Minutes of 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, October 16, 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. Call to Order— Board Vice President, Hank Dietert, called the meeting to order 6:30 PM and established a quorum. Present, in addition to Hank Dietert, are Donna Gilliam, Melissa Sartain, Dan Reinhard and Lacey Gosch.

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. Jazz Band Student – William Hamilyon earned first chair and advanced to the area auditon for jazz piano in the ATSSB Region 12 Jazz Band.

B. Child Nutrition – Carlette Drabek and the Child Nutrition Services Team were recognized as a Prime Player in the US Department of Agriculture Food Challenge.

5. Public Participation:
No one requested to address the Board.

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

To date the Public Infrastructure work is nearly complete. Installation of the water/wastewater lines has been installed and passed pressure testing as required by Springs Hill and the City of Seguin. Further testing of the water, flushing the lines and manholes should be finalized this week. The challenge has been the permitting process. Last week, upon request of a conditional building permit to allow for work on the building pad, a Site Grading permit was issued October 11, 2023. The stipulations from the City of Seguin on the Site Grading permit allows for dirt work at the building pad. This work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks.

Without a site permit or building permit no further work can be done onsite. Claycomb resubmitted the building permit October 6, 2023, and expects to resubmit Site permit (2nd round) by October 17, 2023. Expedited reviews have been requested. Construction timeline is 24 months, which now pushes completion to November 2025.

Lacey Gosch advocated for the Board to draft a resolution to the City of Seguin that addresses the delays and the building timeline moving forward. Ms. Gosch also encouraged parents and community members to reach out to the city. Ms. Epley agreed to work with the Board on communication with the City.

7. Discussion/Information

A. **Superintendent's Student Advisory Update** – Hadlee Wilson and Abby Pollock gave a presentation about the newly formed Superintendent Student Advisory Committee. This group of Navarro High School students will meet with Mrs. Epley to discuss what is going great and what can be looked at from a students' point of view. The students have already met one time and created a list of topics they would like to discuss. After several meetings, they will be making recommendations to the Board about topics they have discussed. Superintendent Student Advisory

Meetings: September 26 - Introductions/Topics for Discussion. October 17 - Discussions and Representative Feedback. December 5 - Discussions and Representative Feedback. February 13 - Discussions and Board Recommendations. April 2 - Nominate Students for Next Year and prepare for Board Presentation.

B. **PLC Presentation** – Brandy Coppedge and Emily Landrum prsented the Instructional Coaching Update. Instructional coaches (IC) partner with teachers to improve teaching practices and student learning to improve the quality of students' education. IC collaborates with teachers to engage in teacher-driven support cycles that improve the quality of instruction as well as implementation support for evidence-based practices. IC serves as mentors and role models in helping teachers stay up to date with best practices in their instruction. The goal of the Navarro Independent School District instructional coaching program is to develop coaching partnerships that inspire high levels of learning through the use of meaningful data and the implementation of effective instructional practices in order to grow and support a collaborative community for staff and students.

8. Reports

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

B. Superintendent's Report

1. **Enrollment** - Navarro Elementary School – 636; Navarro Intermediate School 541; Navarro Jr High School – 560; Navarro High School - 697.

2. **Calendar of Events** – The NISD Calendar of events can be accessed through https://www.nisd.us/events.

3. **Collaborative Vision Committee Update** – October 11, 2023 was the third Collaborative Vision Committee Meeting. Topics discussed were creation of a Graduation Profile, Adademic Success & Instruction, Employee Recruiment & Retention, and Parent & Community Engagement. The committee has begun creating a Gap Analysis and a CVP Template for a 5 year Strategic Plan that includes Objectives, Measures and Action Steps to present the Board. The next meeting will be October 25, 2023.

4. **Long Range Facilities Planning** – Invitations have been sent out for the Long Range Master Planning Committee. Meetings are scheduled for November 1, November 29, December 4, December 11 and January 10. This committee is an extension of the collaborative Vision Committee and will make final recommendations to the Board in January.

5. **Legislative Update** – Ms. Epley spoke about Senate Bill 1, which has passed the Senate and is going to the House. Current proposed policy from SB1 includes:

A. ESA of $8,000

B. Eligible Students:

• No more than 40% of available positions by lottery from students who qualify for free or reduced lunch (or <185% of the federal poverty line) and previously attended public or entering Pre-K/Kindergarten for the first time.

• No more than 30% of available positions by lottery from students whose parents make between 185% and 500% of the federal poverty line and previously attended public or entering Pre-K/Kindergarten for the first time.

• No more than 20% of available positions by lottery from students who have a disability and previously attended public or entering Pre-K/Kindergarten for the first time.

• Remainder (10%) with students not described by (1),(2), or (3).

• $1,000 for homeschool students should money be left over in the fund.

C. No access to IDEA protections.

D. Loss of parent protection (Chapter 26).

E. Full immunity from state regulation on participating private school – including admissions and dismissal rules.

F Private school must be accredited by 20+ accrediting bodies.

G. Online "accredited" private schools DO qualify for ESAs – ESAs will impact district no matter where the student is located.

H. Districts with 5k and under enrollment will receive temporarily "reimbursement" for students that leave, but only if the school district decreases in enrollment overall.

C. District Financial Reports

D. **Education Foundation Presentation** – The Navarro Education Foundation Board Members presented a check for $62,363.44 to the Navarro ISD Board as the total amount of funded grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

9. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on September 18, 2023

B. Minutes of Special Board Meeting September 27, 2023

C. Budget Amendment

D. Classroom Interactive Screen Purchase

E. Documation Contract

F. Approval of continued use of Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA) contract from Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD (SCUCISD) for Supplemental Education Instructional & Related Services under solicitation 19-030V with Trinity Educational Services.

Donna Gilliam moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Melissa Sartain seconded. Vote 5–0; motion carried.

10. Action Items

A. SB763 School Chaplains - Resolution of the Board to Employ or Accept as Volunteers Chaplains.

Lacey Gosch moved to approve the resolution to not permit a district campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students at this time. Dan Reinhard seconded the motion. [Vote 5-0. Hank Dietert - FOR; Donna Gilliam – FOR; Melissa Sartain – FOR; Dan Reinhard – FOR; Lacey Gosch – FOR. Motion carried.]

B. Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Maintenance Tax Notes. -Nick Westerman from SAMCO Capitol prested a resolution authorizing the issuance of the $1,000,000 Navarro ISD Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2023; making provision for the payment thereof by the annual levy of the District's Maintenance and Operations ad valorem taxes; and other matters relating to foregoing.

Dan Reinhard moved Lacey Gosch seconded the motion. [Vote 5-0. Hank Dietert - FOR; Donna Gilliam – FOR; Melissa Sartain – FOR; Dan Reinhard – FOR; Lacey Gosch – FOR. Motion carried.]

11. Closed Session: The Board went into into closed session at 7:59 PM.

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

B. Special Education Mediation
Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.071 and 551.0821, consultation with School's attorney regarding threatened litigation and possible settlement of Texas Education Agency Mediation Docket Number 107-DM-0723, a matter concerning a student with a disability.

Any related action will be taken in open session.

12. Open Session: The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:00 to consider possible action related to closed session discussion.

Lacey Gosch moved to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the School's attorney and direct the Superintendent and the School's attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session concerning Texas Education Agency Mediation Docket Number 107-DM-0723. Melissa Sartain seconded the motion. Vote 5 – 0; motioned carried.

13. Hank Dietert adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

Renee Rehfeld, President
NISD Board of Trustees

Donna Gilliam, Secretary
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