

**Nazareth ISD BOE
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Birkenfeld at 7:32 p.m. Other members present were Vice President Jenny Schulte, Secretary Jennifer Heiman, Marty Gerber, Allison Kleman, and Maegan Rowland. Also present was Principal Robert O'Connor and Superintendent Dr. Kara Sue Garlitz. The prayer was led by Jennifer, the pledge by Jenny and the mission statement was read by Marty. Guests included Jason Hughes with Hilltop Securities and Teresa Sims, the Castro County Election Administrator.

In Open Forum, Teresa Sims Gunn shared with the Board how the county commissioners had voted to go to countywide polling places beginning with the November 2025 general election.

Jason Hughes with Hilltop Securities led a discussion and answered questions about the adoption of an order authorizing the issuance and sales Nazareth ISD Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025. Jenny made a motion to adopt the Order as presented. Jennifer seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. Mr. Hughes left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

President Birkenfeld opened the 2024 Texas Academic Performance Report Hearing (TAPR) at 7:51 p.m. Along with the TAPR, the EC Literature & Math and CCMR annual report was presented. The public hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m. The TAPR report is available through the superintendent's office.

Under the Principal's Reports, Mr. O'Connor included enrollment/attendance information, and a calendar of upcoming events. The academic update was the review of the annual EC Reading and Math and CCMR Plan Review.

The board entered into closed session at 8:18 p.m. under sections 551.074 and 551.075 in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The board exited closed session at 9:26 p.m.

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 order for our upcoming BOE election in May 2025, the upcoming Region 16 Board of Directors Election Notice, a review of investment policy CDA(LEGAL) and CDA(LOCAL), 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 93.36% of current M&O taxes and 93.36% of current I&S taxes have been collected. Dr. Garlitz gave an update on facilities and operation, transportation, and debt services.

Important dates for the upcoming School Board Election for May 3, 2025 were discussed. Two positions, or terms, currently held by Alan Birkenfeld and Jennifer Heiman are up for this election. The deadline to apply for a position is Friday, February 14, 2025.

The annual review of the investment policy, CDE(LEGAL & LOCAL) was conducted, and training opportunities for the board were discussed.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the January 15 regular meeting and February 5 special meeting minutes, current check payment lists, financial reports, ordering the Board Election, appointing election judge and clerks, administrative changes to the 2024-2025 school calendar, and the EC Literature and Math Plans and CCMR Plan Review was made by Jennifer. The motion was seconded by Marty, and the motion carried 6-0.

Jenny made a motion to extend Mr. Robert O'Connor and Nathan Branum term, two-year contracts for 2025-2027. The motion was seconded by Allison, and the motion passed 6-0.

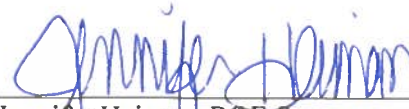
After discussion of tuition rates for transfer students, Allison made the motion to keep the tuition rate set at \$350 per semester for 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Jenny, and the motion passed 6-0.

After discussion of tuition rates for Pre-K, Marty made the motion to set the tuition rate at \$450 per month for full-day and \$200 per month for half-day, except for children of staff members tuition set to \$200 per month for full-day. The motion was seconded by Jenny, and the motion passed 6-0.

Time was provided for closing comments or further questions.

Jenny made a motion, and Marty seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.


Alan Birkenfeld, BOE President


Jennifer Heiman, BOE Secretary