

**Nazareth ISD BOE
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Jenny Schulte at 7:30 p.m. Other members present were Vice President Alan Birkenfeld, Secretary Jennifer Heiman, and members Allison Kleman, Marty Gerber, and Keith Hoelting. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Kara Sue Garlitz, Principal Robert O'Connor, and Steve Lapp. The prayer was led by Alan, the pledge by Marty and the mission statement was read by Jennifer.

Steve Lapp from Fairly Group was present to answer questions about the property, vehicle, and liability insurance renewal through Public Educators Association of Texas, PEAT. An action item is to be considered later in the meeting.

A motion to approve the property, vehicle, cyber and liability insurance from Fairly Group/Public Educators Association of Texas was made by Jenny, and seconded by Alan. The motion carried 6-0.

For the Principal's Report, Mr. O'Connor gave an update on the master schedule, the calendar, and enrollment. He then gave an academic update of the STAAR scores for 2022-2023.

Budget and tax hearing opened by President Jenny Schulte at 8:35 p.m.

Superintendent Garlitz presented a PowerPoint summary of the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Details regarding revenue and expenditures were presented for the three budgets including general operating (199), child nutrition (240), and debt services (599). Following the reports, the hearing was closed by President Schulte at 8:51 p.m.

Superintendent Garlitz presented the Superintendent Report, which included the regular reports of District's current bills, financial reports, bank reconciliations, Castro CAD monthly tax collection, facilities and operations. Approval of the check lists and financial reports will be considered under the Consent Agenda.

Cash flow and investments were presented. The pledged securities with Peoples Bank were reported and presented. Budget amendments for 2022-2023 will be considered under the consent agenda. Castro County Appraisal District reported that 99.80% of current M&O taxes and 99.79% of current I&S taxes have been collected. The certified tax values were presented.

Dr. Garlitz gave an update on facilities and operations, and personnel. The preliminary School FIRST rating of 100% was presented. Extracurricular designation and adjunct faculty status for Castro County 4-H, ATA, and AIM will be considered under the consent agenda.

The 2023-2024 Student Attendance Accounting Procedures were presented for consideration under the consent agenda as was the TASB Risk Pool for Unemployment Insurance. This was followed by board training opportunities.

The board entered closed session at 9:04 pm under section 551.074 in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The board exited closed session at 9:26 pm.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the July 12, 2023 regular meeting and August 2, 2023 special meeting, financial reports, current check payment lists as presented, budget amendments for 2022-2023, the contract with Interquest Canines contract, extracurricular and adjunct faculty designations, the approval of the 2023-2024 Student Attendance Accounting Procedures, and renewal of the unemployment insurance policy through TASB Risk Management Fund was made by Marty. The motion was seconded by Jennifer, and the motion carried 6-0.

The motion to adopt the proposed 2023-2024 budget for the general fund, food service, and debt service as presented was made by Jenny. The motion was seconded by Marty, and the motion carried 6-0.

Alan made a motion classify the fund balance as presented. It was seconded by Jennifer, and the motion carried 6-0.

Jenny stated, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.988, which is effectively a 4.51% increase in the Maintenance & Operation tax rate." The motion was seconded by Marty, and the motion carried 6-0.

Marty stated, "I move the Board adopt an order calling a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election pursuant to section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code to be held on the November 7, 2023, uniform election date and authorize the Superintendent to take such further action necessary and related thereto." The motion was seconded by Alan, and the motion carried 6-0.

Alan made a motion and Jenny seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Jenny Schulte, BOE President



Jennifer Heiman, BOE Secretary

**ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION
NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of conducting a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (the "Election" or "VATRE"). Specifically, the following proposition will be on the ballot:

**NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION
NAZARETH ISD PROPOSITION A**

	FOR)	RATIFYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF
_____)	\$0.988 IN NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
)	DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE
)	THAT WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF -2.39
)	PERCENT IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
)	TAX REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE
)	CURRENT YEAR AS COMPARED TO THE
_____	AGAINST)	PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL
)	\$-18,558.

The Early Voting Clerk is JoAnna Blanco. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Joanna Blanco, Castro County Clerk, 100 E. Bedford Street, Room 101, Nazareth, Texas 79027 or emailed to jbclerk@castrocounty.org. JoAnna Blanco may be reached at (806) 647-3338 and her information is provided on the internet at: <https://www.co.castro.tx.us/page/castro.County.Clerk>.

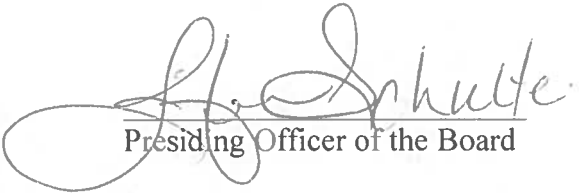
Applications for ballot by mail (ABBM)s must be received no later than the close of business on October 27, 2023. Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on October 27, 2023.

For all eligible District voters, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on the dates and times and at the locations identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

For all eligible District voters, voting on Election Day, November 7, 2023, will be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the polling places listed in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

[signatures follow on next page]

Issued this 21st day of August, 2023.


Presiding Officer of the Board


Board Secretary

(DISTRICT SEAL)

Exhibit A

NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

<i>Early Voting Polling Place</i>	<i>Dates of Early Voting</i>	<i>Hours of Early Voting</i>
Castro County Courthouse 100 E. Bedford, Room 113 Nazareth, TX 79027	October 23, 2023 - October 27, 2023	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	October 30, 2023 - November 1, 2023	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	November 2, 2023 - November 3, 2023	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit B

**NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

Voting for the Nazareth Independent School District's **VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION** shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023, at the following designated precincts and polling places:

District Polling Place No.	County Precinct No.	Location
1	Precinct 408	Nazareth Senior Citizens Building 103 North 2 nd Street Nazareth, TX 79063

**AVISO DE ELECCIONES DE LOS VOTANTES PARA APROBAR
LA TASA IMPOSITIVA
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE NAZARETH**

A los Votantes Inscritos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Nazareth:

Por la presente se notifica que la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Nazareth ha ordenado que se celebre una Elección Especial el 7 de noviembre de 2023, con el fin de llevar a cabo unas Elecciones de los Votantes para aprobar la Tasa Impositiva (las "Elecciones" o "VATRE", *por sus siglas en inglés*). Específicamente, la siguiente proposición estará en la boleta electoral:

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE NAZARETH
ELECCIONES DE LOS VOTANTES PARA APROBAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA
DEI DE NAZARETH PROPOSICIÓN A**

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| _____ A FAVOR |) | RATIFICAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA AD VALOREM DE |
| |) | \$0.988 EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE |
| |) | NAZARETH PARA EL AÑO EN CURSO, TASA QUE |
| |) | REPRESENTA UN AUMENTO DEL -2.39 POR CIENTO EN |
| |) | LA RECAUDACIÓN FISCAL PARA EL MANTENIMIENTO Y |
| |) | OPERACIONES PARA EL DISTRITO PARA EL AÑO EN |
| _____ EN |) | CURSO EN COMPARACIÓN CON EL AÑO ANTERIOR, QUE |
| _____ CONTRA |) | ES UNA CANTIDAD ADICIONAL DE -\$18,558. |

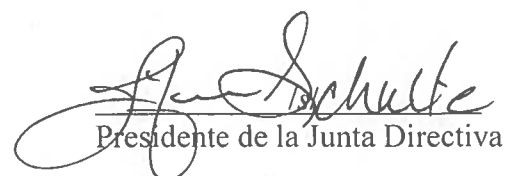
La Secretaria de Votación Anticipada es JoAnna Blanco. Las solicitudes de boletas electorales para poder votar por correo deben de enviarse por correo a Joanna Blanco, Castro County Clerk, 100 E. Bedford Street, Room 101, Nazareth, Texas 79027 o por correo electrónico a jbclerk@castrocounty.org. Se puede comunicar con JoAnna Blanco llamando al (806) 647-3338 y su información se proporciona en el internet en: <https://www.co.castro.tx.us/page/castro.County.Clerk>.

Las solicitudes de boletas electorales para poder votar por correo (ABBM's, *por sus siglas en inglés*) deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de las actividades el 27 de octubre de 2023. Las Solicitudes de Tarjeta Postal Federal (FPCAs, *por sus siglas en inglés*) deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de las actividades el 27 de octubre de 2023.

Para todas las personas del Distrito que reúnen los requisitos para votar, la votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en las fechas y horas y en los lugares identificados en el Anexo "A" que aquí se adjunta y se incorpora al presente como referencia.

Para todas las personas del Distrito que reúnen los requisitos para votar, la votación el día de las elecciones, el 7 de noviembre de 2023, se llevará a cabo entre las 7 a.m. y las 7 p.m. en los lugares de votación enumerados en el Anexo "B" que aquí se adjunta y se incorpora al presente como referencia.

Emitido el 21 de agosto de 2023.


Presidente de la Junta Directiva

Anexo A

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE NAZARETH
ELECCIONES DE LOS VOTANTES PARA APROBAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA,
7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2023

FECHAS, HORARIOS Y LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA

<i>Votación Anticipada Centro de Votación</i>	<i>Fechas de Votación Anticipada</i>	<i>Horario de Votación Anticipada</i>
Castro County Courthouse 100 E. Bedford, Room 113 Nazareth, TX 79027	23 de octubre de 2023 - 27 de octubre de 2023	8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
	30 de octubre de 2023 – 1º de noviembre de 2023	8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
	2 de noviembre de 2023 - 3 de noviembre de 2023	7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Anexo B

**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE NAZARETH
ELECCIONES DE LOS VOTANTES PARA APROBAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA,
7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2023**

LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES

LAS ELECCIONES DE LOS VOTANTES PARA APROBAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA
del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Nazareth se realizará entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. del
7 de noviembre de 2023, en los siguientes distritos electorales y centros de votación designados:

Número del Centro de Votación del Distrito	Número del Distrito Electoral del Condado	Dirección
1	Distrito Electoral 408	Nazareth Senior Citizens Building 103 North 2 nd Street Nazareth, TX 79063

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the
Nazareth Independent School District
to Set Tax Rate**

Date: August 21 2023

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Nazareth Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2023-2024 at a total tax rate of \$0.988, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.858 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.13 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.51% PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$37.00.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2023, by the Board of Trustees of the Nazareth Independent School District.



Board President

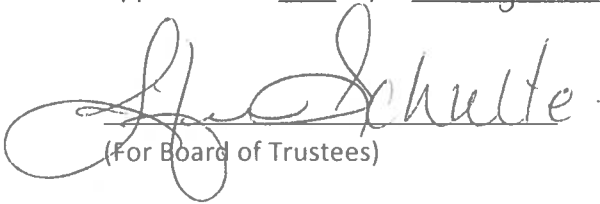


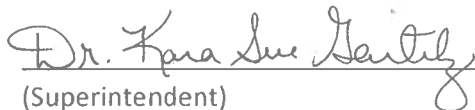
Board Secretary

RESOLUTION
Regarding
EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date the duly elected Board of Trustees of the Nazareth Independent School District meeting in public with a quorum present and certified did adopt this resolution that recognizes the Castro County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities. Participation by 4-H members under provisions of this resolution are subject to all rules and regulations set forth under the 19 Texas Administrative Code as interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district whose rulings shall be final.

Approved this 21 day of August, 2023


(For Board of Trustees)


(Superintendent)

ADJUNCT FACULTY RESOLUTION

On this date, at a regularly scheduled and posted meeting, came the Board of Trustees of the Nazareth Independent School District, hereinafter referred to as "District." A quorum having been established, the Board proceeded to consider the appointment of the herein named individuals as adjunct faculty members of the Nazareth Independent School District.

Upon consideration and vote of in favor, Audrey Christine Meador is hereby named as an adjunct faculty member of the Nazareth Independent School District subject to the following conditions and provisions of such appointment, to wit:

1. This appointment shall commence on the 1st day of September, 2023, and end on the 31st day of August, 2024, being the end of the 2023-2024 academic year.
2. Adjunct faculty members will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Nazareth Independent School District.
3. District shall have no responsibility for any insurance, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance or plans.

Adjunct faculty members shall direct the activities and participation of students of the school district in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by adjunct faculty members for which notice shall be given to School District administrative personnel. This appointment is made by Nazareth Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said District.

This appointment of the herein named, Audrey Christine Meador, is not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by Nazareth Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Signed this day of:

August 21, 2023

Nazareth Independent School District by:

Dr. Kara Sue Gault

Adjunct Faculty Appointment accepted by:

Audrey Meador