

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: M'Lissa M. Chumbley, Dr. Carol 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, Patty Hill, Don Schmidt, Levi Lara, Lori Jones, Deonna Dean, Patti Sanchez, Henry Acosta, Barry Perez, Cassandra Miranda

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

Joseph Medina 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 was recently in Washington D.C. where a lot of conversation centered on the government shutdown. NISD is mobilizing locally to help our families impacted by this unfortunate event. The District is reminding families of partnerships with the local Food Bank and the internal clothing closet, Threads. The Human Resources Department is working on ways to give temporary employment to furloughed federal workers in the Transportation and Custodial Departments as well as substitute teachers. The current understanding is that the District would begin to lose federal funding that supports our Child Nutrition program in April and that could certainly translate to additional expenses for NISD.
- Dr. Woods has also spent time in Austin and been part of interesting policy conversations regarding the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate, performance based funding, early childhood education, school safety, teacher compensation, and local control over any new funding.
- In conjunction with School Board Appreciation Month, a luncheon was held last Friday for former trustees and superintendents. Dr. Woods is always reminded that current leaders stand on the shoulders of the leaders who came before.

Later this week, Marshall HS will host the annual Board Appreciation Dinner. Dr. Woods also thanked NISD trustees for being incredible volunteers who serve students, staff, and patrons.

The Northside Video Moment recognized the contributions of the NISD Board of Trustees.

V. Board Members' Report

- Trustee Joseph Medina recognized all District staff and wished them well as they begin this second semester of the school year.
- Trustee Carol Harle encouraged all to attend the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and applauded the teamwork demonstrated by O'Connor HS students participating through the Agriculture and FFA programs. Harle attended a transition event at Clark HS geared at preparing current 8th graders for high school. She recognized the District's Bilingual & ESL Department and its director, Victor Raga, for the successes and expansion of the Dual Language program at the elementary level. Harle recognized a successful Twitter chat hosted by herself and Board President Chumbley. Harle closed by recognizing her Board colleagues for serving in the capacity of Trustee with intelligence and grace.
- Trustee Karen Freeman presented Trustee Blount with an award on behalf of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members recognizing his 10-plus years of service as an officer to the organization. Freeman attended a first-grade town hall meeting held at Beard ES and also enjoyed meeting with members of the campus' PTA leadership.
- Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley praised the staff and community of Villarreal ES on an amazing 50th Anniversary event. She recognized the Ross MS Mariachi for their performance at the event. Chumbley thanked Academic Technology Coordinators John Moran and Matthew Garrett for their assistance in organizing a recent Twitter chat she helped facilitate.
- Trustee Gerald Lopez thanked Carlos Coon ES Principal Mark Garcia for inviting him to attend a campus event in conjunction with Jordan MS Principal Anabel Romero. He spoke to parents about the transition from elementary to middle school from the parent perspective. He also recognized Angelica Medrano, third grade teacher, and ballet folklorico.
- Trustee Katie Reed attended a successful academic event for students and parents at Glenoaks ES. Reed will be participating in the SA to DC advocacy initiative hosted by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.
- Trustee Bobby Blount had the opportunity to present at The XG Summit, an exceptional governance summit hosted by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), and shared the successes Northside has had in closing the achievement gap. Blount invited all Trustees to participate in the upcoming Heroes for Health event.

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 Larry Rowe, the Northside Museum Association led by DuWayne Headrick, and the Northside Education Foundation led by Secretary Monty Howard 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

Monty Howard, Northside Education Foundation Board Secretary, provided an update on the Foundation's progress and accomplishments. In 2017-18 NEF raised \$1.2 million and awarded \$1 million in grants and scholarships.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the Meeting of December 11, 2018

B. Disbursements for the Month of December 2018

C. Awarding of Bid Items

Bid #2018-196 – Art Supplies & Miscellaneous Items

Bid #2018-204 – Miscellaneous Parts, Repairs & Services

Bid #2018-210 – Auto Mechanics Hand Tools & Equipment

Bid #2018-211 – Engine/Driveline Chassis Lubricants

RFQ #2018-205 – Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

Requisition #19023547 to SHI-Government Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$59,539.00 for the annual renewal of EMC XtremIO software.

Requisition #19023549 to Longhorn Bus Sales LLC in the amount of \$197,426.00 for the purchase of three (3) 14-passenger yellow mini buses.

Requisition #19027368, 19027371, and 19027453 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$262,405.00 for the purchase of HP desktops, monitors, and Laptops for the Hoffmann ES and Bernal MS technology deployments.

Requisition #19027545 to Teaching Systems Inc. in the amount of \$691,213.60 for the purchase of software, installation, and maintenance/support of eleven middle school language labs.

D. Investment Portfolio Report

E. Resolution Approving Independent Sources of Instruction Relating to Investment Responsibilities

F. Resolution on Investment Policy Review

G. Certified T-TESS Appraisers

H. Contractor for Fire Alarm Upgrades – Bob Lewis ES – RFCSP #2018-200

I. Contractor for Fire Sprinkler System & Lighting Upgrades – Leon Valley ES – RFCSP #2018-183

- J. Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – Shirley Howsman ES & Northwest Crossing ESs – RFCSP #2019-025
- K. Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Earl Warren HS – RFCSP #2018-179
- L. Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – E.M. Pease MS – RFCSP #2018-198
- M. Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – F.R. Scobee ES – RFCSP #2018-178
- N. Contractor for Plaza of Influence Pylons at Northside Sports Gym – RFCSP #2018-158
- O. Change Orders
- P. Consultant Appointments

A motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by Bobby Blount to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board action included the following contractor appointments:

- Contractor for Fire Alarm Upgrades – Lewis ES – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Fire Sprinkler System & Lighting Upgrades – Leon Valley ES – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – Howsman and Northwest Crossing ESs – LED Electric & Lighting Contractors, LLC
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Warren HS – L.C. Mosel Co., Ltd.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Pease MS – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Scobee ES – Flo-Aire Service, Inc.

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

Patrons addressed the Board regarding deaf education and NAFT First Book update/pillars of action for legislative session.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

A. Martin ES Mid-Year Targeted Improvement Plan Update

Martin ES is designed “Improvement Required” based on this year’s accountability system. This designation required the submission of a Targeted Improvement Plan in September as well as a mid-year progress update in January. The plan was presented by Dr. Janis Jordan, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and will be submitted to Texas Education Agency (TEA). A motion was made by Karen Freeman and seconded by Bobby Blount to approve the progress update. Motion carried unanimously.

B. PreKindergarten Expansion

Trustees discussed expansion of the NISD PreKindergarten program and heard a presentation from Patti Sanchez, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction. The current model of PreK in NISD is a half day program for qualifying students. Research is clear about the benefits of quality, early childhood education, especially for children of poverty. Given the benefit of, interest in, and need for quality early childhood education, a recommendation was made to expand PreK by moving it from a half to full day at

certain clusters as well as allowing non-qualifying students to participate at cluster sites on a tuition basis. Discussion will continue at the February 26 Board meeting.

XI. Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design –“Kallison Ranch area” MS

The schematic design for “Kallison Ranch area” MS was approved as presented by Alamo Architects. A motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by Bobby Blount to approve the hemlock green trim and carried unanimously. A motion was also made by Gerald Lopez and seconded by Joseph Medina to approve the exterior full brick façade and carried unanimously.

B. Presentation on Marshall HS Library Exterior

A presentation featuring proposed Marshall HS Library Exterior elevations was made by Roy Lewis with Garza/Bomberger & Associates. Following discussion on several exterior elevation options, a motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by Bobby Blount to approve Option 1. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Certified Public Accountants for School Year 2017-18

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Katie Reed, Trustees unanimously approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ending August 31, 2018 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. Maximum Class Size Waivers

Trustees unanimously approved the submission of twenty-two (22) class size waivers across the District K-4 on a motion by Karen Freeman and a second by Carol Harle.

XVI. Superintendent

A. Board Member Attendance at AASA National Conference on Education

There was consensus among Trustees that Board attendance at the AASA National Conference on Education on February 14-16, 2019 would qualify for travel reimbursement.

B. Board Operating Procedures

Following discussion, there was consensus to notify the Superintendent's office if Trustees plan to visit a campus. This can be done via text, email or phone. Trustees will develop a section in Board Operating Procedures that is specific to qualifications and duties of Board officers at the Summer Retreat.

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 Chumbley announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 11:21 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Sites
- B. Appointment of Principal at Connally MS
- C. Appointment of Vice Principal at O'Connor HS
- D. Appointment of Vice Principal at Mireles ES

XVIII. Open Session

Any required action by the Board concerning matters considered in closed meeting will be taken in open session.

- A. Appointment of Principal at Connally MS
- B. Appointment of Vice Principal at O'Connor HS
- C. Appointment of Vice Principal at Mireles ES

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:22 p.m. and took the following action:

Items A-C

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:

- Andrew Drumm, vice principal at Vale MS, was named Principal at Connally MS.
- Jason Christian, assistant principal at O'Connor HS, was named Vice Principal at O'Connor HS.
- Latia Bishop, collaborative teaching program coordinator in the Special Education Department, was named Vice Principal at Mireles ES.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Signature on file

Gerald B. Lopez, Board Secretary