

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 24, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, Ray Galindo, Rene Barajas, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Tiffany Contreras, Patty Hill, Jerry Woods, Jessica Palomares, Diana Ely, Jacob Villarreal, Valerie Sisk, Ben Muir, Adriana Garza, Barry Perez

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Karen Freeman.

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Corinne Saldana 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:

- Dr. Woods thanked the Communications and Fine Arts department teams for their work starting off the school year with Convocation. While there was only one this year, with the majority of staff watching by livestream, Dr. Woods thought it was a great show and really highlighted the District theme of NISD Reunited, illustrated the work that is to come this year, and offered a hopeful start to the academic year. Dr. Woods also thanked the members of the Board for their inspiring words to staff.
- Dr. Woods provided an update to the Board on the legal situation around the authority to mandate face coverings in schools.
- Dr. Woods visited three new schools on the first day of school – Tomlinson ES, Straus MS, and Zachry Magnet School. The District continues to believe that in-person instruction remains the best learning setting for students. Parents are reminded to notify their child's campus in the event their child requires quarantine.
- After a year of essentially no proposed budget increases, Dr. Woods is pleased to be getting back to some of the academic initiatives the District began pre-COVID. That includes full day PreK and STEM Labs in our elementary schools. The District is also budgeting for the opening of three new schools/programs for this year and for Sotomayor HS which opens in the fall of 2022. In addition, the District was able to give a very well-deserved increase in pay to all employees. In spite of these programmatic improvements and new campuses, the District is proud to recommend a budget that, through the mechanisms set up in HB3,

actually lowers the tax rate in Northside ISD. Dr. Woods thanked the Board for the many months of study on the budget and thanked Director of Budget Esperanza Rios, Assistant Superintendent for Budget & Finance Tiffany Contreras, and Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance Rene Barajas.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Gerald Lopez commented on the success of the annual Convocation event citing the strong student talent that was showcased. He commended Director of Fine Arts James Miculka and Executive Director of Communications Barry Perez, the Fine Arts and Communications departments, as well as the student, teacher, and parent performers featured in the event.

Trustee Carol Harle commended Executive Director of Athletics Stan Laing and his staff for a successful Servant Leader Summit. She enjoyed visiting Jay HS and Jay Science and Engineering Academy on the first day of school. Harle also commented how much she enjoyed the Convocation event.

Trustee Corinne Saldana expressed gratitude to Stan Laing and the Athletics Department for hosting the annual Servant Leader Summit. She commended Principal Faustino Ortega and the Ross MS community for their successful Block Walk welcoming back students. Saldana enjoyed Convocation saying the students performed beautifully. She visited Thornton ES and Rudder MS on the first day of school. Following an invitation from Holmes HS Principal Cynthia Barrera, Saldana participated in a pinning ceremony honoring campus staff.

Trustee Karen Freeman honored Marshall HS alumni and longtime NISD supporter William Raba following his death. Freeman shared her condolences to the Raba family.

VI. Recognitions

There were no items for this meeting.

VII. Reports

There were no reports for this meeting.

VIII. Citizens to Be Heard

Citizens addressed the Board regarding mask mandate, virtual learning, and high school boundaries.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from the Meetings of July 20, August 3, and August 17, 2021
- B. Resolution to Approve Waiver of Penalty and Interest on a Tax Account
- C. Awarding of Bids, Request for Proposals, and Purchases over \$50,000
 - Bid Number 2021-108 Concert/Guard/Dance/Spirit Uniforms & Accessories
 - Bid Number 2021-112 Bleacher Inspection Services
 - Bid Number 2021-121 Technology Staff Augmentation
 - Bid Number 2021-133 Instrument Repairs
 - Bid Number 2021-135 Curriculum & Instructional Supplies
 - RFP Number 2021-124 Teacher Candidate Assessment Tool
 - RFP Number 2021-125 Auction Services

RFQ Number 2021-132 Painting Work - IDQ
Requisition #21053182 to Institute for Multi-Sensory Education, LLC in the amount of \$96,482.56 for the purchase of Orton-Gillingham (OG) curriculum and training platform software.

Requisition #21053671 to AVID Center in the amount of \$111,583.00 for the AVID membership fees for secondary and elementary campuses.

Requisition #21053517, 21053533, 21053549, 21053554 to Toolkit Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$63,048.00 for the purchase of CTE work tables at Brandeis HS, Brennan HS, Harlan HS, and Warren HS

D. School District Teaching Permits

E. Certified T-TESS Appraisers

F. 2021-2022 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Membership

G. 2021-2022 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC)

H. Interior Colors – Cafeteria/Gym Upgrades and Door Hardware – Lawrence Powell ES – RFCSP #2021-006

I. Exterior Colors – Addition/Renovation – H.B. Zachry MS Magnet – RFCSP #2021-013

J. Exterior/Interior Colors – Athletic Upgrades – Coke R. Stevenson MS – RFCSP #2021-007

K. Contractor for Portable Relocations – Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet HS – IDQ RFP #2021-115

L. Construction Delivery Methods – 2021 Facilities Construction Project

M. Change Orders

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

Board action included the following:

- Interior colors – Cafeteria/Gym Upgrades and Door Hardware at Powell ES – Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Exterior Colors – Addition/Renovation at Zachry Magnet School – Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Exterior/Interior Colors – Athletic Upgrades at Stevenson MS – Nextgen Architects
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – Marshall Law and Medical Services – Dodson House Moving

X. Curriculum and Instruction

A. 2022-2023 District Instructional Calendar

Following discussion, a motion was made by M'Lissa Chumbley and seconded by Carol Harle to approve the 2022-2023 District Instructional Calendar as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

XI Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design – Clinic – Jones MS

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Corinne Saldana, the schematic design for the clinic at Jones MS was unanimously approved as presented by Pfluger Architects, Inc.

B. Schematic Design – “Village at WestPointe North area” ES

On a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by M'Lissa Chumbley, the schematic design for the "Village at WestPointe North area" ES was unanimously approved as presented by Garza/Bomberger & Associates, Inc.

C. Schematic Design – Building Replacement – Colby Glass ES

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Bobby Blount, the schematic design for the building replacement at Colby Glass ES was unanimously approved as presented by Nextgen Architects.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Budget Amendment No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Following review, the Board approved the 2020-21 amended budget on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Carol Harle. Vote was unanimous.

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 Carol Harle. Vote was unanimous.

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 Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2012"; 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 M'Lissa Chumbley, Trustees voted 7-0 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 \$70,000,000 to be redeemed on June 1, 2022 in the amount of \$46,420,000.

D. Adoption of 2021-22 Budget

A Public Meeting was held on August 17, 2021 for the 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. The proposed 2021-22 budget for the General, Child Nutrition and Debt Service Funds was presented and discussed by the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Gerald Lopez to adopt the recommended 2021-22 budget. Motion was seconded by Carol Harle 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 2021-2022; 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 fixed and levied by the adoption of the tax rate of \$1.2613 on each \$100.00 of taxable value of property, comprised of a rate of \$0.9258 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.3355 for interest and sinking, and that the Order presented be finally passed and adopted." Motion was seconded by Joseph Medina 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. Consideration and Action to Ratify and Approve Authorization for the District's Participation as a Party in the Petition in Intervention, Request for Declaratory Judgment, and Request for Temporary Injunction in Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003897 in Travis County

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Gerald Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the District's participation as a party in the petition in intervention, request for declaratory judgment, and request for temporary injunction in Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003897 in Travis County.

- B. Board Member Attendance at Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, 2022 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 Carol Harle, 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.

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. Open Session

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 9:28 p.m.

Approved 9.28.21