and/or eminent domain proceedings, to the 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." Motion was unanimously approved.

Item D

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Karen Freeman, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the following administrative appointment:

- Aurelio Hernandez, Assistant Principal at Harlan HS, was named Vice Principal at Warren HS.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved 9/22/20