Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Navarro Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Navarro Independent School District was held Monday, June 19, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Intermediate School Cafeteria, 588 Link Rd, Seguin, TX 78155.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Pledge of Allegiance—Luke Morales

2. Invocation—Luke Morales

3. Board President Renee Rehfeld called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and established a quorum. Present, in addition to Renee Rehfeld, were members, Hank Dietert, Clint Scheib, Donna Gilliam, Melissa Sartain and Dan Reinhard. Lacey Gosch arrived at 6:55 PM.

   Announcement that this meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code.

4. Recognitions

   A.
   Softball playoffs- District Championship

   Abigail Vital, Carlie Pitner, Samantha Wegman, Samantha Mundine, Laylin Sturm, Arianna Rodriguez, Kaislynn Tovar, Samantha Reyes, Sarah Falor, Jocelynn Diaz, Reagan Herrera, Madison Gilliam, Jillian Baker, Shelbi Stevens, Cadee Zimmer

   Baseball playoffs- Regionl Quarterfinals

   Ryan Tatom, Caleb Wood, Caleb Thomas, Baylor Quarles, Marco Moncada, Austin Davidson, Colton Schuelke, Blaine Pircher, Craig Heiman, Carlos Contreras, Matthew Villanueva, Case Monroe, Landun Taylor, Bryce Nall, Gavin Newborg, Cole Zimmer

   Track advanced to multiple post district rounds- Area and Regionals

   Ian Palmer, Rylan Ward, Mason Tate, Caleb Garcia, Jacob Gilbert, Xavier Cropper, Gabriel Rangel, Antwoin Mebane, Matthew Holmes, Trey Landry, Ethan Luu, Treagan Jaynes, Lilia Flo, Brooklynn Antuna, Leanne Rodriguez, Zoe Carter, Vanessa Garcia, Ryanne Hepp

5. Public Participation:

   Gary Minnich spoke about his concerns for future locations of elementary schools.

6. Construction Update: Assistant Project Manager Melisa Nu'u, AG|CM

   5/15 – Board approves GMP, Bartlett Cocke begins buyout process

   5/25 – Final Plat submitted to the City of Seguin (pending July 11 Planning & Zoning Meeting)

   6/1 – Public Infrastructure returned from the City of Seguin with additional comments

   6/1 – Site Plan submitted to the City of Seguin, approval contingent on recordation of plat

   6/6 – Resubmittal of Public Infrastructure addressing comments for utilities submitted to the City of Seguin

   6/7 – Follow up meeting with land owner to discuss logistics of the house at new school entry drive Will require permit from City of Seguin, Rezoning.

   6/8 – Bartlett Cocke met with GVEC to discuss temp power, relocation of poles

   6/8 – District and Bartlett Cocke finalize amended contract. Insurance and P&P Bonds received

   6/12 – Public Infrastructure permits for Utilities approved by both the City of Seguin and TxDot

   6/16 – Bartlett Cocke has requested pre-construction meeting with TxDot Inspector for road bore and the City of Seguin for waterline.

7. Discussion

A. Technology Plan

The Technology Department presented the current state of the technology hardware for faculty, staff, and students as well as the infrastructure for Navarro ISD. They presented calculations for future upgrades and replacements that will be needed to properly implement a sound technology plan for the district in the future.

B. Grant Funded Dyslexia Position

Mrs. Gosch asked about the qualifications of the Dyslexia Coordinator. Mrs. Smith responded that there are

Minimum Qualifications:
Bachelor's Degree from an accredited University
Three years experience; preferably as a teacher serving students with reading difficulties, dyslexia, and/or related disorders.
Demonstrated knowledge of dyslexia, and of federal, state and district policies and procedures related to dyslexia.
Professional Development design and implementation experienced
Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively.

and Preferred Qualifications:
Certified Dyslexia Therapist
Master's Degree from an accredited University
Special Education Certification or Reading Specialist Certification

C. Board Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

Monday, August 14, 2023
Monday, September 18, 2023
Monday, October 16, 2023
Monday, November 13, 2023
Monday, December 18, 2023
Monday, January 22, 2024
Monday, February 26, 2024
Monday, March 25, 2024
Monday, April 15, 2024
Monday, May 20, 2024
Monday, June 17, 2024
Monday, July 15, 2024
Monday, August 19, 2024

D. Budget

Budget projections are based on a projected enrollment of 2,434 students which is an average of worst case and best case for enrollment next year. Revenue is projected based on current law. Expenses have been adjusted for new positions, salary adjustments and changes previously approved by the Board, with decreases in debt service and bus purchases from local funds. No salary increase is built in at the present time. Before salary increases are included, we would show a surplus of approximately $170,000 in the general fund.

E. Meal Price Increase

Due to the increased food costs, produce costs, fuel prices, etc and the ongoing meal requirements imposed by USDA, the Board has approved a meal price increase of 15 cents for school lunches for the 2023-2024 school year.

2023-2024 Lunch Prices:

- Elementary $3.10
- Intermediate $3.10
- Junior High $3.25
- High School $3.50

8. Reports

A. Campus Activity Report - Principals, Athletic Director, District Departments

No questions.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment

The district enrollment, as of May is 2,273.

2. School Health Advisory Council

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is looking for parents and community members who would be willing to serve on a committee that focuses on building a healthy school community to ensure children graduate with skills needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

SHAC Requirements:

- Meet minimum of 4 times per year
  - Tues, Sept 26, 2023 6-7:30 pm
  - Mon, Oct 30, 2023 6-7:30 pm
  - Mon, Feb 5, 2024 6-7:30 pm
  - Mon, Apr 8, 2024 6-7:30 pm
- Majority of the members must be parents that are not employed by the school district
- SHAC must recommend curriculum for:

  Obesity Prevention, Cardiovascular Disease, Type 2 Diabetes, Suicide, Opioid Addiction and Abuse, Human Sexuality, Child Abuse, Family Valence, Dating Violence, Sex Trafficking
- SHAC Annual Activities: Coordinate Fitness and Physical Activities on each campus Mental Health and Safe School Programs (Panther Promise) Child Nutrition - Food Fair Vaccines and Health Clinics (Flu) SHARE Program TCHATT (Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine) YAM (Youth Aware of Mental Health) District Wellness Plan District Food Allergy Awareness Annual training for staff and students

We are looking for parents and community members to join the SHAC Committee, so please reach out to Wendy McMullen at wendy.mcmullen@nisd.us

C. Softball Field Update

Preliminary discussion with contractors indicated that this will be a substantial job. The Facilities and Maintenance Department will be taking it out for RFQ bids to gather further information to bring back to the Board in the future.

D. Assessment Results

Preliminary scores were presented to the board based on the early raw scores received from TEA for the 2022-2023 STAAR/EOC exams. The timeline of when we can expect final scores and information from the state as well as the A-F Accountability rating system was also discussed.

Late June TEA should be providing preliminary assessment reports to districts and families in the online portals, and final assessment results with both scale scores and performance levels will be published by mid to late August.

E. District Financial Reports

No questions.

9. Consent Agenda:

Donna Gilliam moved and Lacey Gosch seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda items as presented:

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 15, 2023

B. TASB Board Policy Update 121

C. Purchase Two (2) new 2021 Thomas 78 Passenger Buses and One (1) 2025 Thomas 45 Passenger Wheelchair Accessible Bus

D. Fleet Fuel Supplies 2023-2024

E. Purchase of Classroom Furniture for Navarro Junior High School

F. Quarterly Investment Report

G. New Bank Account Signatures

H. TEKS Certification

I. Budget Amendment

J. Donation of $17,469.69 from the Navarro Athletic Booster Club for athletic wish list items

K. Consider Renewal of IXL Online Instructional Program for grades PK-12th grade for all core content subjects: Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies

L. Consider a Two-Year Renewal of the Edmentum APEX Online Program for Student Tutorials and Credit Recovery for grades 6-12

M. Consider Renewal of NWEA MAP Growth K-12 and MAP Reading Fluency products for the 2023-2024 school year

N. Consider utilizing TCLAS (Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports) Decision 2A grant funds in the amount of $121,487.39 to purchase TEA recommended Amplify ELAR instructional print materials for grades 3-8

O. Consider purchase of Heggerty Bridge to Reading Phonics Program for kindergarten, first and second grade

P. Consider and take possible action to approve meal price increase

Q. Consider and possible action to approve adoption of supplemental Prevailing Wage Rates for Electrician Helper for the New High School Project

R. Consider RFP #23-005 All Sports (Spring & Fall) Training Supplies 2023-2024

Vote 7 to 0; motion carried

10. Action Items

A. Consider approval of new position of Special Education Dyslexia Coordinator

Dan Reinhard moved and Hank Dietert seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the new position of Special Education Dyslexia Coordinator

Vote 7 to 0; motion carried

11. Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 8:40 PM to:

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss the duties of the Superintendent

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss the Employment and Resignations of Professional Personnel to include Teachers and other Professions.

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

12. Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:17 PM to consider possible action related to Closed Session discussion

Hank Dietert moved and Clint Scheib seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Employment of Professional Personnel to include Teachers and other Professions

Vote 7 to 0; motion carried

13. Renee Rehfeld adjourned the meeting at 10:18 PM.

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Renee Rehfeld, President
NISD Board of Trustees

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Donna Gilliam, Secretary
NISD Board of Trustees