

Northside Independent School District

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees October 26, 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, Rene Barajas, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Stephen Daniel, Eric Tobias, Jerry Woods, Jacob Villarreal, Barry Perez, Jessica Palomares, Ben Muir, Sandi Bonnett, Adriana Garza

Items are numbered as they were designated in the posted agenda but are listed in the order in which they were considered.

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

Bobby Blount led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearing

A. School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

Assistant Superintendent for Budget & Finance Tiffany Contreras reported that for the 19th year in a row, Northside ISD has received the highest rating of "Superior Achievement" under the state's financial accountability rating system, called School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The primary goal of School FIRST is to improve the management of school districts' financial resources. The School FIRST rating is based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2019- 20 school year, and budgetary and financial data for the 2020 fiscal year. As required by state law, Northside announced and held a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the District's performance under each of 20 indicators and the District's rating.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Woods reported on the following:

- Earlier this month, the Agriculture Science and Technology Academy hosted the annual Ag in Action event for fourth graders. Thank you to the administrators, agriculture teachers, agriculture students, and Elementary Social Studies Department for their work.
- The dedication of Joey Tomlinson ES was held earlier this month. Thank you to Principal Wendy Tiemann, Associate Principal James Dominguez, Tomlinson ES teachers and staff, and the Communications and Fine Arts departments for their leadership of this event. Next week is the dedication of Joe Straus III MS.
- Last week the NEF Golf Tournament was held at the Dominion Country Club. Thanks to Director of Partnerships Cassandra Miranda, Partnerships Office staff, the NEF Board, and corporate sponsors for their support of this event.

- Last week was the Hobby MS 50th anniversary celebration. Thank you to principal Lawrence Carranco and staff for a wonderful ceremony highlighting past and present students and staff.
- Last week Jay HS automotive technology teacher John Gunderson was awarded \$50,000 as a national winner in the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence.
- The AlamoPROMISE program is expanding to Marshall and Stevens high schools. It covers tuition and required fees for current academic year graduates from participating high schools seeking an academic certificate or Associate's degree at one of the Alamo Colleges. Jay and Holmes high schools are already included in the program.
- On Monday, Colonies North ES hosted its annual Parade of Nations celebrating the diversity of the school's student body. This year, 30 countries were represented in the parade with students carrying their nation's flag. The school is home to many refugee and "newcomer" students and there are 25 identified languages spoken there.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Gerald Lopez praised two District Fine Arts programs on recent success at competition: the NISD mariachi and high school band programs. The mariachi groups from Harlan, Jay, and Holmes high schools and Rawlinson, Rayburn, Ross, and Vale middle schools recently competed at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region 29 mariachi competition. The mariachi groups are all advancing to state competition. Likewise, all NISD high school bands competed in the UIL Region 9 competition with all bands receiving a rating score of 1, the best rating possible. The bands will be advancing to the next level of competition. Lopez commended all of the District's Fine Arts programs and Fine Arts Director James Miculka and his staff.

Trustee Corinne Saldana congratulated Zachry MS teacher Amanda Garcia on being recognized in honor of World Teachers' Day by Whataburger. Saldana attended several District events and praised those hosting as well as the student performers. The events included the Agriculture Science and Technology Academy annual Ag in Action event, a Holmes HS theatre production, the Tomlinson ES dedication, the Hobby MS 50th anniversary, and the Parade of Nations at Colonies North ES. Saldana also attended a Night of Family Learning event hosted by Rudder MS.

Trustee Karen Freeman thanked Trustees Chumbley and Harle for delivering remarks on behalf of the Board at recent District events.

Trustee Joseph Medina congratulated the District's football teams and wished those headed into playoff season well. Medina recognized all NISD teachers and students for a very successful first nine weeks of school.

Trustee Carol Harle enjoyed attending the 50th Anniversary celebration at Hobby MS along with her mother and sister. Harle, whose father was the campus first PTA president, commended the student performers. She attended the Parade of Nations event at Colonies North ES and acknowledged Senator Jose Menendez who also attended. Harle, a Marshall HS graduate, appreciated the opportunity to assist with the coin toss at a recent campus football game. Harle shared her appreciation to all District teachers showcasing student work on social media.

Trustee Bobby Blount thanked all of the schools and campus staff who consistently allow for the utilization of campus facilities by the community.

VI. Recognitions

A. Scarborough ES, Folks MS and Jordan MS, 2020-2022 National PTA Schools of Excellence

Three Northside ISD PTAs have been named 2020-2022 National PTA Schools of Excellence. Scarborough Elementary School and Folks and Jordan Middle Schools are among 351 schools from across the country to receive this special designation, and are three of the six PTAs in the Bexar County area to receive this top honor. The awards are given to PTAs for their achievements in building strong family-school partnerships as part of the National PTA's ongoing efforts to increase family engagement in education. This is the seventh year in a row that NISD PTAs have received this designation.

B. Signing of Code of Ethics

The Board and Superintendent annually sign a Code of Ethics as a symbol of their commitment to adhere to educational and ethical standards.

VIII. Citizens to be Heard

Patrons addressed the Board regarding stimulus funding, retention stipends, face coverings, and librarian staff development.

XV. Administration

A. Sotomayor HS Attendance Zone

The SBAC Report for Sotomayor HS attendance zone was presented by Chair Morgan Phelps. Following the report, speakers addressed the Board with their concerns and requests.

Following Board discussion, on a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Gerald Lopez, Trustees approved the SBAC recommendation with special option of currently enrolled students specific to the Wildhorse neighborhood. The zone moves approximately 1,547 students from Harlan HS, 338 students from O'Connor HS, and 24 students from Taft HS in 2022-23. Sotomayor HS is located at 12801 Tall Timber Lane. The approved boundary will be posted on the NISD website.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the Meeting of September 28, 2021

B. Awarding of Bid Items

Bid #2021-158 – Theatrical Equipment & Supplies

Bid #2021-160 – Printing Services - Miscellaneous

Bid #2021-161 – Storage Containers

RFP #2021-159 – Technology and Related Equipment Recycling

Requisition #22000063 to C-6 Disposal System Inc. in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the purchase of professional development and use of the software ST Math to focus on monitoring and supporting students and enhancing instructional practices.

Requisition #22006799 to Toolkit Technologies in the amount of \$65,791.00 for the purchase of CTE work tables at Clark HS and Holmes HS.

C. Quarterly Investment Report – August 31, 2021

D. Purchasing Cooperative Fees Paid by Northside Independent School District

E. Interlocal Contract Authorizing Use of Equalis Group, LLC Purchasing Cooperative

F. Interlocal Contract Authorizing Use of Education Service Center Region X Purchasing Cooperative

- G. Interlocal Contract Authorizing Use of Education Service Center Region 19 Purchasing Cooperative
- H. Contractor for Park Trail – J.B. Passmore ES – IDQ RFP #2018-135 Project #2021-03-135
- I. Contractor for Fire Alarm & Mechanical Upgrades – Mary Lou Fisher ES – RFCSP #2021-080
- J. Contractor for Lighting, Mechanical & Sound System Upgrades – Coke R. Stevenson & Katherine Stinson MSs – RFCSP #2021-081
- K. Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – William J. Brennan HS, Transportation – Culebra Station & Transportation – Rhodes Station and Mechanical Upgrades – Transportation – Rhodes Station – RFCSP #2021-079
- L. Interior Colors – Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation – Jimmy L. Elrod ES – RFCSP #2021-001
- M. Consultant Appointments
- N. Change Orders
- O. Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #117
- P. School District Teaching Permits
- Q. 2021-2022 Bilingual/ESL Education Exception and Waiver Application to Texas Education Agency
- R. Revised SHAC By-Laws

Item H was pulled from the agenda for consideration at a later meeting. Consent Agenda items with the exception of Item H were unanimously approved on a motion by Carol Harle and a second by Gerald Lopez. Board action included the following:

- Interior Colors for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation at Elrod ES as developed by Kaarlsen Noonan Rittimann Garcia Architecture
- Contractor for Fire Alarm & Mechanical Upgrades – Fisher ES – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Lighting, Mechanical & Sound System Upgrades – Stevenson & Stinson MSs – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Lighting Upgrades at Brennan HS, Transportation-Culebra Station & Transportation-Rhodes Station and Mechanical Upgrades at Transportation-Rhodes Station – Central Electric Ent. & Co.

VII. Reports

A. ESSER II and III Update

Trustees heard an update on expenditures for the remainder of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III and ESSER II funding. It included items for facilities and technology that are approved expenditures.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

A. First Reading of Policy EIAA (LOCAL)

EIAA (LOCAL) outlines guidelines for grading and progress reports to parents including semester exams, exemptions, and exam weight. Changes to this policy were brought in November 2020 to address the weight of the semester exam and in February 2021 to address absences in the second semester and final average of the spring semester. Proposed changes to address absences in the second semester and final average of the spring semester were discussed. Policy EIAA (LOCAL) will be brought for second reading and adoption at the December 14 Board meeting.

XI. Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design – Window, ADA and Paving Upgrades – Dolores B. Linton ES

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Gerald Lopez, the schematic design for Window, ADA and Paving Upgrades at Linton ES was unanimously approved as presented by Kaarlsen Noonan Rittimann Garcia Architecture.

B. Schematic Design – New Classroom Building – Oliver Wendell Holmes HS

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Carol Harle, the schematic design for the new classroom building at Holmes HS was unanimously approved as presented by Pfluger Architects, Inc.

C. Schematic Design – ALE, Window and ADA Upgrades – Ransom Reed Cable ES

On a motion by Corinne Saldana and a second by Carol Harle, the schematic design for ALE, window and ADA upgrades at Cable ES was unanimously approved as presented by Garza Architects.

D. Schematic Design – Bus/Student Covered Walkway – Frances M. Rhodes ES

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Corinne Saldana, the schematic design for the bus/student covered walkway at Rhodes ES was unanimously approved as presented by Chesney Morales Partners, Inc.

E. Schematic Design – Fine Arts Replacement and Renovation – John Jay HS

On a motion by Corinne Saldana and a second by Carol Harle the schematic design Option 2 for the fine arts replacement and renovation at Jay HS was unanimously approved as presented by Alamo Architects.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Consideration and Approval of an Order Authorizing the Issuance by the Northside Independent School District of its Fixed Rate Unlimited Tax School Building and/or Refunding Bonds in one or more series (as designated by Purpose and Series); levying a continuing Direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of one or more series of bonds; delegating the authority to certain members of the Board of Trustees and District staff to approve and execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; and providing an effective date

B. Consideration and Approval of an Order Authorizing the Issuance by the Northside Independent School District of its Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building and/or Refunding Bonds in one or more series (as designated by Purpose and Series); levying a continuing Direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of one or more series of bonds; delegating the authority to certain members of the Board of Trustees and District staff to approve and execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; and providing an effective date

As part of the 2021-2022 debt management plan, Trustees approved bond orders that allow the District to issue fixed or variable rate debt up to \$300 million in new money bonds related to the 2018 bond authorization. In addition, the orders allow for issuing current refunding bonds in the amount of \$100 million and up to \$270 million in advance refunding bonds, either of which can be fixed or variable.

The above orders were each unanimously approved on motions by Gerald Lopez and seconds by Corinne Saldana.

XIII. Human Resources

A. Property and Boiler/Machinery Insurance

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Corinne Saldana, Trustees unanimously approved the renewal of a policy with Westchester for property and boiler/machinery insurance.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XVI. Superintendent

A. Resolution Granting Superintendent Authority to Approve Waivers Related to Attendance

On a motion by Carol Harle and a second by Corinne Saldana, Trustees unanimously approved the resolution granting Superintendent Dr. Brian Woods the authority to approve waivers related to attendance (i.e., Remote Conferencing and Remove Homebound Services) for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year which will provide quick expedition of these waivers.

B. 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 Freeman announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 10:43 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Deliberations regarding the Value and Possible Lease of Real Property to University Health System
- B. Sites
- C. Appointment of Principal at Oak Hills Terrace ES
- D. Appointment of Associate Principal at Bernal MS

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

- A. Consideration and Possible Approval and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent or his Designee to Execute a Lease Agreement between the District and University Health System
- B. Appointment of Principal at Oak Hills Terrace ES
- C. Appointment of Associate Principal at Bernal MS

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:01 p.m. and took the following action:

Item A

Carol Harle made the following motion: “Resolved, that the Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to execute that certain Lease Agreement between the District and University Health System which was presented to the Board and discussed in Executive Session, with such revisions deemed necessary or desirable by the Superintendent, providing for the operation of a Health Clinic by University Health System on property owned by the District.” Motion was seconded by Joseph Medina and carried unanimously.

Items B-C

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Carol Harle, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendations for the following administrative appointments:

- Stacey Winton, Associate Principal at Valley Hi ES, was named Principal at Oak Hills Terrace ES.
- David La Boy, Assistant Principal at Bernal MS, was named Associate Principal at Bernal MS.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.