

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

Monday, August 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m.  
NISD Library  
13254 Nursery Dr.  
Victoria, Texas 77904

MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. In attendance were Neal Stevenson, Missy Yearwood, Dr. John McNeill, Dr. Larry Gajewsky, Jennifer Southern, Addie Bell, Heather Taylor, DaLissa Spaeth, Rhonda Talkington, Darrel Talkington, Sheena Vahalik, Alyssa Tinsley, and Herb Spencer.*

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

1. July 31, 2023
2. August 9, 2023

*Both minutes were presented: Neal Stevenson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Missy Yearwood seconded. The vote was unanimously approved.*

**III. 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

*No one signed up to speak.*

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Superintendent's Report

*Jennifer Southern began with the principal report. Kinder and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade are split this year due to our numbers. We are off to a strong start and we currently have 138 students. As we start the new year, we have a lot of students sick, and COVID-19 is still disrupting operations at NISD.*

*Dr. Gajewsky reported that overall NISD has done well this year as related to finances, in which the board would see the financial report in just a few moments. There were areas in which we could celebrate. Other areas we were overspent. Despite the large payment to STEC, NISD operated close to actual budget but it is unlikely that we will put money in fund balance this year. The cafeteria will*

*show a net profit for this year's operation, and we will be able to pay for the cafeteria AC as planned. We still have needs in the café.*

## V. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider and Adopt/Approve the NISD Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year. *The NISD 2023-2024 Budget was presented. Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the Budget for the 23-24 school year. Dr. John McNeill made the second motion to approve. The vote was unanimous.*

- B. Consider and Approve the Local Tax Rate Resolution for 2023-2024.
- a. M&O Rate
  - b. I & S Rate

*Neal Stevenson discussed the tax rates to the audience. He read information from the No New Revenue Resolution. Ultimately, the taxes are going down in NISD. He made the motion to approve the No New Revenue Tax Rate Resolution with the figures presented for the M&O and I&S tax Rate. Dr. John McNeill made the second. The vote was unanimously approved.*

C. Consider and Approve Budget Amendments for the 2022-2023 school year. *Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the budget amendments for the 22-23 school year. Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimous.*

D. Consider and Approve the NISD 2020-2023 Safety Audit. *NISD recently completed the safety audit. Missy Yearwood made the motion to approve the NISD 2020 to 2023 Safety Audit. Dr. McNeill made the second. The vote was unanimously approved.*

E. Consider and approve the agreement for the purchase of the Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent. *Neal Stevenson made the motion to approve the purchase of attendance credits and delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent. He read:*

*“For the 2023–2024 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).”*

*Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimously approved.*

F. Review and discuss the NISD preliminary FIRST Rating. *Dr. Gajewsky presented the preliminary First Rating. No action was taken.*

## VI. CLOSED SESSION

*The Board went into closed session at 7:17 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)

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS: BOARD TO RECONVENE FOR OFFICIAL ACTION**

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

*The Board reconvened at 7:36 p.m. No action was taken as a result of closed session.*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

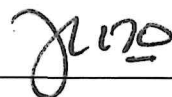
*Neal Stevenson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Missy Yearwood made the second. The vote was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.*

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

Board President 

Date 9/18/23

Treasurer  J. McNeill, D.O.

Date 9-18-2023