

**NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5900 EVERS ROAD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78238**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, August 27, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**Members present**

**Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara**

**Staff present:**

**Dr. Craft, Ray Galindo, Janis Jordan, Rene Barajas, Jacob Villerral, Kris Trejo,  
Tiffany Contreras, Barry Perez, Jessican Palomares, Jessica Bonnett, Eric Tobias, Ben Muir,  
Valerie Sisk.**

1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: A. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance  
Corinne Saldana

Procedural: B. Call Meeting to Order  
6:02 pm

2. Public Hearings

Discussion, Information: A. Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for 2024-2025

In compliance with Section 44.004 of Texas Education Code, a notice of public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate was published in the San Antonio Express-News. Public participation in the discussion is invited. Adoption of the budget and tax rate will take place later in the agenda.

3. Superintendent's Report

- Convocations. The District's Convocation events were a great success and featured over 400 student performers.
- School year start. The start of the new school year has been a great one. Dr. Craft had the opportunity to visit NISD's newest elementary campus, Chumbley ES, along with Cole ES and Brennan HS.
- Transportation. NISD runs almost 1,000 buses daily, transporting students to and from school. Routes are being learned, and delays are minimized.
- Gratitude to staff. NISD custodial and maintenance staff were acknowledged for their work in ensuring facilities were ready for the start of the new school year.
- Fall sports. This week sees the beginning of the Fall sports seasons to include cross country, volleyball, football, and tennis.
- LMS Scholarship. Dr. Craft thanked and acknowledged Marshall LMS EMT instructor Billy Soliz for initiating a scholarship for EMT students in honor of his mother.
- Legislative Update. Dr. Craft discussed his hope that the pending 89th legislative session will bring meaningful school finance legislation.
- Appraisal Board. Dr. Craft briefed trustees on possible action by appraisal boards to change appraisal periods from annually to every 2-3 years. The decision, as the Superintendent explained, warrants careful analysis of the long-term impact on a school district's debt service.
- Video Moment: The video moment highlights first-day visits to our newest school, Chumbley Elementary School, as well as at Mireles Elementary School, Pease Middle School, and Warren High School. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

4. Board Member's Report

Reports: A. Board Members who wish to speak will report about current events, announce achievements or special recognitions, and share other information that may be of interest to Trustees or citizens. No action is required.

- Trustee Bobby Blount thanked Trustees for their role in planning for the recent Convocation events.
- Trustee Corinne Saldana thanked SA Express-News reporter Scott Huddleston for attending and writing about his experience at a District Convocation. She had the opportunity to see the new athletic videoboards in action recently and was very excited. She mentioned the start of the football season and the ongoing volleyball and cross-country events and wished all student-athletes well.
- Trustee David Salcido expressed condolences to the family of Stevens HS student Mike Gallegos, Jr. who recently lost his battle with cancer. Salcido acknowledged the school for hosting several blood drives in Gallegos' honor.
- Trustee Homer Guevara thanked the staff at Timberwilde ES for inviting him to be on campus on their first day of school. He enjoyed his visit.
- Trustee Karla Duran thanked the Crossroads Baptist Church for donating 200 backpacks to Mead ES. She acknowledged Trustee Blount for his work with the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund's Renaissance with the Stars event. And, she acknowledged Communities in Schools (CIS) for their continued support of students in NISD. She wished everyone a restful and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.
- Trustee Carol Harle enjoyed her grandparent drop off at Ellison ES and had the chance to visit Chumbley ES on the first day of school. She referenced how blessed Northside is to have an amazing team of staff who work hard to ensure our schools are

ready for the first day with no, or minimal, HVAC issues. Harle referenced the Freedom Walk event scheduled later in Sept. at Clark HS as part of the 2024 Jaffarian Award presented to campus librarian Lucy Podmore by the American Library Association (ALA). Harle also shared a discussion with Amalia Sollars, 2 BOARDTalk 2024-2025 published by the Communications Department, Northside Independent School District Enrichment Program Coordinator in Northside's elementary and secondary science department, about the value and positive impact of the outdoors on student learning and wellness.

• Trustee Karen Freeman enjoyed the annual Convocation events and thanked all those involved in their planning and execution including the Fine Arts and Communications departments and the student performers. As mentioned at Convocation, she acknowledged Trustee Dr. Homer Guevarra as the District's 75th trustee in this 75th anniversary year. Freeman visited Chumbley ES on its first day and was so happy to see all of the families – students and parents – who brought life to the campus. She expressed how happy she was for the school namesake, M'Lissa Chumbley.

## 5. Recognitions

Information: A. Recognition of Martha O'Campo, State Winner of the Sure-Lok Above and Beyond Award

- Recognition of Martha O'Campo. Martha O'Campo, a Transportation Department employee for the past 31 years, is the state winner of the Sure-Lok Above and Beyond Award.

Information: B. Recognition of Michael Moore, TASBT Texas School Bus Technician of the Year

- Recognition of Michael Moore. Michael Moore, a bus technician at the Culebra Station, was named the Texas School Bus Technician of the Year by the Texas Association for School Bus Technicians (TASBT).

Information: C. Recognition of NISD Fine Arts Department. TAEA District of Distinction

- For the fifth year in a row, the NISD Fine Arts/Visual Arts program received the District of Distinction Award from the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA). They are one of 94 winners across the state. In addition, for the third time, the NISD Fine Arts Department has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

Information: D. Recognition of NISD Fine Arts Dept. - Best Communities for Music Education Award

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Information: E. Recognition of Bobby Blount, James B. Crow award presented by TASB

- Recognition of Bobby Blount. Bobby Blount, a longtime Northside ISD school board member and president of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members, has been named the 2024 recipient of TASB's James B. Crow Innovation in Governance Award. Representatives from TASB were present to recognize him on this achievement.

## 6. Citizens to be Heard

Procedural: A. Citizens wishing to address the Board regarding matters not listed on the posted agenda will be heard at this time.

Tracy Jordan - JJ SEA teacher

2022 Bond using the money as intended and getting a new CTE building

Terry Zablocki -

Self-reported the social media incident and responded to a statement after Board lacked of transparency

District 3 regarding the DWI - Why was the case being heard in Atacosa County?

Request for a temporary trustee to be seated in place of Dist. 3

DeAmber Navajar- Concerned parent Evers Jordan and Warren

Safety, privacy, and well-being

Meet the Teacher - Lack of proper procedure.

Evers is not complying - HB3

Subs/teachers - Not acknowledging IEPs

Violation as a parent - Warren HS took her child with disabilities to Walmart to buy snacks without permission

## 7. Consent Agenda

Approval: A. The Consent Agenda includes items that are considered routine and/or are of a recurring nature. All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be acted upon in one motion.

Action (Consent): B. Minutes from the Meetings of July

Action (Consent), Approval: C. Awarding of Bids, Request for Proposals, and Purchases over \$50,000

Action (Consent): D. Board/Superintendent Goals

Action (Consent): E. Memorandum Of Understanding Between Northside ISD and Northside Education Foundation

Action (Consent), Approval: F. Exterior/Interior Colors for Addition/Renovation - Jack C. Jordan Middle School Magnet - RFCSP #2024-017

Action (Consent), Approval: G. Contractor for Freezer Upgrades - Child Nutrition Warehouse - RFCSP #2024-061

Action (Consent), Approval: H. Change Orders

Action (Consent), Approval: I. Consultant Appointments

Action (Consent), Approval: J. Construction Delivery Methods

Action (Consent), Approval: K. Certified TTESS Appraisers

Action (Consent): L. 2024-2025 School Health Advisory Council

Action (Consent), Approval: M. School District Teaching Permits

Motion by Corinne Saldana, second by Homer Guevara.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

## 8. Facilities and Operations

Action, Approval: A. Amendment #2 - Building Upgrades - GMP - Colonies North Elementary School - RFCSP #2024-009

Amendment #2 to the GMP for Building Upgrades at Colonies North Elementary is recommended.

Administrative Content

Presenter: Jacob Villarreal

Budget Provisions: 2022 Bond Program & 2018 Bond Savings

Committee: Building Committee - August 16, 2024

Recommended Action: Approval

Joeris General Contractors, Ltd. was awarded the Construction Manager-at-Risk Contract on October 24, 2023, for Building Upgrades at Colonies North Elementary School.

The project consists of two phases and subsequent bids given the complexity of the project scope. This request is for the final amendment. This amendment (Amendment #2) is for a sum of \$30,964,885.00 for the necessary work associated with the final building package. The total GMP is \$35,265,533.00.

Approval of Amendment #2 to the GMP is recommended.

Motion by Corinne Saldana, second by Karen Freeman.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

## 9. Business and Finance

Action, Approval: A. Budget Amendment No 4 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Budget amendment No. 4 for the 2023-2024 budget will be presented for approval

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by Carol Harle.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

Action, Approval: B. Commitment of Fund Balance Resolution

Per Board Policy CE (Local) the board shall approve all fund balance commitments by formal action before the end of the fiscal year, with the final amount(s) determined subsequent to the end of the fiscal year.

The resolution commits a portion of the General Fund's fund balance as well as commits special revenue fund balances from local sources for their stated purpose. 140 million

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by Homer Guevara.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

Action, Approval: C. Consideration and approval of a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Northside Independent School District providing for the defeasance and calling for redemption certain currently outstanding obligations; directing that the board secretary, or designee, effectuate the redemption of these obligations; authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; and other matters in connection therewith

Administration has identified certain outstanding debt issuances that can be defeased with interest and sinking(I&S) tax collections to be collected during the 2024-25 fiscal year. An amount of no less than \$79 million will be defeased. Select 3 series and pay off the highest interest.

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by Corinne Saldana.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

Action, Approval: D. Adoption of 2024-2025 Budget

The proposed 2024-2025 budgets for the General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, and Debt Service Fund are presented for discussion and approval by the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Karen Freeman, second by David Salcido.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

Action, Approval: E. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance fixing and levying the Northside Independent School District ad valorem taxes for the year 2024-2025; directing the assessment and collection thereof, and other matters in connection therewith

An ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem taxes for the 2024-2025 school year is being presented for approval. The recommended tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation is \$1.0049; \$0.6694 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.3355 for Interest & Sinking.

Motion by Homer Guevara, second by Carol Harle.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

Not Present at Vote: Karla Duran

Discussion: F. Bexar Appraisal District Reappraisal Schedule

Administration will brief the Board on the Bexar Appraisal District's Board of Directors discussion regarding changing its reappraisal schedule.

10. Superintendent

Information: A. Draft of Operating Procedures

Procedural: B. Future Agenda Items

11. Executive Session

Information: A. 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 Blount announced that, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 the Board would convene in closed session at 8:20 pm

Discussion: B. Appointment of Executive Director of Construction and Engineering

Discussion, Information: C. Appointment of Director of IT Support Services Technology Services

Discussion, Information: D. Appointment of Director of IT Infrastructure Services Technology Services

12. Open Session

Information: A. 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 8:42 pm

Action, Approval: B. Appointment of Executive Director of Construction and Engineering

Approval: C. Appointment of Director of IT Support Services Technology Services

Approval: D. Appointment of Director of IT Infrastructure Services Technology Services

Motion by Carol Harle, second by David Salcido.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Carol Harle, Bobby Blount, Karen Freeman, Corinne Saldana, David Salcido, Homer Guevara

13. Adjournment

Procedural: A. Adjourn the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024