

**Nazareth ISD BOE
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Birkenfeld at 7:31 p.m. Other members present were Vice President Jenny Schulte, Secretary Jennifer Heiman, Marty Gerber, Mitchell Brockman, Allison Kleman, and Maegan Rowland. Also present was Principal Robert O'Connor and Superintendent Dr. Kara Sue Garlitz. The prayer was led by Jenny, the pledge by Marty, and the mission statement was read by Jennifer.

President Birkenfeld read the bond election results from November 5, 2024: total votes for Proposition A 361; total votes against Proposition A 102; and total undervotes 14. Mitchell made the following motion, "I move to adopt a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a bond election." It was seconded by Jenny, and the motion carried 7-0. The resolution, and certificates were completed, signed and sealed by the appropriate officers.

Under the Principal's Reports, Mr. O'Connor discussed enrollment, presented important dates on upcoming calendar, and gave an academic update.

Dr. Garlitz presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the regular reports of District's current bills, financial reports, bank reconciliations, Castro CAD monthly tax collection, facilities and operations report, transportation report, personnel, and training opportunities. Approval of the check lists, financial reports, and the quarterly report 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 has not started collecting property taxes yet.

Dr. Garlitz discussed adding Deaf Smith 4-H as an extracurricular and adding their extension agents as adjunct faculty. It will be considered under the Consent Agenda. Upcoming training opportunities were presented to the board.

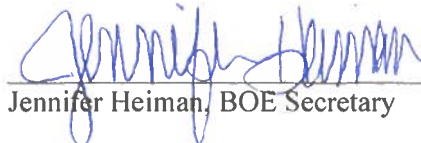
A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the October 9 regular meeting minutes, financial reports, current check payments lists, and approving Deaf Smith 4-H as extracurricular and adjunct faculty was made by Mitchell. The motion was seconded by Jennifer and the motion carried 7-0.

The board went to closed session at 8:17 p.m. under sections 551.074 and 551.075 in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The board exited closed session at 9:09 p.m.

Jenny made a motion, and Allison seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Alan Birkenfeld, BOE President


Jennifer Heiman, BOE Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD SECRETARY

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CASTRO §
NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES that:

On November 13, 2024 the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the Nazareth Independent School District (the *District*) convened in regular session at its regular meeting place in the District (the *Meeting*), the duly constituted members of the Board being as follows:

Alan Birkenfeld	President	Mitchell Brockman	Trustee
Jenny Schulte	Vice President	Marty Gerber	Trustee
Jennifer Heiman	Secretary	Allison Kleman	Trustee
		Maegan Rowland	Trustee

Absent members were: all present

Thus, a quorum of at least two as required by Election Code § 67.004 was convened to consider the attached resolution (the *Resolution*) entitled:

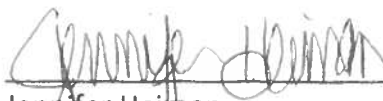
A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A BOND ELECTION; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

After presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Trustee M. Brockman that the Resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Trustee J. Schulte and carried by the following vote as shown in the official minutes of the Board:

7 voted "For" 0 voted "Against" 0 abstained

The attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the District; the duly qualified and acting members of the Board on the date of the Meeting are those persons shown above; each member of the Board was given actual notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting and had actual notice that the Resolution would be considered; the Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business was open to the public; and written notice of the Meeting, including the subject of the Resolution, was posted in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SIGNED AND SEALED on November 13, 2024.



Jennifer Heiman
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A BOND ELECTION; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the Nazareth Independent School District (the *District*) ordered an election to be held on November 5, 2024 (the *Election*) for the purpose of determining whether the qualified voters of the District would authorize the District's issuance of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to the Election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding, and returns thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board has diligently inquired into the poll lists and the official election returns that were duly and lawfully made to the Board by the judges and clerks holding and conducting the Election; and

WHEREAS, the precinct returns are attached and incorporated for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, from these returns, this Board hereby finds that the following votes were cast in the Election by qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION A

The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,150,000 for school facilities and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. This is a property tax increase.

	For	Against
Early Votes in Person	156	34
Early Votes by Mail (absentee)	6	3
Election Day Votes	199	65
TOTAL	361	102

Under Votes, if any: 14 Total Votes Cast: 463
Provisional Ballots, if any: Counted: n/a Uncounted: n/a

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Board officially finds, determines, and declares that the Election was properly ordered, that proper legal notice of the Election was given, that proper election officers were appointed prior to the Election, that the Election was legally held, that all qualified voters of the District were permitted to vote at the Election, that returns of the results of the Election had been made and delivered, and that the Board has canvassed such returns, all in accordance with the state and federal laws and the order calling the Election.

SECTION 2: A MAJORITY of the qualified voters of the District voting in the Election, having voted FOR Proposition A, the Board hereby finds and determines that this Proposition carried at the Election and that the Board is hereby accordingly authorized to issue the bonds and to levy the tax in accordance with the law and the authority granted in the Proposition and the corresponding Measure stated in the District's election order.

SECTION 3: The President of the Board is authorized to execute this Resolution, and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to certify this Resolution regardless of their participation in the quorum required by the Election Code.

SECTION 4: The recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 5: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 7: If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 8: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 9: This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage and it is so resolved.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED on November 13, 2024, the date of the canvassing meeting.

NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Alan Birkenfeld
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Jennifer Helman
Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

**CERTIFICATE OF
POSTING NOTICE OF ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT**

The State of Texas	§
County of Castro	§
Nazareth Independent School District	§

As Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Nazareth Independent School District (the *District*), I certify the following:

1. Starting on October 7, 2024, being at least 21 days prior to the District's bond election on November 5, 2024 (the *Election Day*), and continuing through the day after Election Day, I or my authorized agents posted a true and correct copy of the attached NOTICE OF ELECTION including one or more voter information documents appended to it, in English and Spanish, at the following public places within the District's boundaries:
 - (a) ONE on the bulletin board used for posting meeting notices for the District's governing body.
 - (b) ONE at the Post Office, 101 St. Joseph St., Nazareth, TX 79063.
 - (c) ONE at Nazareth City Hall, 106 2nd St., Nazareth, TX 79063.
 - (d) ONE at Peoples Bank, 101 TX 86, Nazareth, TX 79063.
2. Starting on October 6, 2024, being at least 21 days prior to Election Day and continuing through the day after Election Day, I or my authorized agents posted the aforementioned NOTICE OF ELECTION and a SAMPLE BALLOT, in English and Spanish, on the District's website in a prominent location at the following web address, as demonstrated by the attached screenshots of that website:

www.nazarethisd.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1210
3. I or my authorized agents caused to be physically posted a true and correct copy of the aforesaid NOTICE OF ELECTION in a prominent location at each of the polling locations during voting hours as identified on Exhibits A and B of such Notice.

Dated: 11-13-24


Signed: 

Jennifer Heiman

(DISTRICT SEAL)

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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
 TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
 NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 District's Website: www.nazarethisd.net
 County's Website: www.co.castro.tx.us
 TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Nazareth Independent School District on
 November 5, 2024 concerning the issuance of bonds in accordance with an order that reads
 substantially as follows:
 AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE NAZARETH
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE
 ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION
 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
 DISTRICT (the District), located in Castro County, Texas (the County), finds and determines that a
 special election (the Election) should be held to determine whether the District will be authorized
 to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes identified in this order (the Order); and
 WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its district and
 county clerk (the County Clerk) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of
 the District, and
 WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively,
 the Participants) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election
 Code, as amended (the Code); and
 WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital
 improvements identified in Measure A and corresponding Proposition A may be submitted to the
 qualified voters of the District as a single measure and corresponding proposition pursuant to
 Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code because these capital improvements will be
 predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes, none of which are the type of
 facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1) 6); and
 WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are
 in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,
 BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
 DISTRICT THAT:

PDF viewer interface showing a document titled "NAZARETH ISD - notice - Spanish.pdf". The document content is in Spanish and discusses a bond election for the Nazareth Independent School District. The text includes the title "AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE BONOS", the purpose of the election, and the date of the election (November 5, 2024). The document is displayed in a two-column layout with a sidebar on the left showing a list of pages.

PDF viewer interface showing a document titled "ballot form". The document content is in English and Spanish, detailing the Nazareth Independent School District Bond Election for November 5, 2024. The document includes a table with the following information:

	NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A	DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE NAZARETH PROPOSICIÓN A
FOR (a favor)	The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,150,000 for school facilities and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. This is a property tax increase.	La emisión de bonos por un monto de \$2,150,000 para instalaciones escolares y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos. Este es un incremento del impuesto a la propiedad.
AGAINST (en contra)		

RESOLUTION

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


Deaf Smith

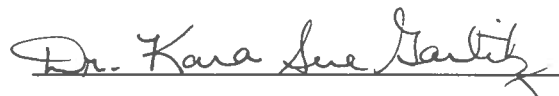
County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

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.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
will request academic eligibility for competitive and non-competitive purposes when an absence is required.

Approved this 13th day of November, 2024.


Board of Trustee


Superintendent

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY
OF DEAF SMITH

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 individual(s) as an adjunct member of the Nazareth Independent School District.

Upon consideration and vote of 7-0 in favor, Josie Strnad & Amalia Mata is hereby named as adjunct faculty member(s) of the Nazareth Independent School District subject to the following considerations and provisions of such appointment to wit:

This appointment shall commence on the 13 day of Nov, 2024 and remain in effect until the 31 day of July, 2024.

1. This appointment will include the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees listed below:

NAME	TITLE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	DATE
Josie Strnad	CEA-Ag/NR	Master's	West Texas A&M	2023
Amalia Mata	CEA-FCH	Bachelor's	West Texas A&M	2012

2. Adjunct faculty member(s) will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Vega Independent School District.
3. Adjunct faculty member(s) is and shall remain an employee, in good standing, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
4. Adjunct faculty member(s) is and shall remain under the direct supervision of either the District Extension Administrator of District 1 or Deaf Smith County Extension Director.
5. Adjunct faculty member(s) shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any and all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees. District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct faculty member(s) 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. Adjunct faculty members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator or County Extension Director. Adjunct faculty member(s) is not the employee of the School District, and School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct or control the activities and/or participation of such Deaf Smith County Extension Agent(s) who have/has been herein designated as an adjunct faculty member.

This appointment is made by the Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said district for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (j)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for foundation school program purposes.

This appointment of the herein named Deaf Smith County Extension Agent(s), Josie Strnad & Amalia Mata is/are 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 13th day of November, 2024.

Nazareth Independent School District

By: Dr. Kara Sue Bartley