

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

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**August 28, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Woods, Ray Galindo, David Rastellini, Janis Jordan, Leroy San Miguel, Patty Hill, Wes Scott, Melissa Oshman, 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**

Karen Freeman led the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

**III. Public Hearings**

There were no items for this meeting.

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Woods reported on the following:

- One of the key purposes of the Board meeting was to approve the 2018-19 budget and set the tax rate. Dr. Woods thanked the Board for months of study on the budget and thanked David Rastellini, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance; Wes Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Budget & Finance; and Jennifer Benke, Director of Budget, for their leadership in the development of the budget.
- Dr. Woods thanked Trustees for their participation at back to school events for teachers, administrators, and students – New Teacher Academies, Block Walks, and Convocations.
- The start of the legislative session is still a few months away, but Dr. Woods has already been in Austin quite a bit meeting with state leaders. He noted that ideas of what could be discussed in the session are coming out earlier than in previous sessions.
- Volleyball season is underway and football season begins at the end of the week. Good luck teams!
- The 2018-19 school year officially began Monday and included the opening of the District's 79<sup>th</sup> elementary school.

**V. Board Members' Report**

Trustee Joseph Medina thanked campus teachers and custodians for their hard work to prepare their classrooms and campuses for the first day of school. He expressed gratitude to James Miculka, Director of Fine Arts, and his staff for the amazing performances at the District's recent Convocations. He thanked Dr. Woods for his consistent championing of public education.

Trustee Katie Reed attended the first day of school at Colonies North ES and recognized Principal Norma Farrell and her staff for making this day so special for their students.

Trustee Bobby Blount congratulated Dr. Woods on being named one of five finalists for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Superintendent of the Year award. He attended a recent Bexar County School Boards Coalition meeting where 15 Bexar County districts were represented.

Trustee Gerald Lopez thanked several District departments for their work in organizing and facilitating the District Convocation events helping to ensure success including the Communications, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Police departments. He congratulated the staff from Holmes HS and its feeder campuses for demonstrating such enthusiasm during their annual neighborhood Block Walk to welcome back students and families.

Trustee Carol Harle recognized students from the John Jay Science and Engineering Academy for assisting her during her remarks at Convocation. She was present at Mora ES on their first day of school as NISD's newest elementary campus. Harle enjoyed seeing the interaction between students and namesake, Dr. Linda Mora. Harle commended the staff who participated in the Block Walk event hosted by Holmes HS and its feeder campuses.

Trustee Karen Freeman recognized Trustee Katie Reed who will receive the San Antonio Woman's Chamber of Commerce North Star Award in November. Freeman also recognized the students who performed at the recent Convocations and applauded their talent as well as their willingness to give of their summer to prepare.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley was moved by her experience participating in the Block Walk event hosted by staff from campuses in the Holmes HS feeder pattern. She recognized Esparza ES Principal Gabriela Garcia and Ross MS family/community involvement liaison Irene Alvarez for their work in prepping for the first day of school. Chumbley recognized Dr. Woods on being named a TASB Superintendent of the Year finalist.

**VI. Recognitions**

A. There were no items for this meeting.

**VII. Reports**

A. There were no items for this meeting.

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes from the Meetings of July 23, July 24, July 31, August 20 and August 21, 2018
- B. Disbursements for the Month of July 2018
- C. Awarding of Bids

- Bid Number 2018-128 Curriculum & Instructional Supplies
- Bid Number 2018-132 Sheet Music & Music Materials
- Bid Number 2018-146 Elevator Maintenance Service
- Bid Number 2018-149 Pool Chemicals
- RFP Number 2018-134 Painting Work IDQ (Indefinite Defined Quantity)

Requisition #18060287 to Educaide Software in the amount of \$55,521.00 for the annual renewal of Problem-Attic software and support.

Requisition #18060927 to ProQuest LLC in the amount of \$67,022.95 for the annual renewal of ProQuest software and support.

Requisition #18060990 to AVID Center in the amount of \$109,724.00 for AVID membership fees for Secondary and Elementary campuses.

Requisition #18061334 to Sam Pack's Five Star Ford in the amount of \$85,921.00 for the purchase of three (3) 2018 Ford Transit cargo vans.

Requisition #18061552 to Education Service Center Region 20 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of Stormwinds professional technical training.

Requisition #18061559 to New Horizons Computer Learning Center in the amount of \$103,000.00 for the purchase of professional technical training.

Requisition #18062687, 18062697, 18063039, 18063056, 18064020, and 18064025 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$490,940.00 for the purchase of HP desktops, monitors, and laptops for the Carnahan ES, Forester ES, and Scarborough ES technology deployments.

Requisition #18062877 to SHI-Government Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$792,353.39 for the annual renewal of Microsoft EES software and support.

Requisition #18063150 to Mindworks Resources in the amount of \$123,950.00 for the purchase of Mindworks Resources afterschool curriculum.

- D. Resolution Designating Investment Officers
- E. Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for TexPool Investment Pool
- F. Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for Lonestar Investment Pool
- G. Story Telling Design – Boone ES
- H. Exterior/Interior Colors – Fine Arts Addition & Bus Canopy – Pease MS – RFP #2018-003
- I. Contractor for Fire Alarm Systems – Clark HS and Lighting Upgrades – Glenn ES – IDQ RFP #2017-167, Project #18-005-167
- J. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – Vale MS - RFCSP #2018-139
- K. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration and Replacement – Zachry MS – RFCSP #2018-140
- L. HR Officials Authorized to Sign Personnel Records
- M. Hazardous Routes
- N. Participation Commitments with Education Service Center Region 20
- O. Certified T-TESS Appraisers
- P. 2018-19 College Board Assessment Suite
- Q. 2018-19 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

On motion by Katie Reed and second by Carol Harle, the Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved as presented.

## **IX. Citizens To Be Heard**

Patrons addressed the Board on bus transportation issues, September Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and congratulatory remarks to Dr. Woods for his selection as SOTY finalist.

## **X. Curriculum and Instruction**

### **A. Business Careers High School Curriculum Changes**

An outline of curriculum changes to the current Business Careers High School was presented which will update the curriculum to focus on innovation, technology and entrepreneurship. Strands offered will be Business and Finance, Computer

Programming, and CyberSecurity. Changes will be implemented in the 2019-20 school year. This item was for discussion only; no Board action was taken.

## **XI Facilities and Operations**

There were no items for this meeting.

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

### **A. 2017-18 Amended Budget**

Following review, the Board unanimously approved the 2017-18 amended budget as submitted on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed.

### **B. Commitment of Fund Balance Resolution**

Following review, the Board unanimously approved acceptance of the fund balance resolution amending balance reporting and associated policy on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Carol Harle.

### **C. Adoption of 2018-19 Budget**

A Public Meeting was held on August 21, 2018 for the 2018-19 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. The General Fund budget included \$912,273,622 in expenditures and \$883,538,231 in revenues. The Child Nutrition Fund Budget is \$56,999,998 and a like amount in revenues. The Debt Service Fund budget required \$180,279,017 in expenditures. Special Revenue Fund budgets, which include federal grant money, are estimated at \$65,608,630 and the Capital Projects Fund budget is \$184,855,000. Total estimated expenditures for all budgets are \$1,400,016,267. The 2018-19 Budget was unanimously approved on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Carol Harle.

### **D. Certified Appraisal Rolls for Northside Independent School District**

Certified Appraisal Rolls from Bexar County, Bandera County, and Medina County Appraisal Districts for tax year 2018 for Northside ISD were approved on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed on a 7-0 vote.

### **E. Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Tax Rate for the Year 2018 for Northside Independent School District**

The 2018 effective tax rate (\$1.352921 per \$100 assessed value) and the rollback tax rate (\$1.379342 per \$100 assessed value) as calculated by the Tax Assessor- Collector were approved on a 7-0 vote on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Bobby Blount.

### **F. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance fixing and levying the Northside Independent School District ad valorem taxes for the year 2018-2019; directing the assessment and collection thereof, and other matters in connection therewith.**

The following motion was made by Gerald Lopez: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of the tax rate of \$1.3755 on each \$100.00 of taxable value of property, which is effectively a 1.67 percent increase in the tax rate, and that the Order presented be finally passed and adopted." Motion was seconded by Karen Freeman.

M'Lissa Chumbley, Carol Harle, Joseph Medina, Gerald Lopez, Bobby Blount, Katie Reed and Karen Freeman voted approval.

G. Consideration and Approval of an Order authorizing the issuance by the Northside Independent School District of its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018A; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds, including the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, and an escrow agreement pertaining to the 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 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 issuance of Northside ISD Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018A in an amount not to exceed \$64,350,000 with maximum maturity by August 31, 2039, interest rate not to exceed 6.00% per annum, and net present value savings of at least 5.00%.

### **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 and Adoption of Legal Policies, TASB Localized Update #110

Legal policies from TASB Update #110 were presented for first reading and adoption. Following discussion, the Legal policies were unanimously approved on a motion by Joseph Medina and a second by Karen Freeman.

B. First Reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #110

Local policies from TASB Update #110 were 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 required.

### **XVI. Superintendent**

A. 2018-19 Board-Superintendent Goals

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Carol Harle, Trustees unanimously approved the following 2018-19 Board-Superintendent Goals:

- Improve participation and achievement in the broad variety of academic and co- and extra-curricular programs offered in Northside ISD.
- Improve the perception of the Northside ISD school experience.

- Improve programming around the notion of educating the “whole child” to include healthy lifestyles, safety and security, engaged learning and supports for students and families.

#### B. Board Operating Procedures

Item 2 of the Board Operating Procedures calls for an annual review. Trustees discussed the Operating Procedures at the Board team-building session on July 23, 2018 and changes were requested. A draft with changes was provided in the August 10 and August 17 Friday Letters. A motion was made by Karen Freeman and seconded by Joseph Medina to approve the Board Operating Procedures as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

#### C. Resolution Supporting School Priority Month

On a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by Katie Reed, Trustees unanimously approved a resolution supporting School Priority Month and individually signed the resolution along with Dr. Woods. School Priority Month in October is an initiative sponsored by Make Education A Priority. Support of this effort sends a powerful message to elected officials that public education must remain in the forefront of discussions relating to our future and continued prosperity as a State.

#### D. Board Member Attendance at Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, 2019 Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members Education Summit, and Mexican American School Boards Association 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 Carol Harle and a second by Joseph Medina, Board member attendance at the CUBE Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members Education Summit, and Mexican American School Boards Association Annual Conference was unanimously approved.

#### E. 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 January 27-29, 2019. The stipend will pay for the cost of the Advocacy Institute registration fee only. School boards can nominate a trustee and alternate for consideration of receiving a stipend. The deadline for nomination is September 14, 2018. By unanimous approval, Trustees chose Carol Harle as the nomination

#### F. Attendance at Leadership TASB

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Bobby Blount, Trustees unanimously approved travel for Gerald Lopez who will participate in the 2108 class of Leadership TASB.

#### G. 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 9:25 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter Styled: Annette Herrera v. Northside ISD, Cause Number 2017CI08907 in the District Court, 37<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Bexar County, Texas
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter Styled: Ropal Anderson and Maxine Anderson v. Northside ISD and Ramon Martinez, Cause Number 2017CI22947 in the District Court, 45<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Bexar County, Texas
- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Auto Accident Claims Occurring under Policy Provided by Texas Association of Public Schools Property and Liability Fund
- D. Sites
- E. Appointment of Principal at Aue ES
- F. Appointment of Vice Principal at Brauchle ES

## **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 regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter Styled: Annette Herrera v. Northside ISD, Cause Number 2017CI08907 in the District Court, 37<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Bexar County, Texas
- B. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter Styled: Ropal Anderson and Maxine Anderson v. Northside ISD and Ramon Martinez, Cause Number 2017CI22947 in the District Court, 45<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Bexar County, Texas
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The Board reconvened into open session at 9:40 p.m. and took the following action:

### Item A

A motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by Katie Reed to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item B

A motion was made by Karen Freeman and seconded by Joseph Medina to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item C

There was no action taken.

Items D-E

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

- Ursula Silberschlag, vice principal at Aue ES, was named Principal at Aue ES.
- Kristen Johnson-Montellano, instructional support teacher at Brauchle ES, was named Vice Principal at Brauchle ES.

**XIX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Signature on File

Gerald B. Lopez, Board Secretary