

**Nursery Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
& BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, August 29, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
NISD Library
13254 Nursery Dr.
Victoria, Texas 77904**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. In attendance were: Neal Stevenson, Missy Yearwood, Dr. John McNeill, Dr. Gajewsky, Cullen Elkins, Sheena Vahalik, Tristan Vahalik, Amy Sommerlatte, and Jennifer Southern. Alyssa Tinsley left at the beginning of the meeting.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. July 22, 2024 Regular
- B. July 31, 2024 Special
- C. August 5, 2024 Special

Dr. McNeill made the motion to accept the July 22, July 31, and August 5, minutes as presented. Missy Yearwood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Description: Board members will listen to comments but only the Board President, as the designated spokesperson, may respond to the speaker if required. Those responses are limited to referring the speaker to applicable board policy or to the appropriate administrator.

- A. TAX Rate and Budget
- B. For Posted Agenda Items
- C. For Non-Posted Agenda Items

There were no public comments for the tax rate and budget.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Administrative Report
 - a. Principal

Mrs. Southern announced that NISD currently had 157 students. Matthew Lorick was the employee of the month. Most of the 6th grade students selected band and that all students who needed an instrument had one.

b. Superintendent

- i. Discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding for the 2024-2025 school year.

Dr. Gajewsky started by discussing the impact to local state and federal funding for the 24-25 school year and brought the attention to the board the document that explained the above mentioned item. NISD's first game would be on September 5, 2024 at Myersville. All but 2 5th graders are playing sports to assist our 6th grade team. The 6th grade has successfully launched and the students are doing well. As with all new initiatives, there are growing pains but the students and staff are excited. We will look at joining UIL for next year and that will impact our handbook and require planning.

VII. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider and Approve the Updated NISD Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. *Due to an error on the calendar sent to NISD, a new calendar correcting two dates was presented. Neal Stevenson made the motion to amend the 2024-2025 NISD Calendar. Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimous.*

B. Consider and Approve the Annual Financial Audit Engagement Letter for the Year Ending 2024
Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the Annual Financial Audit Engagement Letter for the year ending in 2024. Dr. McNeill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

C. Consider and Approve the TASB 123 Policy Update
Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the TASB 123 Policy Update, as recommended by TASB. Dr. McNeill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

D. Consider and Approve or take action regarding the NISD GT Plan or Policy and Procedures for Gifted and Talented.
Mrs. Southern reviewed information for the NISD GT Plan. Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the NISD GT plan. Neal Stevenson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. Consider and Approve the NISD Suicide Policy and or Internal Operating Procedure
Sheena Vahalik reviewed the NISD Suicide Policy. This is an administrative regulation and protocol created by NISD. Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the NISD Suicide Policy and Internal Operating Procedure. Missy Yearwood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

F. Consider and Approve Budget Amendments for the 2023-2024 school year.
Dr. Gajewsky explained that he padded for the year end closeout and shared the document with the board. This is a standard practice that NISD Administration does every year. Neal

Stevenson made the motion to approve the Budget Amendments for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. McNeill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- G. Consider and Adopt/Approve the NISD Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year, Fund 199 and Food Service Fund 240, and Fund 599.

Item G was skipped and H preceded the agenda order.

Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year, Fund 199, 240, and Fund 599. He went over the revenue and expenditures. Missy Yearwood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- H. Consider and Approve a Resolution Providing for the Defeasance and Calling Currently Outstanding District Obligations; Delegating to Certain District Officials and Staff the Authority to Effect Matters Related Thereto; And Other Matters in Connection Therewith.

Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the Resolution Providing for the Defeasance and Calling Currently Outstanding District Obligations. Missy Yearwood made the second. A roll call was then made by the Superintendent. Neal Stevenson, I. Missy Yearwood, I, Dr. John McNeill, I. The vote was unanimous.

- I. Consider and Approve the Resolution for the Board to Set the Tax Rate that will Exceed the Previous Year for 2024-2025.
- a. Adopt a Maintenance & Operations Rate 2024-2025 School Year
 - b. Adopt an Interest & Sinking Rate for the 2024-2025 School Year

Neal Stevenson Made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Board to Set the Tax Rate that will Exceed the Previous Year for 2024-2025. He read the resolution. Missy Yearwood made the second. A Roll Call vote was made: Neal Stevenson, I, Missy Yearwood, I, Dr. McNeill, I. The vote was unanimous.

- J. Consider and Approve Capital Projects

None.

- K. Consider and Approve Positions for the 2025-2026 School Year, including adding Agriculture (Ag) and other CTE Electives.

Discussion only. Dr. Gajewsky will research this to provide information to the board.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

- A. 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)
- B. The Board will discuss resignations and retirement of personnel (TGC 551.074)

C. The Board will discuss the employment of personnel (TGC 551.074)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS: BOARD TO RECONVENE FOR OFFICIAL ACTION

The Board reconvened at 7:42 p.m. Neal Stevenson then made the motion to accept the resignations as presented. Dr. McNeill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT


Neal Stevenson made the motion to adjourn. John McNeill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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.

This notice was posted and filed in compliance with the Open Meetings Law




Neal Stevenson, Board President



Date



Dr. John McNeill, Secretary



Date