

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

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, David Rastellini, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Wesley Scott, Patty Hill, Lori Jones, Levi Lara, Steve Daniel, 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

Carol Harle led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearings

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

David Rastellini, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance, reported that Senate Bill 218 of the 77th Legislature authorized the implementation of a financial accountability rating system, which is officially referred to as School FIRST. The School FIRST rating is based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2015-16 school year, and budgetary and financial data for the 2016 fiscal year. Northside received the highest rating of "Superior" for the 15th year in a row. No Board action was required.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Woods reported on the following:

- O'Connor HS hosted the annual Ag in Action event for more than 1,400 fourth-graders earlier this month. High school students serve as tour guides and presenters, showing the younger students different facets of agriculture.
- Dr. Woods has been in several meetings with talks about the next Legislative session and the needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey will have huge effects on legislative priorities.
- There is a lot of work underway planning for a potential bond election including results of a survey delivered by Raymond Turco & Associates. Next week the Citizens' Bond Committee will meet for the first time.

- Dr. Woods thanked the Board for their attendance at a San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL) panel.
- Two weeks ago was the dedication of Harlan HS which included a Texas-sized pep rally, tour, luncheon, and stage event with namesake Justice Harlan's two great-great granddaughters. Thank you to Principal Robert Harris, Harlan HS teachers and staff, the Board, and Communications and Fine Arts departments for their leadership of these events.
- All 11 NISD high school marching bands earned superior ratings at last weekend's UIL Marching Contest at Farris Stadium.

The Northside Video Moment highlighted a special gift for a student at Scarborough ES after a terrifying accident and a fencing lesson for students at McDermott ES.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Carol Harle visited the Clark HS library during "Power Up at Your Library" week and witnessed students engaged in a variety of activities. She acknowledged Clark HS librarian Lucy Podmore for creating an engaging environment. Harle attended the Ag in Action event at O'Connor HS and was impressed by both the O'Connor Ag Mechanics students as well as the fourth-graders who attended this event. Harle recognized Lieck ES for hosting author Patricia Polacco who shared inspirational life stories with students. Harle praised the student performers from Harlan HS for an amazing job of portraying their school namesake's values in their official dedication ceremony.

Trustee Karen Freeman thanked fellow Trustees for allowing her the opportunity to serve as NISD's representative on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Freeman attended the UIL Marching Contest which featured outstanding performances by all of Northside's high school band programs. Freeman also attended a recent event hosted by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley applauded the efforts of Judy Flores and other members of NISD's North Transportation Station for their efforts in collecting and delivering backpacks to students in Aransas Pass. Chumbley indicated the Harlan HS dedication was a great success. She attended a leadership program hosted by Brennan HS and appreciated the words shared by guest speakers: Bexar County District Attorney Nicholas "Nico" LaHood and NISD Executive Director of Athletics Stan Laing. Chumbley concluded by sharing appreciation to Dr. Woods for his participation on a guest speaker panel hosted by the San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL).

Trustee Joseph Medina found the recent Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) state convention to be interesting and insightful.

Trustee Katie Reed also attended the TASA/TASB state convention and shared appreciation to Trustee Freeman for serving as NISD's TASB representative. Reed recognized the contributions of the late Nellie Reddix, an NISD namesake and former Trustee who recently passed away.

Trustee Bobby Blount appreciates the many NISD PTAs and principals who have welcomed him as he visits campuses and advocates for Northside and public education.

VI. Recognitions

- A. David Rastellini, Recipient of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- B. Justin King, Zachry MS, TCASE Teacher of the Year
- C. Beard ES, Murnin ES, Leon Springs ES & Neff MS, 2017-2019 National PTA Schools of Excellence
- D. Outgoing Members of the 2016-17 Northside Leadership Academy (NLA)

David Rastellini, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance, was presented an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the individual primarily responsible for preparing Northside's award-winning comprehensive annual financial report.

Justin King, an 8th grade collaborative special education teacher at Zachry Middle School, was named the 2017 Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) Teacher of the Year. The award is designed to honor a general or special education teacher who is using research-based practices and exhibits a commitment to students with disabilities.

Beard ES, Murnin ES, Leon Springs ES and Neff MS were named 2017-19 National PTA Schools of Excellence and are among 143 schools from across the country to receive this special recognition. The award is 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.

Outgoing members of the 2016-17 Northside Leadership Academy (NLA) were presented Certificates of Completion. The NLA class is a year-long program that identifies and trains potential administrators.

VII. Reports

There were no reports for this meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from the Meeting of September 26, 2017
- B. Disbursements for the Month of September 2017
- C. Awarding of Bid Items
 - Bid #2017-217 – Printing Services - Miscellaneous
 - Bid #2017-221 – Theatrical Equipment & Supplies
 - Requisition #18006793 to Mindworks Resources in the amount of \$105,400.00 to further support academic enrichment for students in the Learning Tree After School Program using a hands-on project-based approach.
 - Requisition #18009501, 18009517, 18010258 and 18010262 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$253,685.00 for the purchase of desktops, monitors, and laptops for Leon Springs ES and Mary Hull ES.

Requisition #18010206 to Gartner Inc. in the amount of \$101,506.00 for the annual renewal of technology consulting services contract provided by Gartner Consulting Services team

Requisition #18010880 to SHI-Government Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$67,071.10 for the purchase of Commvault Software Premium Support coverage

Requisition #18011038 to Immix Technology Inc. in the amount of \$152,157.36 for the annual renewal of the Kronos Workforce Timekeeper maintenance agreements

Requisition #18011841 to ProQuest LLC in the amount of \$64,439.99 for the annual renewal of the ProQuests software solution.

D. Investment Portfolio Report

E. Interior Colors – Dr. Linda G. Mora ES – RFCSP #2017-001

F. Interior & Exterior Colors – Building Replacement – Glenn ES – RFCSP #2017-007

G. Contractor for Tennis Court Resurfacing – Taft HS – RFCSP #2017-154

H. Construction Delivery Methods – 2017 Facilities Construction Project

I. Consultant Appointments

J. 2017-2018 Bilingual/ESL Education Exception and Waiver Application to Texas Education Agency

K. T-TESS Outside Appraisers

L.. Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy Revisions in TASB Policy Update #108

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Joseph Medina.

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

Patrons addressed safety of Jefferson MS school zone, recent Rawlinson MS situation, and energy efficiency.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There were no items for this meeting.

XI. Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design – Science Classroom/Library Addition & Renovation – Stinson MS

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Gerald Lopez, the schematic design for the science classroom/library addition & renovation at Stinson MS was unanimously approved as presented by Pfluger Associates Architects.

B. Schematic Design – Fine Arts Addition & Canopy – Pease MS

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Karen Freeman, the schematic design for the fine arts addition & canopy at Pease MS was unanimously approved as presented by Garza Architects, Inc.

C. Schematic Design – Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovations – Clark HS

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Gerald Lopez, the schematic design for the cafeteria/kitchen renovations at Clark HS was unanimously approved as presented by Garza Architects, Inc.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Budget Amendment #1 for School Year 2017-18

Budget Amendment #1 for 2017-18 was unanimously approved on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed. The Budget Amendment decreased fund balance by \$3,640,646 in the General Fund. Adjustments included the addition to appropriations resulting from approved carry forward of funds including those from 2016-17 purchase order commitments, campus formula account balances, high school allotment funds, and start-up funds for newly opened schools. Additional amounts were carried forward from assigned fund balance for the District's wide area network and hail damage. Current year adjustments included anticipated increase for property insurance premiums and additional state aid of \$15,000,000 from a 2015 tax value audit.

- B. 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 further designated by purpose and series); levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of one or more series of bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of one or more series of bonds; including the approval and distribution of one or more official statements pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements, purchase contracts, and escrow agreements pertaining to each series of bonds; complying with the letter of representations on file with the depository trust company; 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

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed, the Board unanimously approved the above-referenced Order which authorized the issuance of Northside ISD Fixed Rate Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds in a combined principal amount of all series not to exceed \$400,805,000, being the combined principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 in new money school building bonds and refunding bonds in the combined principal amount not to exceed \$275,805,000.

- C. 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 further designated by purpose and series); levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of one or more series of bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, payment and delivery of one or more series of bonds, including the approval and distribution of one or more offering memorandums pertaining thereto;

authorizing the execution of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements, escrow agreements, remarketing agreements, purchase contracts, and tender agent agreements, as necessary and if applicable and relating to each series of bonds, complying with the letter of representations on file with the depository trust company; 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

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Bobby Blount, the Board unanimously approved the above-referenced Order which authorized the issuance of NISD Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds in a combined principal amount of all series not to exceed \$233,060,000, being the combined principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 in new money school building bonds (when combined with all series of new money school building bonds issued pursuant to the Concurrently Adopted Order (determined as the amount of principal of and related premium (if any) to such bonds allocated to the 2014 Authorization) and the combined principal amount not to exceed \$108,060,000 in refunding bonds (when combined with all series of refunding bonds issued pursuant to the Concurrently Adopted Order).

D. Consideration and Approval of an Order by the Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District authorizing the remarketing of “Northside Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015”; amending certain terms of the order authorizing the issuance of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the remarketing of the bonds, including the approval and distribution of a reoffering memorandum and the authorization of the execution of a remarketing agreement pertaining thereto; delegating the authority to certain members of the board of trustees and district staff to approve and execute certain documents relating to the remarketing of the bonds; and providing an effective date

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina, the Board unanimously approved the above-referenced Order which authorized the remarketing of Northside ISD Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$41,000,000.

E. Consideration and Approval of an Order by the Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District authorizing the Remarketing of “Northside Independent School District Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2013”; amending certain terms of the order authorizing the issuance of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions and resolving other matters incident and related to the remarketing of the bonds, including the approval and distribution of a reoffering memorandum and the authorization of the execution of a remarketing agreement pertaining thereto; delegating the authority to certain members of the board of trustees and district staff to approve and execute certain documents relating to the remarketing of the bonds; and providing an effective date

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed, the Board unanimously approved the above-referenced Order which authorized the remarketing of Northside ISD Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2013 in

an amount not to exceed \$67,060,000.

F. Consideration and Approval of an Order authorizing certain District staff to select one or more qualified financial institutions to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar and/or Tender Agent for certain outstanding District indebtedness in replacement of U.S. Bank National Association; authorizing certain District staff to enter into Paying Agent/Registrar agreements and Tender Agent agreements with such selected financial institution or order; and providing an effective date

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Karen Freeman, the Board unanimously authorized certain District staff to select one or more qualified financial institutions to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar and/or Tender Agent.

XIII. Human Resources

A. RFP #2017-136 – Property and Boiler/Machinery Insurance

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Gerald Lopez and seconded by Katie Reed to accept Westchester Insurance with a loss limit of \$400,000,000 and maximum deductible of \$2,500,000 per occurrence at a premium of \$2,211.038 as the district's carrier. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XV. Administration

A. Administrative Boundary Proposal for Mora ES

The administrative boundary proposal for Mora ES was presented prior to the meeting on October 26 of the School Boundary Advisory Committee to discuss the proposal.

B. Request for Maximum Class Size Waivers

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Bobby Blount, Trustees unanimously approved the submission of 17 class size waivers across the District K-4.

XVI. Superintendent

A. Bond 2018 Survey Results

Raymond Turco presented a summary of the scientific survey of past voters for a potential bond proposal. The questions were identical to the survey that many NISD employees and parents filled out. Also included were some comparisons to the survey conducted prior to Bond 2014 where appropriate. Overall the results were quite positive.

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

- A. Sites
- B. Appointment of Principal at Brauchle ES
- C. Appointment of Principal at Ellison ES
- D. Appointment of Principal at Raba ES
- E. Appointment of Academic Dean at Neff MS
- F. Appointment of Vice Principal at Fisher 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 11:12 p.m. and took the following action:

Item A

A motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by Gerald Lopez to approve the superintendent to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Items B-F

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

- April Mata-Tausch, principal at Villarreal ES, was named principal at Brauchle ES.
- Julie Meneses, vice principal at Ellison ES, was named principal at Ellison ES.
- Francesca Neal, vice principal at Raba ES, was named principal at Raba ES.
- Erin McKinney, assistant principal at Briscoe MS, was named academic dean at Neff MS.
- Dora Timbers, administrative intern at Glenoaks ES, was named vice principal at Fisher ES.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Signature on File
Gerald B. Lopez, Board Secretary