Nazareth ISD BOE
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Birkenfeld at 7:30 p.m. Other members present were Vice President Jenny Schulte, Secretary Jennifer Heiman, Marty Gerber, Maegan Rowland, Keith Hoelting, and Mac Annen. Also present were Principals Kelly Howel and Dr. Aaron Hunt, and Superintendent Dr. Kara Sue Garlitz. The prayer was led by Maegan, the pledge by Jennifer and the mission statement was read by Mac. Guests included Robert O'Connor and Steven Singleton from ESC 16,

Robert O'Connor and Steven Singleton gave a presentation on Artificial Intelligence and the Future. They left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Under the Principals' Report, Mrs. Howell and Dr. Hunt included enrollment/attendance information and an academic update on TTESS, the teacher evaluation system.

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 2026, 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 91.59% of current M&O I&S taxes have been collected. Dr. Garlitz gave an update on facilities and operation, transportation, and personnel.

Important dates for the upcoming School Board Election for May 2, 2026 were discussed. Three positions, or terms, currently held by Marty Gerber, Jennifer Heiman, and Mac Annen are up for this election. The deadline for applying to run for a position is Friday, February 13, 2026.

The annual review of the investment policy, CDE(LEGAL & LOCAL) was conducted, updates on applying to delay the HB2 new teacher certification requirements, the 3-year safety audit, the SB11 resolution on daily prayer time, and training opportunities for the board were discussed.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the January 14 regular meeting, current check payment lists, financial reports, ordering the Board Election, appointing the election judge, administrative changes to the 2025-2026 school calendar, donated book titles for the library, the application for delaying HB 2 Teacher Certification requirements and Plan, and **not** adopting the statutory resolution for SB11 on daily prayer time was made by Jenny. The motion was seconded by Mac, and the motion carried 7-0.
Vote Record:

Alan	FOR
Jenny	FOR
Jennifer	FOR
Marty	FOR
Maegan	FOR
Keith	FOR
Mac	FOR

After discussion of tuition rates for transfer students, Jenny made the motion to keep the tuition rate set at $350 per semester for 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Jennifer, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vote Record:

Alan	FOR
Jenny	FOR
Jennifer	FOR
Marty	FOR
Maegan	FOR
Keith	FOR
Mac	FOR

After discussion of tuition rates for Pre-K, Mac made the motion to set the tuition rate at $450 per month for full-day and $200 per month for half-day for 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Maegan, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vote Record:

Alan	FOR
Jenny	FOR
Jennifer	FOR
Marty	FOR
Maegan	FOR
Keith	FOR
Mac	FOR

Time was provided for closing comments or further questions. Mac made a motion and Jennifer seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Alan Birkenfeld, BOE President

Jennifer Heiman, BOE Secretary