

Northside Independent School District
Board Room • 5900 Evers Road • San Antonio, Texas 78238

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 24, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, David Rastellini, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Wesley Scott, Patty Hill, Levi Lara, Steve Daniel, Don Schmidt, Lori Jones, Sandi Bonnett, Eric Tobias, Anthony Jarrett, Henry Acosta, Barry Perez, Cassandra Miranda

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 7:00 p.m. by President Katie Reed.

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Carol Harle 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:

- Dr. Woods appreciates the Board's participation in meeting with legislators and staff around issues important to the District as the Legislative Session has just begun. He also appreciates the Board's interest and advocacy around the "dark store" issue where big box retailers are attempting to lower their property valuations and thus shift the burden to homeowners. He commented on the issue of school choice by reiterating that one of the main goals of the *Go Public* campaign is to bring back the notion of choice in our public schools.
- The annual Magnet School Fair was recently held at the Northside Sports Gym, providing students and parents an opportunity to learn about the five high school magnet programs the District offers.
- Last week, in conjunction with School Board Appreciation Month, a luncheon was held for former trustees and superintendents. Dr. Woods enjoyed visiting with this group that is always amazed about the size and complexity of the district and is always so complimentary of the current Board's governance.

- Last week Stevens HS hosted the annual Board Appreciation Dinner. Thanks to Stevens HS Principal Harold Maldonado, Culinary Arts teachers David LaBoy and Benita Campos and students for an enjoyable evening.
- Four NISD Academic Decathlon teams advanced to the state competition – Warren (regional winner), Marshall, Holmes, and Brandeis. Ten percent of all teams advancing to large school state meet are from Northside. Thanks to Curriculum & Instruction staff and Warren HS for hosting the Regional competition.
- With the recent release by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) of “mock” ratings, serious concerns still exist around this system. There has been a call from many to repeal the A-F system.

The Northside Video Moment highlighted recycling efforts at Kuentz ES. Since 2011, the school has collected more than 2 million containers (plastic and cans) and earned more than \$100,000.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Katie Reed recently attended a kick-off event for the Go!Kids Challenge hosted at Passmore ES. The event, a focus on healthy eating and exercise, featured the Jay HS drum line as well as several Jay athletes. The Spurs Sports and Entertainment Silver and Black Give Back program provided awards to six Northside campuses: Brennan HS, Neff, Pease, and Rudder middle schools, and Mireles and Ward elementary schools. Reed recognized Warren HS who was the regional winner at the recent Academic Decathlon event. She also recognized former NISD Trustee and current Warren HS staff member Terry Zablocki for her role with the Warren team.

Trustee Carol Harle shared that it was a privilege and honor to work, as a Board member, with the teachers and families in Northside. She attended a Literacy Adventure Night at Rawlinson MS and she recognized Principal Mark Rustan and Rawlinson teachers for their planning of this event. Harle acknowledged Gerardo Marquez on his recent retirement as principal of Brennan HS. Likewise, she recognized Linda Zarakas, Executive Director of School Improvement, on her pending retirement. Harle shared her appreciation to the Stevens HS staff and students who hosted the Board Appreciation Dinner. She recognized Superintendent Dr. Woods for his ability to deliver such an effective and eloquent message on behalf of Northside around issues such as the A-F Accountability System and school choice.

Trustee Joseph Medina attended the Board Appreciation Dinner hosted by Stevens HS and referenced the campus Culinary Arts students who prepared and presented the meal. Medina visited Michael ES and thanked Principal Melissa Lopez-Brouse. He commented on the A-F Accountability Rating System by stating it was important to advocate and speak out on behalf of teachers. He also thanked Dr. Woods for organizing and facilitating the recent dialogue around the “dark store” issue and acknowledged the recent formation of the Bexar County Coalition for Tax Equity.

Trustee Gerald Lopez shared his appreciation for the many years of dedicated service on the part of his fellow Trustees. He thanked Dr. Woods for his continued leadership of the District. Lopez observed a creative dance workshop at Holmes HS and thanked Principal Ada Bohlken for inviting him. He attended the Jordan MS Winterfest which he

described as a fun and engaging event with an instructional focus. Finally, he shared a Proclamation presented by San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor and the City Council in recognition of the work of area school boards.

Trustee Karen Freeman had the opportunity to visit Steubing ES and spent time with the campus librarian, Stephanie Cox. Freeman recognized the changing role of school libraries. With respect to the A-F Rating System, Freeman shared her belief that what happens in schools cannot be narrowed down to one single grade. She participated in governance training provided through the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and stated her belief that good governance has a positive impact on student achievement.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley reported that the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show is going well and she looks forward to the opening ceremony for the auction and sale. She recognized Kuentz ES for their recycling efforts. Chumbley had the opportunity to visit Elrod ES and was a guest reader in Amanda DeMarco's kindergarten classroom. And, she applauded Elrod staff for their use of structured class meetings. Chumbley thanked Linda Magee, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board, for her role in organizing the recent Board of Trustee Luncheon that included current and former Trustees and former superintendents. Chumbley applauded the culture of cooperation and respect nurtured over the years by Trustees. She closed by thanking the Holmes HS hospitality team for hosting a wonderful luncheon for the Business Careers HS Mentor Program.

Trustee Bobby Blount visited Bernal MS and appreciated being able to sit in on two events while there. He referenced a very thoughtful gift presented to him by a Bernal MS student. He provided an update on behalf of the Bexar County School Boards Coalition. He also shared his belief that the NISD Board is fortunate to have continuity and longevity in its Trustees.

VI. Recognitions

- A. Board of Trustees by Northside Council of PTAs
- B. Board of Trustees by School Museum Association
- C. Board of Trustees by the Northside Education Foundation (NEF)

The Northside Council of PTAs led by President Michelle Montemayor, the Northside Museum Association led by DuWayne Headrick, and the Northside Education Foundation led by President Cathy Naiser honored Northside's Board members. Every year, the Texas governor proclaims January as School Board Recognition Month. NISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions that members of the Boards of Trustees make to our various districts and communities.

- D. Board of Trustees (includes Reception)

Dr. Woods thanked Trustees for the crucial role they play in the district's community and schools and for voluntarily accepting the enormous job of governing Northside ISD. He recognized them for their commitment, hard work, and service to the students, employees, and community. A brief reception was held to honor Trustees.

VII. Reports

A. Northside Education Foundation Annual Report

Scott Parker, Northside Education Foundation Board Secretary, provided an update on the Foundation's progress and accomplishments. In 2015-16 NEF raised \$1.2 million and awarded \$1 million in grants and scholarships.

XVI. Superintendent

A. Announce Candidacy for Trustee Election

The following Trustees announced their intent to run for re-election: Katie Reed, Single Member District 5; Carol Harle, Single Member District 6; and Karen Freeman, Single Member District 7.

B. Resolution Concerning A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools

On a motion by Karen Freeman and a second by Carol Harle, Trustees unanimously approved a resolution calling on the Texas Legislature to repeal the A-F letter-grade school/district rating system that will be implemented in the 2017-18 school year as part of H.B. 2804, passed by the Legislature in 2015, and offering an alternative: development of a community-based accountability system. State-wide support of this resolution on A-F rating systems will push for the development of an accountability system that relies on multiple assessments and more accurately reflects what students know, appreciate, and can do.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the Meeting of December 13, 2016

B. Disbursements for the Months of November and December 2016

C. Awarding of Bid Items

Bid #2016-224 – Uninterruptible Power Systems Preventive Maintenance Agreement

Bid #2016-234 – AXIS & Panasonic Network Camera Equipment & Installation

Bid #2017-047 – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Maintenance, Repairs & Parts

Requisition #17020686 to Education Service Center Region 20 in the amount of \$141,819.72 for Living Science Materials that provide teachers with over one hundred living specimens.

Requisition #17021045 to Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$192,189.45 for the purchase of Cisco Catalyst switches and servers for the technology bond deployment at Harlan HS

Requisition #17022667 to Apple Computer, Inc. in the amount of \$176,615.04 for the purchase of 119 Apple MacBooks and Applecare Protection for various campuses that are marked for a Student iPad deployment

Requisition #17023488 to Intech Southwest Services, LLC in the amount of \$82,460.00 for the purchase of 124 HP Probook laptops for the technology bond deployment at Wanke ES

Requisition #17023504 to Intech Southwest Services, LLC in the amount of \$75,600.00 for the purchase of 112 HP Prodesk computer desktops and HP monitors for the technology bond deployment at Wanke ES

- D. Resolution to Approve Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Tax Account #16385-040-0090
- E. Investment Portfolio Report
- F. Resolution Approving Independent Sources of Instruction Relating to Investment
- G. Resolution Designating Investment Officers
- H. Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for TexPool
- I. Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for Lonestar Investment Pool
- J. Waiver Request for Course Sequence at Health Careers HS
- K. Interior Colors – Child Nutrition Warehouse – RFCSP #2016-018
- L. Contractor for Renovations – Northside Activity Center – RFCSP #2016-005
- M. Contractor for Renovations – Paul Taylor Field House – RFCSP #2016-004
- N. Contractor for 2017 Security Lobbies at (9) Campuses – Adams Hill, Allen, Beard, Braun Station, Forester, Hoffmann, Knowlton, Timberwilde and Villarreal ESs – RFCSP #2016-145
- O. Contractor for Playground Upgrades – Fernandez, Fisher, Galm, Rhodes, Scarborough, Thornton and Timberwilde ESs – RFCSP #2016-147
- P. Contractor for Playground Upgrades – Henderson, Knowlton, Kuentz, Lewis, Linton and Myers ESs – RFCSP #2016-161
- Q. Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades and PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – John Jay HS – RFCSP #2016-153
- R. Contractor for Electrical & Lighting Upgrades & Mechanical Upgrades & PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – Pease MS – RFCSP #2016-158
- S. Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades & Energy Controls Upgrade – Elrod ES – RFCSP #2017-017
- T. Contractor for Mechanical & Electrical Upgrades – Holmes HS MDF – IDQ #16-004-095 RFP #2016-095
- U. Contractor for Electrical Improvements – Holmes HS Portable Relocations – IDQ #16-072-148 RFP #2013-147
- V. Contractor for Civil/Site Improvements – Holmes HS Portable Relocations – Project #2017-01-001
- W. Contractor for New Telecommunication Pathways – Holmes HS MDF – RFP #2014-083 MAC #17-001-83
- X. Contractor for Fire Alarm Systems & Plumbing Upgrades – Northwest Crossing ES - RFCSP #2016-166
- Y. Contractor for PA Intercom Systems, Lighting Upgrades & Electrical Upgrades – Michael, Meadow Village & Ward ESs – RFCSP #2016-165
- Z. Change Orders

Superintendent Woods asked that Consent Agenda Item R be pulled for re-evaluation. A motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley to approve Consent Agenda items as presented with the exception of Item R. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

A patron addressed the Board to ask for longer recess time.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

- A. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course of Study at Marshall and Brennan High Schools

A motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley to approve the offering of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course of Study at Marshall and Brennan High Schools in the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Innovative Course: Strategic Thinking for Mathematics

On a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by M'Lissa Chumbley, the development and implementation of a prevention course for students was unanimously approved. The course, Strategic Thinking for Mathematics, will address learning gaps some ninth grade students may have and prevent them from falling further behind in mathematics. Students in this course will still be enrolled in Algebra I, but will now gain additional learning time during the school day to focus on clear learning targets and skills.

XI. Facilities and Operations

There were no items for this meeting.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Certified Public Accountants for School Year 2015-16

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Bobby Blount, Trustees unanimously approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ending August 31, 2016 presented by Padgett Stratemann. The audit report included an unmodified opinion that indicated no material misstatements or noncompliance with laws or regulations.

B. First Reading of Investment Policy CDA (LOCAL)

Section 2256.005(e) of the Public Funds Investment Act requires the Board to review the District's investment policy and strategies annually and to adopt a resolution reflecting the Board's review and recording of any changes to the investment policy or strategies. The administration recommended additional language in the Liquidity and Maturity section of the policy to allow for purchases of "put structure" obligations, commonly referred to as VRDOs, with conversion dates not exceeding two years from the date of purchase. Policy CDA (LOCAL) will be on the regular February Board agenda for second reading and adoption. Trustees are encouraged to contact David Rastellini, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance, with any questions.

XIII. Human Resources

There were no items for this meeting.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XV. Administration

A. Maximum Class Size Waivers

Trustees unanimously approved the submission of three class size waivers across the

District K-4 on a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by M'Lissa Chumbley.

XVI. Superintendent

C. 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 Katie Reed announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.0821, 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.0821, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Pending Litigation of Student v. Northside ISD, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 312-SE-0716
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Litigation in the Matter Styled D-1-GN-17-000048; Texas Commission on Law Enforcement v. Ken Paxton, Texas Attorney General; in the 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas
- C. Sites
- D. Appointment of Director of Acquisitions and Project Management
- E. Appointment of Principal at Glenn Elementary School
- F. Appointment of Principal at Kallison Elementary School
- G. Appointment of Vice Principal at Brennan High School

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 concerning Pending Litigation of Student v. Northside ISD, Before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 312-SE-0716
- B. Consideration and Possible Action to Intervene in Litigation in the Matter Styled D-1-GN-17-000048; Texas Commission on Law Enforcement v. Ken Paxton, Texas Attorney General; in the 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas
- C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution declaring a public use and necessity to acquire by purchase or, pursuant to Texas Education Code 11.151 and 11.155 and Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code, by condemnation for a school

and appurtenant facilities, buildings, structures, and fields the tract described below:

107.00 acres (4,660,889,53 square feet) of land out of the M.M. Musquiz Survey No. 80, Abstract No. 467, County Block 4450, Bexar County, Texas, and out of the remaining portion of a 325.56 acre tract of land described in Warranty Deed as conveyed to Jackie H. Weimer, George Henry Weimer and Jackie Louise H. Weimer, as custodian for Geoffrey Allen Weimer, recorded in Volume 5134, Page 1130, also being described in Deed conveyed to Geoffrey Allen Weimer recorded in Volume 7842, Page 418, of the Official Public Records of Bexar County, Texas;

and authorizing and directing the Superintendent to acquire in fee simple the 107 acre tract by negotiated purchase or through instituting proceedings in eminent domain against the landowners, and against all other owners, lien holders, and other holders with an interest in the property.

- D. Appointment of Director of Acquisitions and Project Management
- E. Appointment of Principal at Glenn Elementary School
- F. Appointment of Principal at Kallison Elementary School
- G. Appointment of Vice Principal at Brennan High School

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:05 p.m. and took the following action:

Item A

A motion was made by Bobby Blount to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion was seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley and was unanimously approved.

Item B

The following motion was made by Bobby Blount: "I move that we authorize our legal counsel to intervene in the litigation in the matter styled D-1-GN-17-000048; Texas Commission on Law Enforcement v. Ken Paxton, Texas Attorney General; in the 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas." Motion was seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley and was unanimously approved.

Item C

The following motion was made by Bobby Blount: "I move that the Northside Independent School District through its Board of Trustees authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire 107.00 acres (4,660,899.53 square feet) of land out of the M.M. Musquiz Survey No. 80, Abstract No. 467, County Block 4450, Bexar County, Texas, and out of the remaining portion of a 325.56 acre tract of land described in Warranty Deed as conveyed to Jackie H. Weimer, George Henry Weimer and Jackie Louise H. Weimer, as custodians for Geoffrey Allen Weimer, recorded in Volume 5134, Page 1130, also being described in Deed conveyed to Geoffrey Allen Weimer recorded in Volume 7842, Page 418, of the Official Public Records of Bexar County, Texas, for a school and appurtenant facilities, buildings, structures, and fields." Motion was seconded by Joseph Medina and was unanimously approved.

Items D-F

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:

- Kris Trejo, Project Manager at Technology Services, was named Director of Acquisitions and Project Management.
- Kristine Bolstad, Vice Principal at Glenn ES, was named Principal at Glenn ES.
- Billy Navin, Principal at Esparza ES, was named Principal at Kallison ES.

Item G

This item was pulled and will be placed on the February 28 agenda for Board action.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Signature on File

Dr. Carol Harle, Board Secretary