

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 27, 2019
7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Karen Freeman, Joseph H. Medina, Gerald B. Lopez, Robert Blount, Jr., Katie N. Reed

TRUSTEE ABSENT: Carol Harle, M'Lissa M. Chumbley

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

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Karen Freeman.

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Gerald Lopez 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 2019-20 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. He also recognized Governmental Relations Director Naomi Miller for her help interpreting HB 3 which impacts the budget and tax rate in significant ways.
- Dr. Woods thanked Trustees for their participation at back to school events for teachers, administrators, and students – New Teacher Academies, Block Walks, and Convocations.
- Volleyball season is underway and football season begins at the end of the week. Good luck teams!
- Initial indications are that there has been significant growth in specific enrollment areas including Pre-K as well as in the Kinder-5th grade levels.

The Northside Video Moment highlighted two first-year elementary school teachers from Mary Hull and Boldt elementary schools.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Karen Freeman recognized Trustee Katie Reed for being honored recently as a trailblazer by the Northwest Democrats for her years of leadership and community service. Freeman enjoyed attending the Back To School picnic and having the opportunity to see so many District staff. Freeman also spoke to the excitement and hope at this time of the school year.

Trustee Gerald Lopez recognized Director of Fine Arts James Miculka, Executive Director of Communications Barry Perez, Executive Director of Athletics Stan Laing, and their respective staffs for the collaborative effort of planning and facilitating this year's Convocations. Mr. Lopez acknowledged the Martin ES staff and Principal Juan Perez on a successful Block Walk.

Trustee Bobby Blount commended all the staff and student performers who participated in Convocations.

Trustee Joseph Medina described this year's Convocation as "one to remember" and thanked Dr. Woods along with the NISD Fine Arts and Communications departments for their efforts. Medina also acknowledged all of the student performers. He wished all teachers great success as they begin the new school year.

Trustee Katie Reed commended all student performers who participated in Convocations.

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 17, July 23, July 30, and August 20, 2019

B. Disbursements for the Month of July 2019

C. Awarding of Bids

Bid Number 2019-138 Baseball/Softball/Track Equipment

Bid Number 2019-140 Administrative Furniture

Bid Number 2019-143 Concert/Guard/Dance/Spirit Uniforms & Accessories

Bid Number 2019-144 Instrument Repairs

Bid Number 2019-147 Electrical Supplies & Services

Bid Number 2019-155 Venthood Cleaning

Requisition #19062682 & #19062719 to Severin Intermediate Holdings LLC in the amount of \$176,952.35.00 for the purchase of eSchoolPlus and PowerSchool software

Requisition #19063224 to Mindworks Resources in the amount of \$133,312.50 for the purchase of Steamengineers afterschool curriculum.

Requisition #19063569 to Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$100,118.48 for the purchase of switches, power supplies, and licenses in support of the Nexus 9K platform.

Requisition #19064081, #19064096, & #19066248 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$247,995.00 for the purchase of HP desktops, monitors, and laptops for the Beard ES and Ward ES technology deployments..

Requisition #19061552 to Education Service Center Region 20 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of Stormwinds professional technical training.

Requisition #18065353 to Educaide Software in the amount of \$55,930.00 for the purchase of Problem-Attic software.

Requisition #19066142 to Imagine Learning Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of Imagine Learning Software.

D. Resolution to Approve Waiver of Penalty & Interest on Tax Account #04413-100-1040

E. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy CCA (LOCAL)

F. Settlement Agreement with HHSC

G. School District Teaching Permits

H. Waiver for Timeline of Accelerated Instruction

I. Certified T-TESS Appraisers

J. 2019-2020 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Membership

K. Participation Commitments with Education Service Center Region 20

L. 2019-20 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC)

M. Exterior/Interior Colors – Library & Classroom Building – Glenoaks ES – RFCSP #2019-003

N. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – Louis D. Brandeis HS (Phase II of II) - RFCSP #2019-113

O. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – Locke Hill ES – RFCSP #2019-110

P. Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – Carl Wanke ES – RFCSP #2019-111

Q. Consultant Appointments

R. Change Orders

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

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

Citizens addressed the Board regarding overcrowding at Kallison ES and proper resourcing, review of dress code with respect to shorts, and invitation to NAFT post-legislative brunch.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There were no items for this meeting.

XI Facilities and Operations

Trustee Katie Reed left the meeting prior to discussion of this item.

A. Schematic Design – 2020 Security Lobbies for 23 Campuses

On a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina, the schematic design for the 2020 security lobbies at 23 campuses was unanimously approved as presented by Nextgen Architects.

B. Amendment #1 – GMP – “Kallison Ranch area” MS – RFP #2018-014

It was moved by Bobby Blount and seconded by Gerald Lopez to accept and approve Amendment #1 at a cost not to exceed \$20,083,381.00 presented by Bartlett Cocke General Contractors for the necessary work associated with Sitework and Structure at "Kallison Ranch area" MS. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Schematic Design – "FM 471 N. area #4" ES

On a motion by Joseph Medina and a second by Bobby Blount, the schematic design for Scheme 1 for "FM 471 N. area #4" ES was unanimously approved as presented by Garza Architects and Nextgen Architects.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. 2018-19 Amended Budget

Following review, the Board unanimously approved the 2018-19 amended budget as submitted on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina.

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 Bobby Blount.

C. Adoption of 2019-20 Budget

A Public Meeting was held on August 20, 2019 for the 2019-20 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. The General Fund budget included \$979,082,622 in expenditures and \$933,117,714 in revenues. The proposed Child Nutrition Fund Budget is \$57,293,849 and a like amount in revenues. The proposed Debt Service Fund budget required \$193,760,299 in expenditures and projects revenues and other resources of \$196,124,986.

Special Revenue Fund budgets, which include federal grant money, are estimated at \$67,870,091 and the Capital Projects Fund budget is \$229,100,000. Total estimated expenditures for all budgets are \$1,527,106,861. The 2019-20 Budget was unanimously approved on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina.

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 2019 for Northside ISD were approved on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina on a 4-0 vote.

E. Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Tax Rate for the Year 2019 for Northside Independent School District

The 2018 effective tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate as calculated by the Tax Assessor- Collector were approved on a 4-0 vote on a motion by Gerald Lopez and a second by Joseph Medina.

F. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance fixing and levying the Northside Independent School District ad valorem taxes for the year 2019-2020; 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 fixed and levied by the adoption of the tax rate of \$1.3055 on each \$100.00 of taxable value of property, which is effectively a 1.44 percent decrease in the tax rate, and that the Order presented be finally passed and adopted." Motion was seconded by Bobby Blount. Joseph Medina and Karen Freeman voted approval.

XIII. Human Resources

A. First Reading of Policy DEC (LOCAL)

Policy DEC (LOCAL) was 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.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XV. Administration

A. First Reading and Adoption of Legal Policies, TASB Localized Update #113

Legal policies from TASB Update #113 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 Gerald Lopez.

B. First Reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #113

Local policies from TASB Update #113 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. Board Operating Procedures

Item 2 of the Board Operating Procedures calls for an annual review and Item 5 states that a super-majority of the team (5 of 7 trustees) must agree to any changes of the Team Operating Procedures. Due to the lack of a super-majority in attendance the review of this item was delayed until the September Board meeting.

B. 2019-20 Board-Superintendent Goals

On a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by Joseph Medina, Trustees unanimously approved the following 2019-20 Board-Superintendent Goals:

- Continue to foster and develop the Northside culture
- 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.

C. Endorsement for TASB Board of Directors

On a motion by Joseph Medina and a second by Gerald Lopez, Trustees unanimously agreed to endorse Robert Westbrook, board member from Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD, for the Region 210 D position on the TASB Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Options for Time for Students with the Board

Discussion on this item was delayed until the full Board is present.

E. Board Member Attendance at Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Annual Conference, NSBA Advocacy Institute, 2020 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 Gerald Lopez 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.

F. 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 February 2-4, 2020. 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 6, 2019. On a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by Joseph Medina, Trustees unanimously agreed to nominate a trustee and alternate to apply for the stipend.

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.

Vice President Freeman announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Pending Litigation and Possible Settlement Offer in Matter Styled: Dr. Joel C. Nkemakolam v. Northside ISD, Civil Action 5:18-cv-01283; in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding a Proposed Settlement Agreement Made in Connection with Threatened Litigation Involving a Former Student
- C. Sites
- D. Appointment of Academic Dean at Zachry MS

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 and Possible Settlement Offer in Matter Styled: Dr. Joel C. Nkemakolam v. Northside ISD, Civil Action 5:18-cv-01283; in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division
- B. Consideration and Possible Action concerning a Proposed Settlement Agreement Made in Connection with Threatened Litigation Involving a Former Student
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The Board reconvened into open session at 9:37 p.m. and took the following action:

Item A

There were no Board action taken on this item.

Item B

A motion was made by Joseph Medina and seconded by Bobby Blount to proceed with the settlement as discussed in closed session. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item C

There was no action taken.

Item D

On a motion by Joseph Medina and a second by Gerald Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the following administrative appointment:

- Kathleen Cuevas, Assistant Director in Special Education Dept., was named Academic Dean at Zachry Middle School.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Approved 9/24/19