

**Nursery Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, April 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
NISD Library
13254 Nursery Dr.
Victoria, Texas 77904**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. In attendance were Neal Stevenson, Missy Yearwood, Dr. John McNeill, Dr. Larry Gajewsky, Jennifer Southern, Lucy Ortega, Jason Ohrt, Keri Wickliffe, Alyssa Tinsley, Melissa Karnei, Addie Bell, Heather Taylor, Rhonda Talkington, Alyssa Villarreal, and Herb Spencer.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. March 20, 2023

Dr. McNeill made the motion to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes as presented. Missy Yearwood the second. The vote was unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

A. For Posted Agenda Items

Two Public Comments: Alyssa Tinsley made a report regarding Spring Fling and PTO made around 31K dollars. PTO is happy to help with teacher grants and support the school.

Jason Ohrt commented on Spring Fling and was complimentary regarding the turnout and activities. It was a great event.

B. For Non-Posted Agenda Items

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Payment of Bills

B. Superintendent's Report

a. Principal Report

i. Employee of the Month

ii. Campus Profile

iii. Academics-STAAR Testing

b. Communication-Community Engagement

i. Spring Fling

ii. Field Day

- iii. SBOE Representative Visit
- c. Financial and Facilities
 - i. VCAD Keri Wickliffe-Update on Value of Notices
 - ii. Update on STEC
 - iii. Safety and Security Audit
 - iv. SRSA Grant

Keri Wickliffe began by providing an update regarding the Victoria County Appraisal District and her role in the VCAD. She presented facts regarding various sectors of the VCAD to include: Residential 20 to 60% increase; Land, 25 to 40% increase, and 30% increase in small acreage; Commercial 30 to 60% increase; Soft Landing regarding the economy.

Mrs. Southern announced that Alyssa Villarreal and Connie Boedecker were the employees of the Month for their hard work and dedication to NISD. Currently, NISD has 133 students. We have had an influx of 10 new students but then 4 left. This happens a lot at NISD. This year, NISD will implement a Transfer Committee to review transfer applications.

Dr. Gajewsky reported that Spring Fling was a success and many thanks to PTO for their efforts. May 19 will be NISD's Field Day and we will likely open this up to parents at the end of the day as we did last year. Dr. Gajewsky had the opportunity to take the SBOE Representative, LJ Francis, on a tour of NISD. Dr. Gajewsky explained the challenges that NISD continues to face regarding the financial issues that negatively impact NISD and our school community. LJ Francis was very receptive and listened attentively. Dr. Gajewsky reported that the Safety and Security EOP was accepted by the State with no additional changes. Finally, Dr. Gajewsky applied for the SRSA grant and is awaiting approval from the State.

V. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider and Approve the EOP and Annexes

Dr. Gajewsky previously sent the Board the EOP and Annexes; Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the EOP and Annexes. Missy Yearwood made the Second. The vote carried unanimously.

- B. Consider and Approve the 2023-2024 Allotment and TEKS Certification form
Information was discussed regarding the new requirements for a Stand-Alone Phonics Program, NISD currently has a solid Reading Program that addresses the needs of all children. Dr. Gajewsky stated that more research was needed but he would make the best decision for the students at NISD. Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 TEKS Certification as presented. Neal Stevenson, made the second but added that Dr. Gajewsky could select a program from the approved programs but also has the authority to not select from the recommended list. The vote was unanimous.

- C. Consider and Approve Delegating the Superintendent the authority to offer contracts to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.

Neal Stevenson made the motion to grant Dr. Gajewsky the authority to offer contracts as NISD prepares for the 2023-2024 school year. Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote carried unanimously.

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:19 p.m.

- A. Consider and discuss Employment/Resignation, Reassignment of District Personnel, and possible new positions for NISD. (TGC 551.074)
- B. The Board will discuss the employment of personnel (TGC 551.074)
- C. Consider Probationary Contract Renewals (TGC 551.074)
- D. Consider Term Contract Renewals (TGC 551.074)
- E. Consider Term Contract Non-Renewals (TGC 551.074)
- F. Administrative Contract Renewals (TGC 551.074)
- G. The Board may seek the advice of the attorney for the governmental body on matters that are protected by the attorney/client privilege (TGC 551.071)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS: BOARD TO RECONVENE FOR OFFICIAL ACTION

The Board reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

- A. Consider and Approve Renewal, Non-Renewal, Termination and Extension of Teacher Contracts for 2023-2024.

Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the renewal, non-renewal, termination, and extension of teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Dr. McNeill made the second. The vote was unanimous.

- B. Consider and Approve Letters of Reasonable Assurance for non-contract employees.

N/A

- C. Consider Administrative Contract Renewal (TGC 551.074)


Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the Administrative Contract for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Dr. McNeill made the second. The vote was unanimous.


- D. The Board will reconvene and take any action deemed necessary based on discussions held in closed sessions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Neal Stevenson made the motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.n. Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimous.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Approved:  Date: 5/22/23
Neal Stevenson, President
Nursery ISD School Board

Approved:  Date: 5/22/2023
Dr. John McNeill, Secretary
Nursery ISD School Board