

# Northside Independent School District

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

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees November 16, 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, Patty Hill, Lori Jones, Jerry Woods, Jessica Palomares, Tiffany Contreras, Valerie Sisk, Jacob Villarreal, 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

Joseph Medina led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

### III. Public Hearing

There were no items for this meeting.

### IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Woods reported on the following:

- The Citizens' Bond Committee has met over the past three weeks working to discuss a potential bond election. Their work will continue for the next few weeks.
- Earlier this month was the dedication of Straus MS. Thank you to Principal Dana Gilbert Perry, Straus MS teachers and staff, and the Communications and Fine Arts departments for their leadership of this event.
- Last week was the beginning of the NISD high school bowling season.
- This Friday night, Brandeis HS volleyball will play in the UIL state semifinals in Garland. It is the program's first state tournament. On Saturday, Brennan HS and Taft HS football will play in Round 2 of the football playoffs.
- Last Thursday, many schools commemorated Veterans Day with recognitions and ceremonies. Dr. Woods attended a drive-thru parade at Krueger ES.
- Dr. Woods wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Northside Video highlighted the "Choose Northside" testimonial video series which shines the spotlight on different aspects of and programs offered in the District.

### V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Gerald Lopez shared appreciation for the members of the District's Citizens' Bond Committee and their service to NISD. He also thanked District staff for organizing the committee process.

Trustee Corinne Saldana congratulated Principal Vicki Kilpatrick and the staff at Rhodes ES on hosting a successful book character parade which she attended.

Trustee Karen Freeman attended the Krueger ES Veterans Day event and experienced a very touching moment when a deployed soldier was able to participate in the event via a mobile device. The event featured the school's fourth grade choir and a group from the O'Connor HS band. Freeman congratulated former Trustee Katie Reed on being nominated to the UT Chancellor's Executive Committee. Freeman referenced specific comments made by Former Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus in his speech at the official dedication event of Straus MS.

Trustee Joseph Medina congratulated all NISD students who are working to rebuild various campus programs. He praised all District bus drivers who work hard to get students to and from school safely. Medina wished a safe and well-deserved Thanksgiving break to all students and staff.

Trustee Bobby Blount attended the Scarborough ES Veterans Day ceremony and praised the campus for a job well done.

Trustee Carol Harle congratulated Ellison ES for hosting a Career Day at which she spoke along with Executive Director of Athletics Stan Laing. Harle described the Straus MS dedication event as a great experience and praised the phenomenal student performances. Harle attended the Leon Springs ES Veterans Day event where students honored veterans in their families. She thanked those campuses throughout the District who hosted similar Veterans Day events. Harle acknowledged the work of Communities In Schools (CIS) and shared appreciation on being awarded the organization's All in for Kids Award. She acknowledged the other CIS award recipients: Ashley Miller, community leader; Judge Peter Sakai, Civil Servant; and USAA, corporation.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley thanked NISD schools for their efforts to honor veterans in Veterans Day events held across the District. She acknowledged Holmes HS Athletic Director Juan Morales and Principal Cynthia Barrera for taking time to support another local athletic team by providing access to their campus field. Chumbley acknowledged that, despite the recent climate of negativity towards public schools and teachers, NISD Trustees truly appreciate District staff for all they do.

## **VI. Recognitions**

### **A. Laura Dittmar, Nichols ES, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC) Jacquie Porter Classroom Teacher of the Year**

Laura Dittmar was selected as the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Jacquie Porter Classroom Teacher of the Year. Every year, TXAEYC honors individuals who made extraordinary contributions to the field of early care and education in Texas through their awards program.

### **B. Mandy Clarson, Harlan HS, Texas Art Education Association High School Educator of the Year**

Mandy Clarson, art teacher at Harlan HS, was selected as the state winner of the Texas Art Education Association High School Educator award. Mandy was recognized for her hard work, dedication, and advocacy for art education locally and at the state level.

## **VII. Reports**

There were no reports for this meeting.

## **VIII. Citizens To Be Heard**

Patrons addressed the Board regarding face masks and Sotomayor boundary changes for Cobblestone subdivision.

## **IX. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes from the Meeting of October 26, 2021
- B. Awarding of Bids, Request for Proposals, and Purchases over \$50,000
  - Bid #2021-162 – Electronic Repair Parts
  - RFP #2021-163 – School Bus GPS System, Student Tracking, & Parent Application
- C. 2021 Tax Roll
- D. Contractor for Energy Controls, Clock System, Lighting and Mechanical Upgrades – Oak Hills Terrace ES – RFCSP #2021-093
- E. Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – E.M. Pease MS and Locke Hill ES – RFCSP #2021-082
- F. Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Leon Springs ES – RFCSP #2021-089
- G. Contractor for Park Trail – J.B. Passmore ES – IDQ RFP #2018-135 Project #2021-03-135
- H. Contractor for School Flashers – Sotomayor HS – RFCSP #2021-035
- I. Contractor for Science Fume Hood Replacements – John Jay HS – RFCSP #2021-095
- J. Construction Delivery Methods – 2022-2023 Various Projects
- K. Change Orders
- L. Consultant Appointments
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy EIAA (LOCAL)
- N. 2021-22 Official District Instructional Materials Committee

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Carol Harle and a second by Joseph Medina.

## **X. Curriculum and Instruction**

- A. 2021-22 Calendar Revision Proposal

A proposal to provide five teacher planning time/early dismissal days to the 2021-22 calendar was presented. The days selected are on Wednesdays and are proposed for one a month starting in January 2022. On a motion by Corinne Saldana and a second by Carol Harle, the proposed calendar revision was unanimously approved.

## **XI. Facilities and Operations**

- A. Master Plan – Stevens HS CAST Teach Magnet

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Corinne Saldana, the master plan for Stevens HS CAST Teach Magnet was unanimously approved as presented by Pfluger Architects.

## **XII. Business and Financial Services**

- A. Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Budget Amendment #1 amended only the General Fund with the Child Nutrition and Debt Service funds being included to indicate no amendments to those funds. General Fund revenue was amended to recognize various revenue sources not incorporated into the adopted budget, the majority of which is related to concession revenue. General Fund expenditures were amended to recognize a net increase of \$12 million with the majority (91%) represented by the following: Campus Carryforward - \$7,126,717 and Purchase Order Carryforward - \$3,915,630. A motion was made by Gerald Lopez and seconded by Joseph Medina to approve Budget Amendment #1 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution to Cast Votes in the Election for the Board of Directors of the Bexar Appraisal District**

A motion was made by Gerald Lopez and seconded by Joseph Medina to approve a resolution to cast 840 votes for Dave Gannon, 135 votes for Cheri Byrom, and 97 votes for Jon Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution to Cast Votes in the Election for the Board of Directors of the Bandera Central Appraisal District**

A motion was made M'Lissa Chumbley and seconded by Gerald Lopez to approve a resolution to cast 61 votes for Ernest DeWinne. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Resolution to Case Votes in the Election for the Board of Directors of the Medina County Appraisal District**

A motion was made by M'Lissa Chumbley and seconded by Joseph Medina to approve a resolution to cast 27 votes each for Clay Bell and Tim Hardt and 26 votes each for Jody Jacobs, Mamie Navarro, and Cindy Segovia. Motion carried unanimously.

**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. 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, Section 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Appointment of Director of Human Resources (Classified/Auxiliary/Substitute Employees)
- B. Appointment of Associate Principal at Scarborough ES
- C. Appointment of Associate Principal at Valley Hi ES
- D. Appointment of Assistant Principal at Bernal MS

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

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The Board reconvened into open session at 8:01 p.m. and took the following action:

Items A-D

On a motion by Joseph Medina and a second by Bobby Blount, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendations for the following administrative appointments:

- Kittiya Johnson, principal at Ed Cody ES, was named Director of Human Resources (Classified/Auxiliary/Substitute Employees).
- Jennifer Platt, reading specialist at Fernandez ES, was named Associate Principal at Scarborough ES.
- Candace Maldonado, associate principal at Cable ES, was named Associate Principal at Valley Hi ES.
- Susan Schottler, administrative intern at Rudder MS, was named Assistant Principal at Bernal MS.

**XIX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.