

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 26, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, Janis Jordan, David Rastellini, Ray Galindo, Leroy San Miguel, Wesley Scott, Patty Hill, Lori Jones, Don Schmidt, Henry Acosta, Barry Perez

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President M'Lissa Chumbley.

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:

- Dr. Woods complimented Harlan HS Principal Robert Harris and Kallison ES Principal Billy Navin and their staffs on the smooth opening of the District's two newest schools in August.
- District enrollment is right at 106,000 students. Growth is slowing but continuing. Northside does have students enrolled related to Hurricane Harvey.
- Northside participated in the inaugural *Go Public* Back-to-School Cook-Off at the Culinary Institute of America. Dr. Woods joined a team of Harlan HS culinary students and their instructor David La Boy in preparing a meal in one hour. Thanks to *Go Public* Executive Director Lisa Jackson and Mr. La Boy for their leadership.
- Dr. Woods will serve as Texas School Alliance (TSA) secretary this coming year. The organization is comprised of the largest 36 school districts in the state.
- Dr. Woods and trustees attended a San Antonio Chamber luncheon featuring Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. Thanks to the Chamber for hosting and to the Speaker for his focus on issues that matter to the majority of Texans including public education.

- Dr. Woods hosted the District's first #NISDEdChat of the school year. Thanks to Dana Bickley, Elementary Academic Technology Coordinator, and the 340 NISD staff members who participated and shared ideas on Twitter of how they are all #NISDInspired.
- Dr. Woods represents TASA on a statewide task force exploring dual credit policy on the legislative and local levels. The task force will be making policy recommendations on dual credit statewide ahead of the 2019 Legislative Session and hope to influence some of the interim changes.
- Last week was the annual Northside Education Foundation Gala and recognition of the 2017 Pillars of Character. Thanks to NISD Director of Partnerships Cassandra Miranda and the Foundation Board for a wonderful event that raised almost \$200,000 for NEF.

The Northside Video Moment highlighted the first day of school at Kallison ES and Harlan HS; the KENS 5 ExCEL Award surprise for Glenoaks ES teacher Rosio Apolinar; and Rhodes Transportation staff who started a backpack/school supply drive to support those affected by hurricanes.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Carol Harle publicly shared her thanks to fellow Trustees for their support of the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) Gala. She recognized the impact that the NEF 2017 Pillars of Character have made in the world around them. Harle acknowledged NISD Director of Fine Arts James Miculka for the wonderful student performers featured at the NEF Gala. Harle participated in the first meeting of the State Board of Education's Long Range Planning Committee and identified for Trustees the committee's priorities.

Trustee Karen Freeman attended the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. She appreciated the comments Straus made in support of public education. Freeman also attended a public education forum hosted by the San Antonio Express-News and was pleased to see so many attendees and their interest in public education.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley recognized the success of the NEF Gala and acknowledged the contributions of Cassandra Miranda, Director of Partnerships, James Miculka, Director of Fine Arts, and Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez, Assistant Director of Fine Arts. She also commended the work of NISD-TV and Technology department staff members working at the event. Chumbley acknowledged William Raba and the Raba family for their generous support of the NEF and also recognized the long-standing contributions of the Raba family to Northside. Chumbley recognized NISD bus driver Judy Flores and the staff at the Rhodes Transportation Station for their successful efforts in coordinating a school supply drive for students along the Gulf Coast impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Trustee Joseph Medina commended and recognized the parents throughout the District who have attended the many events hosted at campuses across Northside. He recognized the effectiveness of the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program to encourage involvement by parents, especially fathers, at many

campuses. Medina congratulated Dr. Woods on being selected as Secretary for the Texas School Alliance. Medina invited Trustees to attend Jay HS's second annual National Night Out event on Oct. 3.

Trustee Gerald Lopez congratulated Dr. Woods for serving as the Texas School Alliance Secretary for the coming year. Lopez shared that the NEF Gala was an enormous success and recognized Director of Partnerships Cassandra Miranda. He cited the outstanding student performers and acknowledged Director of Fine Arts James Miculka and members of the Fine Arts department. Lopez recognized the legacy left by Jennifer Friedrich, the late theater director at Stevens HS, through the many student performers who she encountered.

Trustee Katie Reed recognized the contributions of former NISD Trustee and campus namesake Nellie Reddix who recently passed away. Reed also enjoyed attending the recent San Antonio Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring Speaker Joe Straus. Reed congratulated Glenoaks ES teacher Rosio Apolinar on being named the KENS 5 ExCEL Award recipient.

Trustee Bobby Blount has had the opportunity to attend multiple campus events during the first weeks of this school year to speak about advocacy in Northside.

VI. Recognitions

- A. Purchasing Department, Recipient of 2017 NPI Award of Excellence in Procurement
- B. Outgoing Members of the 2016-17 Northside Educational Improvement Council (NEIC)
- C. Outgoing Members of the 2016-17 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC)

The NISD Purchasing Department, represented by Director George Ayala and Assistant Director Jason Bandy, was recognized for receiving the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) award from the National Procurement Institute, Inc.

Outgoing NEIC and SBAC members were recognized by Dr. Woods and members of the Board and received Certificates of Recognition.

VII. Reports

- A. Safety Audit Report

SB 11 and Texas Education Code Chapter 37.108 require ISDs to conduct a safety audit of all district facilities at least once every three years. Northside ISD's audit was conducted by Region 20 this year. A summary report included a list of both instructional and non-instructional facilities and their audit scores along with the "at a glance" results of the audit for each campus.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from the Meetings of July 25, August 1, August 15, and August 22, 2017
- B. Disbursements for the Month of August 2017
- C. Resolution to Approve Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Several Tax Accounts
- D. Purchasing Cooperative Fees Paid by Northside Independent School District
- E. Awarding of Bid Items
 - Bid #2017-187 – Maintenance Supplies & Services
 - Bid #2017-211 – Musical Instruments & Supplies
 - Bid #2017-212 – P.E. Equipment & Supplies
 - Bid #2017-215 – ROTC Military Science Equipment & Supplies

Requisition #18000301, 18000303, 18000302, 18002595 and 18002607 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$388,720.00 for the purchase of desktops, monitors, and laptops for the Aue ES, Jefferson MS, and Driggers ES technology deployments.

Requisition #18000042 and 18001445 to Imagine Learning Inc. in the amount of \$351,000.00 for the purchase of one-year licenses for Imagine Learning software for the subjects of math and language/literacy for K-8 bilingual and ESL students and math at various high schools.

Requisition #18001962 to Monarch Teaching Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of renewal author licenses for the Vizzle software program.

Requisition #18000609 to Tyler Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$546,694.69 for the yearly maintenance and support related to Munis Financial Software Solution.

Requisition #18000720 to Severin Intermediate Holding LLC in the amount of \$160,463.28 for a renewal contract & license for Gradespeed Maintenance.

Requisition #18001317 to Education Advanced Inc. in the amount of \$70,000.00 for purchase of the 2017-18 subscription renewal of the TestHound program.

Requisition #18001363 to eSped.com Inc. in the amount of \$310,000.00 for the purchase of the eStar Special Education Student Information Management Subscription Service.

Requisition #18001413 to Apex Learning Inc. in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the purchase of additional Apex licenses which are required to support the high school credit retrieval programs.

Requisition #18001616, 18001767, and 18001788 to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company in the amount of \$180,000.00 for the purchase of scoring Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessments which are administered to all third-grade students and purchase of scoring CogAT and Iowa assessments, both paper and online, and testing materials which are administered for student candidates who might qualify for Gifted and Talented programming.

Requisition #18001709 to Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$112,100.00 for the purchase of the Cisco Umbrella Cloud 12-month security subscription.

Requisition #18002004 to eScholar LLC in the amount of \$107,480.00 for the purchase of the yearly software support and maintenance renewal for the District data warehouse solution.

Requisition #18002407 to Organizational Health Diagnostic & Development in the amount of \$99,801.00 for the purchase of individualized reports, materials, survey instruments, resource team planning and leadership training.

- F. T-TESS Outside Appraisers

- G. Consultant Appointments
- H. Change Orders
- I. Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization
- J. 2017-18 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC)
- K. Participation Commitments with Education Service Center Region 10

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Carol Harle.

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

A patron addressed the Board regarding reduction of energy demand and electricity cost.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There were no items for this meeting.

XI. Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design – Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovations – Braun Station ES

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Gerald Lopez, the schematic design for cafeteria/kitchen renovations at Braun Station ES was unanimously approved as presented by Nextgen Architects.

B. Schematic Design – Bus Canopy – Mary Hull ES

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Carol Harle, the schematic design for Bus Canopy at Mary Hull ES was unanimously approved as presented by Garza Architects, Inc.

C. Schematic Design – Additional Student Canopy – Linton ES

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Gerald Lopez, the schematic design for additional student canopy at Linton ES was unanimously approved as presented by Munoz & Company Architects.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Resolution to Nominate Candidate(s) for Board of Directors of the Bexar Appraisal District

A motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by Gerald Lopez to nominate George Torres for the Board of Directors of the Bexar Appraisal District. 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

A. First Reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #108

Local policies from TASB Update #108 were presented for first reading and discussion. Trustees were asked to call before the next meeting with any questions or concerns. No Board action was required.

B. First Reading and Adoption of Legal Policies, TASB Localized Update #108

Legal policies from TASB Update #108 were present for first reading and adoption. Following discussion, the Legal policies were unanimously approved on a motion by Carol Harle and a second by Karen Freeman.

C. Request for Maximum Class Size Waivers

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Gerald Lopez, Trustees unanimously approved the submission of 98 class size waivers across the District K-4.

XVI. Superintendent

A. Board Member Attendance at Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) 50th Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, 2018 Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members Education Summit and Mexican American School Board 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 Karen Freeman and a second by Carol Harle, Board member attendance at the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) 50th Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, 2018 Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members Education Summit and Mexican American School Board Annual Conference was unanimously approved.

B. Nomination for NSBA Advocacy Institute Stipend

TASB will award a stipend to one trustee from each of the 36 congressional districts in Texas to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute being held in Washington, DC on Feb. 6-8, 2018. The stipend will pay for the cost of the Advocacy Institute registration fee only. School boards could nominate a trustee, including an alternate, for stipend consideration. By unanimous approval, Trustees chose M'Lissa Chumbley as the nomination and Karen Freeman as the alternate.

C. 2018 Bond Planning

Discussion was focused on elementary school master plans considerations. Factors

under consideration were pod configuration, age/condition/life cycle, and deficit to current design standard. Issues related to capital improvements at older elementary schools came down to two decision points: (1) Is the configuration with pods or stand alone building configurations desirable? and (2) Given that most of the older schools have independent metal gyms built in the 1980s, is there a desire to combine cafeteria with gym consistent with new schools? There was no Board action on this item.

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 Chumbley announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 10:20 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Pursuant to Texas Govt Code 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter Styled: Linda G. a/n/f A.G. v. Northside Independent School District, Docket No. 5:17-cv-00002-DAE in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division
- B. Sites
- C. Appointment of Director of Leadership Development
- D. Appointment of Director of Professional Learning
- E. Appointment of Director of Bilingual/ESL Education
- F. Appointment of Director of Testing and Evaluation
- G. Appointment of Academic Dean at Brandeis HS
- H. Appointment of Vice Principal at Communications Arts HS
- I. Appointment of Vice Principal at Burke ES
- J. Appointment of Vice Principal at Westwood Terrace ES

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 11:08 p.m. and took the following action:

Item A

Gerald Lopez made the following motion: "I move that we direct legal counsel to proceed as discussed in Executive Session." Motion was seconded by Carol Harle and was unanimously approved.

Items B-I

On a motion by Karen Freeman and a second by Katie Reed, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendations for the following administrative appointments:

- Adriana Garza, principal at Brauchle ES, was named Director of Leadership Development.
- Natalie Gray, academic dean at Neff MS, was named Director of Professional Learning.
- Victor Raga, principal at Raba ES, was named Director of Bilingual/ESL Education.
- Carin Adermann, principal at Ellison ES, was named Director of Testing and Evaluation.
- Elisa McCracken, instructional support teacher at Central Office, was named Academic Dean at Brandeis HS.
- Brian Lawrence, English department coordinator at Marshall HS, was named Vice Principal at Communications Arts HS.
- Dr. Marisa Pena, school improvement specialist at Central Office, was named Vice Principal at Burke ES.
- Sandra Estrada, vice principal at Fisher ES, was named Vice Principal at Westwood Terrace ES.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Signature on File
Gerald B. Lopez, Board Secretary