

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)
January 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, Rene Barajas, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Jacob Villarreal, Barry Perez

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Karen Freeman.

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Gerald Lopez led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings for this meeting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Woods reported on the following:

- Covid-19 testing, vaccination, absenteeism, and postponed/rescheduled events
- NEF Clay Shoot-Last week was the Northside Education Foundation Clay Shoot. Thank you to Cassandra Miranda, Director of Partnerships, and business partners for their support of grants to staff that directly benefit students.
- District Swimming/Diving-Congratulation to the swimmers and divers moving on to regional competition after this weekend's district events.
- Gerlach Show-The annual Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and sale is underway. The auction is Saturday, January 29
- Thank you-The last two years have been challenging, especially those in schools and healthcare settings. Dr. Woods thanked all staff for working together to ensure students receive adequate services. He extended a thank you to the Board of Trustees for their work and support during this challenging time.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Carol Harle echoed Dr. Woods' words of appreciation to all campus staff for doing what is necessary to keep schools open and students safe.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley thanked Ross MS Principal Faustino Ortega, Family and Community Liaison Irene Alvarez, and all the campus staff for hosting her at a recent campus luncheon. She congratulated Ross MS librarian A.J. Talamantes on his recent receipt of the American Library Association's I Love My Librarian award. Chumbley thanked all those who have attended the Gerlach Livestock Show including District staff Ray Galindo, Steve Daniel, Eric Tobias, and Julie Ann Matonis. She congratulated all the students who participated in the Gerlach Livestock Show's Agricultural Mechanics competition. Chumbley expressed that while some may not agree with some of the Board's decisions, the intent of Trustees is to always act with the safety of students and staff in mind.

Trustee Karen Freeman attended a Zachry Magnet School open house event and appreciated the chance to speak to both teachers and students. Freeman thanked all teachers, administrators, and staff for their hard work. Freeman shared that a local media outlet recently featured the work of parent volunteers at Burke ES and at many other schools across the District.

Trustee Bobby Blount gave an update on the Go Public campaign including a Feb. 4 Go Public Night with the San Antonio Spurs. Blount gave an update on Northside's continued hosting of the Science Bowl event. Blount informed Trustees of a two-day education summit in March hosted by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.

Trustee Gerald Lopez congratulated all the students and campus staff who assisted in the success of the middle school Winter Spectacular. Lopez acknowledged NISD Director of Fine Arts James Miculka and campus staff.

Trustee Joseph Medina attended the National School Boards Association conference covering a host of topics relevant to public education. Medina acknowledged his own son who participated on a student panel.

Trustee Corinne Saldana shared appreciation for all of the District's police officers for helping keep campuses safe and orderly. She also thanked Northside's custodial staff for their work in keeping facilities clean.

VI Recognitions

No recognitions for this meeting.

VII. Reports

The Board approved the audit of Northside's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending August 31, 2021. The report consists of management's

representations concerning the financial condition and operations of the District and the results of an audit performed by the certified public accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell LLP. The audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement, according to Dr. Rene Barajas, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance.

VIII. Citizens to Be Heard

Patrons addressed the Board regarding mask mandate and their concerns surrounding that issue such as student anxiety, health issues, hard to communicate and be heard, mental health issues, and how the Board is taking away the freedom of choice.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. HR Officials Authorized to Sign Personnel Records
- B. Proposed Innovative Courses
- C. Contractor for Band Pad Replacement – Clark HS – R. L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- D. Contractor for Clock System and Mechanical Upgrades – O'Connor and Stevens high schools and Hardin Athletic Complex – CRI Electric, Inc.
- E. Contractor for Electrical Improvements at various campuses – ESSER Related Portables – CRI Electric, Inc.
- F. Contractor for Fire Alarm and Mechanical Upgrades – Hatchett ES –
- G. Contractor for Fire Alarm and Mechanical Upgrades – Rawlinson MS – Central Electric Enterprises & Co.
- H. Contractor for Library Renovation and Mechanical Upgrades – Mary Hull ES – W.R. Griggs Construction Co., Inc.
- I. Contractor for MAC (Moving/Adding/Changing) Telecommunications Cabling at various campuses – ESSER Related Portables – Facility Solutions Group
- J. Contractor for Playground Shade Structures Phase II at various campuses – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- K. Contractor for School Age Parenting Program Expansion – Driggers ES – CRI Electric, Inc.
- L. Contractor for Waterproofing – Teicher Student Services – Alamo Waterproofing Services, Inc.
- M. Consultant Appointments
- N. Change Orders
- O. Awarding of Bids, Request for Proposals, and Purchases over \$50,000
- P. Resolution Approving Independent Sources of Instruction Relating to Investment Responsibilities
- Q. Resolution on Investment Policy Review
- R. Qualified Investment Brokers

All Consent Items were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Freeman and a second by Corinne Saldana.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

A. Mid Year ESSER Update

Trustees received a mid-year review of year 1 of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) expenditures.

B. First Reading of Policy EHAA (Local) Exhibit Revisions

Local Policy EHAA Exhibit Revisions was presented for the first reading.

Following discussion to ensure district protocol and state standards. Keeping in mind community.

C. Approval of Sound Field System Proposal

Classroom Sound System includes a mobile device that improves clarity of the teacher's voice in addition to amplification. The many benefits include improved language acquisition, reduction of vocal strain and fatigue, and elimination of distractions. This is an ESSER funded item. It will be piloted at several elementary campuses in the 2022-2023 school year and expanded as needed

XI. Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design – Stevens High School CAST Teach Magnet

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Corinne Saldana, the schematic design for the Stevens High School CAST Teach Magnet was unanimously approved as presented by Pfluger Architects, Inc.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina, Trustees unanimously approved the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report August 31, 2021 performed by the certified public accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell LLP. The audit report included an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

XIII. Human Resources

There were no items for this meeting.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XV. Administration

A. First Reading of Policy EHBA (LOCAL)

Policy EHBA (LOCAL) was presented for first reading and discussion. Trustees were asked to call before the next regular meeting with any questions or concerns. No Board action was taken.

B. First Reading of Policy EHB (LOCAL)

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C. First Reading of Policy DEC (LOCAL)

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XVI. Superintendent

A. 2022 Bond Consideration and Approval

B. Consideration and Approval of an Order Calling a Bond Election to be held by the Northside Independent School District, Making Provisions for the Conduct of the Election, and Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to Such Election

The Northside Board of Trustees voted to call for a \$992 million bond election to be held May 7. The majority of the monies requested would go to improve existing schools with only one new elementary school in the proposal. More than half of NISD's schools are over 20 years old, the oldest nearly 70 years old. In addition to addressing aging schools and infrastructure, other highlights of the bond include enhancing career and technical education (CTE) programs, expanding middle school magnet opportunities, and improving technology and safety and security across the District. A detailed list of projects will be posted at nisd.net.

C. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District concerning Joint Election Procedures relating to the May 7, 2022 Bond Election

A motion was made by M'Lissa Chumbley and seconded by Carol Harle to approve a resolution for a joint election with other political subdivisions for the elections to be held on May 7, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

D. 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 9:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- B. Appointment of Associate Principal at Beard ES
- C. Appointment of Associate Principal at Sotomayor HS
- D. Appointment of Associate Principal at Ott ES
- E. Appointment of Academic Dean at Marshall HS
- F. Appointment of Associate Principal at Cody ES
- G. Appointment of Academic Dean at Sotomayor HS
- H. Appointment of Assistant Principal at Northside Alternative HS
- I. Appointment of Assistant Principal at Garcia MS

XVIII. Open Session

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 9:51 p.m. and took the following action:

Items B-I

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

- Bethany Reid, formerly GT specialist at Beard ES, was appointed Associate Principal at Beard ES.
- Tammy Reyna, formerly librarian at Lieck ES, was appointed Associate Principal at Cody ES.

- Alyssa DelaGarza, formerly second grade teacher at Powell ES, was appointed Associate Principal at Ott ES.
- Jacquelyn Lambert, formerly academic dean at Taft HS, was appointed Associate Principal at Sotomayor HS.
- Michael Tilbury, formerly assistant principal at Marshall HS, was appointed Academic Dean at Marshall HS.
- Guadalupe Esparza, formerly assistant principal at Harlan HS, was appointed Academic Dean at Sotomayor HS.
- Jennifer L. Christensen, formerly 504 coordinator at O'Connor HS, was appointed Assistant Principal at Hector Garcia MS.
- Lauren Gonzaba, formerly English coordinator at Northside Alternative HS, was appointed Assistant Principal at Northside Alternative HS.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.