

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**NISD Library
13254 Nursery Dr.
Victoria, Texas 77904**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance were Neal Stevenson, Missy Yearwood, Dr. John McNeill, Dr. Larry Gajewsky, Jennifer Southern, Sheena Vahalik, Alyssa Tinsley, and Cullen Elkins.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 5:36 p.m. There were no comments or questions related to the FIRST rating.

A. Public Hearing Regarding NISD's FIRST Rating

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. November 18, 2024

Missy Yearwood made the motion to accept the November 18, 2024 Minutes as presented. Neal Stevenson the second. The vote was unanimously approved.

VI. 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. For Posted Agenda Items

B. For Non-Posted Agenda Items

None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Payment of the Bills

B. Investment Report

C. Administrative Reports

a. Principal Report

- i. Employee of the Month
- ii. Campus Profile
- iii. Benchmarks
- iv. Grinch Christmas Party

b. Superintendent Report

- i. 2025-2026 School Year
- ii. LED lighting for NISD
- iii. Football and Soccer Field for 2025-2026
- iv. Fall 2024 Attendance Review
- v. Safety and Beta Project

The expenses were shared with the board. The investment report was omitted from this meeting. Mrs. Southern announced the employee of the month for December was Lucy Ortega. Lucy is most deserving and works hard to help NISD in every task that comes up. NISD is currently at 155 students with 60 being transfers. NISD took the end-of-semester benchmarks and the data is looking good for this time of the year. Teachers have already responded and are preparing students in areas of need. Finally, NISD will host the Grinch Christmas event on December 18, 2024. This event is open to the community.

Dr. Gajewsky stated that after review, NISD will focus on only adding 7th grade next year, and not 7th and 8th. At this time, NISD is not in a position to obtain buses and NISD has put out a request for portable buildings. There is much work to be done in preparation for next year. The LED lighting application has been submitted and we are waiting on payment for the grant. Next year, NISD hopes to have a full size football and soccer field. We will move to the back of the property. Mr. Tinsley and his father have already been out to inspect and look at the work needed. They have graciously volunteered to help with the task and they continue to do a lot for the school. Dr. Gajewsky provided information regarding the number of student absences. NISD is feeling the effects financially when parents choose to keep their kids at home, not related to illness. Low average daily attendance will reduce the funds that NISD is allotted and will require NISD to pay back money to the state. Finally, NISD is working with MEFTii as a beta site to enhance safety in a variety of ways.

VIII. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider and Accept the NISD FIRST Rating.

Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the NISD First Rating. Dr. McNeill made the second motion to approve. The vote was unanimous.

B. Board President Announces Board Training Credit Hours.

Neal Stevenson read the board training hours which were as follows: Neal Stevenson 39.5 hours; Missy Yearwood 107 hours; Dr. McNeill 10.75 hours.

C. Consider and Approve

Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the Fund Balance Resolution Un-Designating Funds (\$200,000). Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimous.

D. Consider and Approve the Financial Audit for FY 2023-2024

The board reviewed the Financial Audit Report presented by Roloff, Hnatek & Co. L.L.P. Neal Stevenson made the motion to accept the Financial Audit. Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimously approved.

E. Consider and Approve Capital Projects including:

- a. Safety-Fencing and Gates
- b. Cafeteria-HVAC
- c. 2025-2026 School Year Expenses
- d. Other

Dr. Gajewsky discussed the possible expenses and needs. No action at this time but RFPs will be submitted soon for bids.

F. Consider and Approve 2024-2025 Audit Engagement Letter with Roloff, Hnatek & Co., L.L.P. or grant permission to seek proposals for audit services.

Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Audit Engagement Letter with Roloff, Hnatek & Co., L.L.P. Dr. McNeill made the second.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board went into closed session at 6:24 p.m.

- A. Review and Discuss the District Vulnerability Assessment Report and Findings/Corrective Action.
- B. 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)
- C. The Board will discuss the employment of personnel (TGC 551.074)
- D. Consultation with legal counsel regarding personnel matters. Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071, 551.074 and 551.129.
- E. The Board will conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation and Consider Contract.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was reconvened at 6:50 p.m. No Action was taken.

- A. The Board will reconvene and take any action deemed necessary based on discussions held in closed sessions.
- B. The Board will conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation and Consider Contract.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Neal Stevenson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McNeill the second. The vote was unanimous and the meeting ended at 6:51 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

Approved:  _____ Date: 2/4/25
Neal Stevenson, President
Nursery ISD School Board

Approved:  _____ Date: 2/4/2025
Dr. John McNeill, Secretary
Nursery ISD School Board