

APPROVAL PENDING

The December 5, 2000 meeting of NEIC was called to order by President Tere Pena at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Adams, Jerry Arredondo, Mary Bailey, Lynn Britton, Kathleen Celaya, Venissa Dark, Linda Dossett, Anna Marie Dyas, Mary Helen Garcia, Garrie Gillaspie, Norma Hernandez, Laura Hinton, Thomas Koog, Johnny Lovejoy, Patty Martinek, Stephen Mazoch, Adelaide McAninch, Cynthia Mendoza-Collins, Sybil Morgan, Sheryl Parker, Tere Pena, Rosemary Perez, Sara Roe, Pat Strawn, Etta Tricksey, and Beth Ann Willstrop.

Staff Members Present: Pat Blattman, Pat Teicher, Eleanor Elder, and guests: Mr. Rawlinson, Mary Esther Reynosa, Elementary Math, and Joyce Hughes, Elementary Language Arts, PreK-3.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Thomas Koog, seconded by Johnny Lovejoy.

II. BOND 2001

Mr. Rawlinson gave a bond status report. There are six categories of priorities. The bond Committee is trying to keep the same tax rate as in the 1998 election. Updates were explained in detail and questions were answered extensively.

III. 2001 – 2002 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION: Propose to recommend to the board the Draft A calendar for 2000 – 2001 by Thomas Koog. SECONDED: Laura Hinton. (22 – 2 – 0)

Mr. Rawlinson brought to the attention of the Council that instead of the start date, August 21st, it may have been better served by the phrase, ‘3

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Promotion standards were described as “must do for promotion to the next grade level”. Second grade is a landmark of the three-year continuum of developmental stages. Reading has been significantly assessed recently but not writing or math. Presentation then ensued with Mrs. Reynosa sharing standards on math and Dr. Hughes on writing. Discussion on needs of the Special Education students was considered. Specific strategies on each discipline were presented and questions answered to the satisfaction of the Council. Numerous compliments were shared by NEIC members to staff present for the hard work done prior to this meeting. The presentation exemplified these efforts. Staff indicated that it was a “work in progress” and would be “fine tuned” during this process. All second grade teachers will have staff development this spring outside the school day (at no pay) in small groups for the writing standards.

Council was concerned with the possibility of the only in-house grading of papers” which may not have “diversity with objectivity.” It was suggested that sending papers outside the school for reflection and grading would eliminate possible discrepancies between schools.

V. OTHER ISSUES

Mrs Blattman announced that NEIC was on the web page. To find go to www.nisd.net and select link, NEIC. One may access agendas, minutes, etc.

Mr. Lovejoy stated that he and Marty Wender, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, will be lobbying the legislature on two highway traffic concerns in Northside. One concern is for additional money from the “safety funds” of TxDOT to improve the intersection at 1604 and Culebra. This is due to the high number of NISD high school student deaths associated with that area recently. Also, they look to petition local legislators for an improvement to the proposed plan of the 151 and 1604 interchange. They would appreciate support from and would be happy to assist NEIC members in contacting their legislators this spring and asking for their support of these two issues.

The next meeting will be on February 6, 2001.

VI. ADJOURNED AT 9:05

Motion: Rosemary Perez **SECONDED:** Johnny Lovejoy