

**Nazareth ISD BOE
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Jenny Schulte at 7:32 p.m. Other members present were Vice President Alan Birkenfeld, Secretary Jennifer Heiman, Mac Annen, Marty Gerber, Keith Hoelting, and Mitchell Brockman. Also present was Principal Robert O'Connor and Superintendent Dr. Kara Sue Garlitz. The prayer was led by Jennifer, the pledge by Marty and the mission statement was read by Alan.

Under the Principal's Reports, Mr. O'Connor included enrollment/attendance information, a calendar of upcoming events, and an academic update.

The board entered into closed session at 7:55 pm under section 551.074 in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The board exited closed session at 8:10 pm

Keith made a motion to approve Dr. Garlitz's recommendation to extend Jill Garcia and Farron Urbanczyk probationary professional contract for 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Mitchell, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mitchell made a motion to approve Dr. Garlitz's recommendation to renew the contracts of the teachers and counselor as presented. The motion was seconded by Marty, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Garlitz presented the Superintendent Report, which included the regular reports of District's current bills, financial reports, cash flow and investment report, Pledged Securities, Castro CAD monthly tax collection, facilities and operations, transportation, and personnel. It also included the 2023-2024 Salary Schedules, the 2023-2024 Transfer Students, the Instructional Material Allotment & TEKS Certifications for 2023-2024, and upcoming training opportunities.

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. Castro County Appraisal District reported that 96.79% of current M&O taxes and 96.81% of current I&S taxes have been collected.

Dr. Garlitz gave an update on facilities and operation, transportation, and personnel. The Trustee Election calendar for May 6 election was reviewed. The list of current transfer applications for 2023-2024 were presented, as were the results of the 3-year school safety audit. Under the Consent Agenda the board will consider approval of the Instructional Material Allotment & TEKS Certification for 2023-2024.

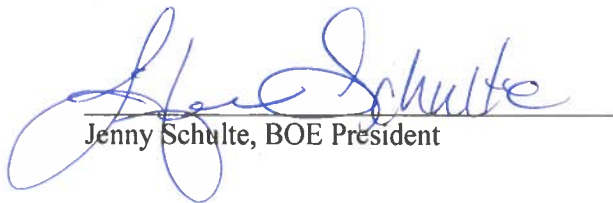
A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the March 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes, financial reports, current check payment lists, approving the 2023-2024 salary schedules, accepting a donation, and approving the Instructional Material Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2023-2024 was made by Mac. The motion was seconded by Marty and the motion carried 7-0.

After discussion, Keith made a motion to approve a board resolution against school vouchers. The motion was seconded by Alan, and the motion carried 7-0.

Time was provided for closing comments or further questions.

Jennifer made a motion and Marty seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Jenny Schulte, BOE President



Jennifer Heimann, BOE Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION
VOUCHERS, EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, TAXPAYER SAVINGS GRANTS,
AND OTHER MECHANISMS THAT REDUCE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING**

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF CASTRO §

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution requires that the Texas Legislature “establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools;”

WHEREAS, Texas public school districts accept every student;

WHEREAS, education savings accounts and other voucher schemes give private schools, not parents, the right to choose;

WHEREAS, Texas public schools adhere to state-mandated academic and financial accountability standards;

WHEREAS, private schools are not required to meet the same academic standards as public schools, and they do not report test results, graduation rates, and other performance measures to the public;

WHEREAS, school choice already exists in the Texas via public school districts, charter schools, inter- and intra-district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools;

WHEREAS, education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes eliminate public accountability of schools and tax dollars;



WHEREAS, using tax dollars to pay for tuition at private and religious schools would grow into a costly entitlement program;

WHEREAS, a taxpayer-funded voucher program would reduce the amount of state funds available for all schools, harming many rural Texas communities where families have few, if any, private school options; and

WHEREAS, Texas parents who accept a voucher would lose out on a long list of important parental rights outlined in Texas state education code and in federal law, especially protections for students receiving special education services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nazareth ISD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of April, 2023.


JENNY SCHULTE, PRESIDENT
ALAN BIRKENFELD, VICE PRESIDENT
JENNIFER HEIMAN, SECRETARY

MAC ANNEN, MEMBER


MITCHELL BROCKMAN, MEMBER
MARTY GERBER, MEMBER
KEITH HOELTING, MEMBER