Nazareth ISD BOE Regular Meeting June 10, 2020

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

Under Principal's Reports, Mr. O'Connor presented information on graduation, and gave the board information on the draft copy of the master schedule.

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, transportation report, 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. Castro County Appraisal District reported that 74.33% of current M&O taxes and 74.77% of current I&S taxes have been collected.

The district received the letter of engagement from Gary Brown for the audit of the 2019-2020. The fee went up to \$26,000 to reflect the additional time it has been taking to complete our audit. It will be considered as an Action Item.

Under transportation, Dr. Garlitz noted that she had been unable to reach the new superintendent of Borden County ISD, Steph Brockman Behrens, to check on their old buses yet. Under facilities and operations, Dr. Garlitz discussed the repainting project of the football bleachers, field house as well as the school hallways and door frames. The contractor should be starting on the interior painting mid-June. She also discussed the quote received for a re-keying project as part of the School Safety grant. She also shared the gifts/donations that Home & School had discussed as projects which included getting the trees trimmed in the district as well as getting a new convection oven for the culinary arts kitchen in the FCS classroom. These items will be considered for approval in the Consent Agenda.

Personnel issues were discussed, and a hiring recommendation will be considered under the Personnel Action Item.

The approval for the SBDM recommended School Calendar for 2020-2021 will be considered under the Consent Agenda. The Administrative Summer Hours were discussed and will be in place for June and July, except for Graduation Day on Friday, June 5. An update on the Castro County Special Education SSA was given by Dr. Garlitz. Dimmitt ISD is currently arranging to turn over all inventoried items to be retained in the cooperative, with the exception of the items they would like to purchase at fair market value. Hart ISD and Nazareth ISD will forge ahead with the co-op and Underwood Law is changing the current contract to an Interlocal Agreement.

Dr. Garlitz discussed some things to consider about the Board approved school calendar for 2020-2021 in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. She then presented a timeline of the GPA Policy

and EIC (Local) to discuss some discrepancies that she and Mr. O'Connor found. Their main concern is that the policy reflects the board's intent.

Dr. Garlitz then gave an update on the Castro County Special Education Co-op SSA which included that we are still waiting to receive the new Inter-Local Agreement for the reorganization from Underwood Law. Nazareth will serve as the fiscal agent and we are working with Region 16 to get that set up for the transfer on July 1. Supplies and equipment has been moved from Dimmitt to Hart where it will be housed. Dr. Garlitz will be recommending the hiring of Keely Williams as Director/Diagnostician.

Dr. Garlitz presented COVID-19 updates which included working with TDEM as we progress through the system in filing for reimbursement costs through FEMA. In the consent agenda the board will consider approving waivers for the Annual Financial Report November 27th Due Date Requirement waiver, the TXVSN Course Review and/or Teacher Professional Development Requirements, the Alternate K and/or 7th Grade Reading Instruments Requirements, and the Parent Notice Requirements for Students at Risk of Failure. She also reported that all staff had completed a mandatory training for accessing school facilities after June 1, as well as the UIL-sanctioned summer strength-conditioning programs and sport specific skill Instruction that could begin on June 8.

BOE Training Opportunities were then presented, which included the TASB Fall Convention October 2-4, 2020.

There was nothing new reported on Transfer Students.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the May 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes, financial reports, current check payment lists as presented, the re-keying project for the School Safety Grant, the Home & School donation projects, the Annual Financial Report November 27th Due Date waiver, TXVSN waiver, the Alternate K & 7th Reading Instrument waiver, and the Notice for Students at Risk of Failure waiver was made by Mitchell. The motion was seconded by Jennifer and the motion carried 7-0.

The board went to closed session at 9:24 p.m. under section 550.714 in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The board exited closed session at 10:01 p.m.

The motion to approve the hiring Keely Williams for a contract as Director/Diagnostician for the Castro County Special Education Co-op ILA made by Jenny, seconded by Mac. The motion carried 7-0.

No action was taken of approving the Inter-Local Agreement as a reorganization of the Castro County Special Education SSA between Nazareth ISD and Hart ISD.

No action was taken on the deliberation of adopting a resolution(s) authorizing individuals to possess firearms under Board Policy CKC(Local) and administrative regulations.

The motion to approve the engagement of Brown, Graham & Company as auditor for 2019-2020 was made by Mitchell, seconded by Jennifer and the motion carried 4-3, with Keith, Mac, and Alan voting against the measure.

Board members were given an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Keith made a motion and Mac seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Marty Gerber, BOE President

Jennifer "Jenny" Schulle, BOE Secretary