

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
December 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: 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, Leroy San Miguel, Lori Jones, Wes Scott, Levi Lara, Don Schmidt, 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

M'Lissa Chumbley 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:

- A groundbreaking ceremony for the District's 12th comprehensive high school was held in November. It is known currently by its working title, "Galm Road area" High School, but will be named for a United States Supreme Court Justice. Naming work will begin in the spring.
- Dr. Woods attended the Coalition for Education Funding conference which included sobering remarks from an economist on the current state of Texas children. Texas is projected to grow by 4.5 million people from 2010 to 2020, mostly in five urban counties. Almost 21 percent of Texas children live in poverty. The state's rate of uninsured children is 11.2% (first in the nation), compared to the national average which is 5.2%. Texas lags in the nation in sending students directly from high school to college – 52% versus 67%. There are also huge race/ethnicity gaps with 25 to 34 year olds who have degrees or certificates.
- This past weekend, the Jay Science and Engineering Academy held its annual Science and Engineering Fair/Academic Research Symposium for middle and high school students. In addition to science fair projects, students presented their academic research through history fair projects and a new strand of kinetic art and engineering. Thanks to Principal Teresa Cuellar and staff for coordinating this excellent showcase.

- Monday night was the Northside Education Foundation's Annual Meeting and Donor Recognition at the Sports Gym. Thanks to the NEF Board and Director of Partnerships Cassandra Miranda and staff for a nice event that celebrated the partnership between the Foundation and NISD.
- There are hundreds of holiday events at Northside schools featuring amazing student talent. Dr. Woods wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

In lieu of the Northside Video Moment, the Briscoe MS Choir, under the direction of Heather Cole, provided holiday cheer and performed for Trustees, District staff, and visitors.

V. Board Members' Report

Trustee Carol Harle shared appreciation to the Fine Arts Department for compiling a list of holiday events throughout the District. She attended a performance of Mary Poppins at Harlan HS and was impressed at the collection of elementary, middle, and high school student performers. Harle enjoyed participating in a NEF Grant Patrol.

Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley shared her experience participating in a NEF Grant Patrol. She congratulated students and staff in the athletic programs at Harlan and Brandeis high schools on their successful football seasons and commended the Holmes HS athletes and coaches for working so hard to serve as role models in their community. Chumbley enjoyed attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the "Galm Road area" High School and shared how impressed she is with members of the construction community who work with Northside and who show such high levels of commitment.

Trustee Karen Freeman provided an update to Trustees from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board meeting.

Trustee Joseph Medina commended the commitment demonstrated by student athletes who participated in the many athletic events that took place over the Thanksgiving week. He congratulated Harlan and Brandeis high schools on their great football seasons.

Trustee Katie Reed attended the NEF Annual Meeting and Donor Recognition event and recognized the Brennan HS Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Taft HS Culinary Arts students who participated in the event. Reed attended a tree planting ceremony at Powell ES in honor of the late Bexar County Commissioner Paul Elizondo. She recognized students from Brandeis HS who participated in a recent Alamo Area Council of Governments event. Reed recognized the Northside Museum Association on the publication of their new cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks support the work of the association.

Trustee Bobby Blount attended the performance of the musical Crazy For You at Taft HS. He provided an update to Trustees from the Bexar County School Boards Coalition.

Trustee Gerald Lopez reminded Trustees of an invitation from the Luna MS PTA for their first Tamalada event. Lopez shared appreciation to the Briscoe MS choir, under the direction of Heather Cole, who performed at the Board meeting. He also recognized Director of Fine Arts James Miculka, Fine Arts Instructional Specialist James Hare, and the performers' parents for their support.

VI. Recognitions

A. CPS Energy Check Presentation

A representative from CPS Energy presented the Board and Dr. Woods with a check for \$168,801.73 for the District's participation in the CPS Demand Response program which reduced energy consumption.

VII. Reports

There were no reports for this meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the Meeting of November 19, 2019

B. Disbursements for the Month of November 2019

C. Awarding of Bids

Bid #2019-196 – Science Lab Equipment

Bid #2019-201 – Custodial Equipment

Bid #2019-206 – Vehicles – Model Year 2020

Bid #2019-207 – HVAC Filter Media Annual Service Contract

Bid #2019-210 – Infant Simulators & Supplies

Requisition #20018105 & #20018106 to Intech Southwest Services LLC in the amount of \$119,480.00 for the purchase of HP desktops and Chromebooks for the Henderson ES technology deployments.

Requisition #20020208 to Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions in the amount of \$443,988.40 for the purchase of the annual subscription of the District's Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services.

Requisition #20022071 to Southwest Texas Equipment Distribution Inc. in the amount of \$67,530.00 for the purchase of five convection ovens for the cafeterias of Colonies North ES, Leon Springs ES, McDermott ES, and Stinson MS.

D. Waiver for Westwood Terrace Elementary School Low Attendance

E. Waiver for Brauchle Elementary School Low Attendance

F. School District Teaching Permits

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved on a motion by Katie Reed and a second by Bobby Blount.

IX. Citizens To Be Heard

A patron addressed the Board regarding free partnership opportunities.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There were no items for this meeting.

XI. Facilities and Operations

There were no items for this meeting.

XII. Business and Financial Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XIII. Human Resources

There were no items for this meeting.

XIV. Technology Services

There were no items for this meeting.

XV. Administration

- A. Administrative Boundary Proposal for Changes from Scarborough ES to Knowlton ES and Burke ES

The administrative boundary proposal for changes from Scarborough ES to Knowlton ES and Burke ES was presented prior to the meeting on December 11, 2019 of the School Boundary Advisory Committee to discuss the proposal.

- B. Request for Maximum Class Size Waivers

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Joseph Medina, Trustees unanimously approved the submission of 4 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 8:17 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Deliberation and Consultation with School Attorney regarding Pending Litigation and Possible Settlement of Student v. Northside ISD, before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 342-SE-0619
- B. Sites
- C. Appointment of Executive Director of Social and Emotional Learning
- D. Appointment of Executive Director of Student Services
- E. Appointment of Director of Transportation
- F. Appointment of Principal at Construction Careers Academy
- G. Appointment of Academic Dean at Hobby Middle School
- H. Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation

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 10:04 p.m. and took the following action:

- A. Consideration and Possible Action concerning Pending Litigation and Possible Settlement of Student v. Northside ISD, before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 342-SE-0619
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Item A

On a motion by M'Lissa Chumbley and a second by Bobby Blount, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent and school attorney and directed the Superintendent and school attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session concerning Student v. Northside ISD, before a Special Education Hearing Officer for the State of Texas; Docket No. 342-SE-0619.

Item B

There was no Board action on this item.

Items C-G

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

- Dr. Kimberly Ridgley, Director of Guidance and Counseling, was named Executive Director of Social and Emotional Learning.
- Tesi Garza, principal at Myers ES, was named Director of Transportation.
- James Mears, vice principal at Construction Careers Academy, was named Principal at Construction Careers Academy.
- Jaime Heye, assistant principal at Clark HS, was named Academic Dean at Hobby MS.

Item H

President Harle stated that the Board was unanimous in its support of Dr. Woods and the outstanding job that he has done. She acknowledged the Board's gratitude and appreciation of the work accomplished on the 2019-20 Board-Superintendent Goals.

XIX. Adjournment

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

Approved 1/21/20