

Northside Independent School District

Board Room • 5900 Evers Road • San Antonio, Texas 78238

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

November 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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

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

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carol Harle.

II. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance

Bobby Blount 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:

- Go Public Executive Director Lisa Losasso Jackson provided a recent update to area superintendents and Trustees.
- Last month Dr. Woods testified before the House Public Education Committee on HB 1842 and HB 3.
- Approximately 1,500 students and families attended the annual NISD College, Career and Military Night held last month at the UTSA Recreation Center. Thank you Dr. Kimberly Ridgley, Director of Guidance and Counseling, and high school counselors who organized the event.
- Two weeks ago was the kickoff to the high school bowling season which is celebrating its 12th anniversary in NISD with students on 12 teams.
- Andres Lopez, an English Language Arts and Mexican-American literature teacher at Stevens HS, was awarded the 2019 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from Humanities Texas last month.
- The Howsman ES 50th anniversary celebration was held earlier this month. Thank you to principal Tom Buente, Vice Principal Rosanna Guajardo, and staff for a wonderful ceremony highlighting past and present students and staff.

- Dr. Woods attended the annual Arbor Day tree planting and campus beautification at Carnahan ES. He thanked namesake Peggy Carnahan and Environmental Education Teacher Kent Page for leading the efforts.
- Earlier this week, the annual Magnet School Fair was held at both the Northside Sports Gym and Paul Taylor Field House. Thank you to the six magnet school principals and their staff.

The Northside Video Moment highlighted the John Jay Science and Engineering Academy. Applications opened this week for NISD's magnet programs.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Carol Harle attended a recent Jay Science and Engineering Academy Advisory Board meeting. She recognized a new program through Communities In Schools that allows for a social emotional coach to assist and provide support for students. Harle recognized the efforts of the Northside Museum Association in publishing a second edition to their cookbook. Harle acknowledged all veterans and appreciates all Northside schools who hosted incredible celebrations and events.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley shared her appreciation to longtime Northside Education Foundation Board member Dave Gannon for his service to the NEF.

Trustee Karen Freeman was pleased and honored to represent the Texas Association of School Boards on the Texas Teacher of the Year Selection Committee. She congratulated the Howsman ES community on their 50th Anniversary, in particular the awesome student performers. Freeman thanked Dr. Woods for his leadership and service on multiple state-level educational committees.

Trustee Joseph Medina encouraged Northside families to attend some of the many Fine Arts activities happening across the District. Medina also thanked Dr. Woods for his continued advocacy of public education and students.

Trustee Katie Reed appreciated the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Board at the Howsman ES 50th Anniversary. She enjoyed the event performances by all students including the Holmes HS mariachi.

Trustee Bobby Blount provided an update on behalf of the Bexar County School Boards Coalition. He shared his appreciation to students at Communications Arts HS and former NISD student, Hannah Garcia, for their assistance with the organization's publication, "Public Education in Bexar County." Blount enjoyed a visit he and other members of the Technology Committee made to the Murnin ES STEM Lab.

VI.

Recognitions

- A. Cynthia Gongora, Stevens HS, 2019 Region 20 ESL Teacher of the Year
- B. Faustino Ortega, Sul Ross MS, 2019 Region 20 Administrator of the Year

Cynthia Gongora, an ESL teacher at Stevens HS, was honored at the 2019 Region 20 W.O.R.L.D. Language Conference as the ESL Teacher of the Year.

Faustino Ortega, principal at Sul Ross MS, was honored at the 2019 Region 20 W.O.R.L.D. Language Conference as Administrator of the Year.

VII. Reports

There were no reports for this meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes from the Meeting of October 22, 2019
- B. Disbursements for the Month of October 2019
- C. Awarding of Bids
 - Bid #2019-194 – Football Helmet & Shoulder Pad Repair & Reconditioning
 - Bid #2019-195 – Athletic Equipment & Supplies
 - Bid #2019-197 – Garbage Collection Service
 - Requisition #20001099 to Severin Intermediate Holdings LLC in the amount of \$214,978.55 for the annual renewal of eSchoolPlus software.
 - Requisition #20011821, 20012517, 20013918, 20014052 and 20014185 to TS Enterprises Associates, Inc. in the total amount of \$116,250.00 for the purchase of furniture and equipment in the Career & Technical Education middle school classrooms and labs
 - Requisition #20013707, 20013715, 20014600, and 20014608 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$242,170.00 for the purchase of HP desktops and Chromebooks for the Carlos Coon ES and Michael ES technology deployments.
 - Requisition #20014342 to Education Service Center Region 20 in the amount of \$96,915.00 for AVID membership fees for Secondary and Elementary campuses.
 - Requisition #20017333 to Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions in the amount of \$275,784.63 for the annual renewal of Cisco SMARTnet software and support.
- D. Settlement Agreement with HHSC
- E. 2019 Tax Roll
- F. Official District Instructional Materials Committee
- G. Certified T-TESS Appraisers
- H. Waiver Request to Limit Enrollment of Foreign Exchange Students for 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022
- I. Contractor for Portable Relocations – Various Campuses – 2020 Construction Related – IDQ RFP #2016-129
- J. Change Orders

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Bobby Blount. Board action included the following contractor appointment:

- Portable Relocations – Various Campuses – 2020 Construction Related – IDQ RFP #2016-129 – Dodson House Moving

Board action also included the following change orders:

- Scobee ES Mechanical Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$55,047.51)

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

There were no citizens to address the Board.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There were no items for this meeting.

XI. Facilities and Operations

A. Schematic Design – Building Replacement – Westwood Terrace ES

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Joseph Medina, the schematic design for the building replacement at Westwood Terrace ES was unanimously approved as presented by Marmon Mok Architecture.

B. Schematic Design – Expansion – Health Careers HS

On a motion by Karen Freeman and a second by Gerald Lopez, the schematic design for the expansion at Health Careers HS was unanimously approved as presented by Kaarlsen Noonan Rittimann Garcia (KNRG).

C. Schematic Design – Administration Upgrades – Adams Hill ES

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Joseph Medina, the schematic design for administration upgrades at Adams Hill ES was approved on a 6-0 vote as presented by Garza Bomberger & Associates, Inc. (M'Lissa Chumbley was out of the room when vote was taken.)

D. Schematic Design – Library Addition/Renovation – William H. Taft HS

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Bobby Blount, the schematic design for library addition/renovation at Taft HS was unanimously approved as presented by Kaarlsen Noonan Rittimann Garcia (KNRG).

E. Amendment #2 – GMP – “Galm Road area” HS – RFP #2018-151

It was moved by Katie Reed and seconded by Gerald Lopez to accept and approve Amendment #2 at a cost not to exceed \$25,960,858 presented by Joeris General Contractors, Ltd. for site work, piers and associated work at “Galm Road area” HS. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Business and Financial Services

A. Resolution to Cast Votes in the Election for the Board of Directors of the Bexar Appraisal District

A motion was made by Bobby Blount and seconded by Gerald Lopez to approve a resolution to cast 834 votes for George Torres, 200 votes for Cheri Byrom, and 48 votes for Jon Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution to Cast Votes in the Election for the Board of Directors of the Central Appraisal District of Bandera County

A motion was made by Gerald Lopez and seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley to approve a resolution to cast 60 votes for Ernest DeWinne. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution to Cast Votes in the Election for the Board of Directors of the Medina County Appraisal District

A motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by Joseph Medina to approve a resolution to cast 24 votes each for Jeffrey Diles, J. Gruber, Tim Hardt, Mamie Navarro, and Roy Sheetz. 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. Wernli ES Attendance Zone

A preliminary report for Wernli Elementary School attendance zone including an associated boundary change from Boldt ES to Langley ES was presented to the Board on October 22, 2019. The report was also presented to the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) which held a public hearing at Bernal Middle School on November 13, 2019. The SBAC recommendation was presented by SBAC Chair Fernando Garcia. A motion was made by Katie Reed and seconded by M'Lissa Chumbley to approve the Wernli ES attendance zone as presented including the associated boundary change from Boldt ES to Langley ES. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Request for Maximum Class Size Waivers

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Bobby Blount, Trustees unanimously approved the submission of 26 class size waivers across the District K-4.

XVI. Superintendent

A. 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 Harle announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074, the Board would convene in closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Appointment of Director of Marketing
- B. Consultation with District's Legal Counsel regarding Contemplated Litigation or a Settlement Offer Pertaining to Hail Damage to District Facilities
- C. Sites
- D. Consideration and Discussion of Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:54 p.m. and took the following action:

- A. Appointment of Director of Marketing
- B. Consideration and Possible Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent or His Designee to Negotiate a Settlement with the District's Insurance Carrier Covering Hail Damage Sustained by Numerous District Buildings, within the Parameters Discussed by the Board of Trustees with Legal Counsel in Closed Session
- C. Sites

Item A

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

- Christina Eckert, Media Specialist/Producer/Host in NISD Media Productions, was named Director of Marketing.

Item B

On a motion by Bobby Blount and a second by Gerald Lopez, Trustees unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate a settlement with the District's insurance carrier covering hail damage sustained by numerous District buildings, within the parameters discussed in closed session.

Item C

On a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Gerald Lopez, Trustees unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to settle the adverse possession claims being asserted against the District as discussed in closed session.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Approved 12/10/19