



North East Independent School District

8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78217

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North East Independent School District will be held on April 24, 2023 at 5:30 PM, in the Boardroom on the first floor of the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas. Such meeting is a special meeting.

The open session portion of the meeting is livestreamed, and members of the public may view the meeting by going to the North East Independent School District's YouTube channel. Click the link below, or type it into your browser.

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- VI. ADJOURNMENT

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an Executive or Closed Session, the Board will convene in such Executive or Closed Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074.

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

On this 21st day of April, no later than 5:30 PM, this notice was posted on a bulletin board located at a place readily accessible and convenient to the public at the Richard A. Middleton Education Center, 8961 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

The North East Independent School District does not discriminate
on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: April 24, 2023

Presenter: Dan Villarreal
Paul Duran, Senior
Director, Safety and
Security, Valerie Rueda,
Executive Director,
Procurement and
eCommerce

Subject: Emergency Purchase Resolution
Related to School Safety Projects

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ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The possibility of an unforeseen violent incident occurring at a District campus or facility exists, therefore, it is necessary for NEISD to ensure against the possible failure of any safety measure or system geared toward reducing the potential loss of life from such a violent incident. The District's public purpose is served by taking preventative measures to ensure District facilities are as safe as possible for students and staff to attend classes and school-related activities.

TEA recognizes the need for safer schools and has provided the 2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant to assist local educational agencies to implement the new safety standards set forth in Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 61, Sub-chapter CC, Section 61.1031.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The administration seeks to suspend its normal purchasing policies and authorize the Superintendent or designee to make emergency procurements reasonably necessary to respond to the 2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant to address the specific needs related to this grant. Delays posed by the procurement process and the need to procure goods, services, and support to ensure the safety of all students, staff, property, and equipment will prevent or substantially impair student safety and or other essential school activities because vendors who are able to provide the goods, services and support necessary to complete the needed work will not likely be available the longer the District takes to commence the work. The grant requires the encumbrance of funds for the necessary work by August 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the North East Independent School District approves the attached resolution.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the North East Independent School District (“District”) is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board, through its purchasing policies, has the duty to monitor district finances to ensure that the superintendent is properly maintaining the District's financial procedures as authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.1511(b)(9); and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code § 45.105 to expend funds of the District for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that Texas Education Code § 44.031(h) provides that school equipment, a school facility, or a part of a school facility or personal property is destroyed or severely damaged or, as a result of an unforeseen catastrophe or emergency, undergoes major operational or structural failure, and a board determines that the delay posed by the methods provided for in Education Code § 44.031 would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes or other essential school activities, then contracts for the replacement or repair of the equipment, school facility, or the part of the school facility may be made by methods other than those required by Education Code § 44.031; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that Texas Education Code § 44.0312 provides that notwithstanding any other provision of the Education Code, in the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting a district, the board may delegate to the superintendent or designated person the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of school equipment or facilities under Education Code Chapter 44, Subchapter B if emergency replacement, construction, or repair is necessary for the health and safety of district students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the possibility of an unforeseen violent incident occurring at a District campus or facility exists, and that it is necessary to ensure against the possible failure of any safety measure or system geared toward reducing the potential loss of life from such a violent incident, and further finds that the District’s public purpose is served by taking preventative measures to ensure District facilities are as safe as possible for students and staff to attend classes and school-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the delays posed by the procurement process and the need to likely procure goods, services and support to respond to TEA’s School Safety Standards Formula Grant to ensure safety of all students, staff property and equipment will prevent or substantially impair student safety and or other essential school activities because vendors who are able to provide the goods, services and support necessary to complete the needed work will not likely be available the longer the District takes to commence the work

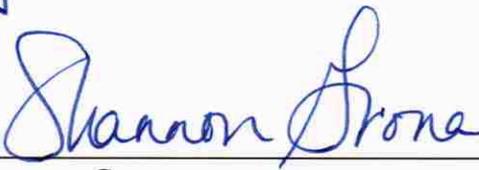
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby suspends its normal purchasing policies and authorizing the Superintendent or designee to make emergency procurements reasonably necessary to respond to the School Safety Standards Formula Grant to address the specific needs related to this grant.

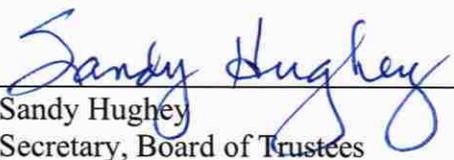
RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby (1) determines that these payments serve a public purpose, (2) retains sufficient control over the expenditures to ensure a public purpose is served, and (3) is confident the District will receive a return benefit.

RESOLVED, the authority granted by this resolution to suspend purchasing processes is effective for a closure with a maximum duration of 120 business days and/or school days unless the Board takes action to authorize this Resolution for a longer duration.

Passed the 24th day of April, 2023. This Resolution may be signed electronically and in counterparts.



Shannon Grona
President, Board of Trustees
North East Independent School District

Attest: 
Sandy Hughey
Secretary, Board of Trustees
North East Independent School District

**RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
OF TRUSTEES REGARDING MEASURES THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY REDUCE
FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the North East Independent School District Board of Trustees acknowledges that the Texas Constitution requires the Texas Legislature “establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools;” and

WHEREAS, Texas public school districts like North East are legally required to accept every student who resides within its boundaries and adhere to strict academic and financial accountability standards mandated and enforced by the state; and

WHEREAS, private schools are not subject to meeting the same academic standards as public schools, nor do private schools report test results, graduation rates, and other performance measures to the public such that parents can review the information; and

WHEREAS, private schools can choose what students to admit into their programs; and

WHEREAS, Texas already has a robust system of school choice for parents through the creation and maintenance of independent school districts, charter schools, inter- and intra-district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools; and

WHEREAS, education savings accounts and other voucher programs eliminate public accountability of schools and tax dollars; and

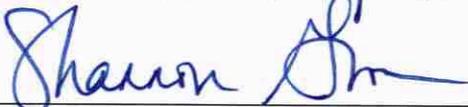
WHEREAS, using tax dollars to pay for tuition at private schools would grow into a costly entitlement program; and

WHEREAS, Texas parents of students with special needs who accept a voucher would lose out on rights and protections contained in Texas state education code and in federal law for receipt of special education services; and

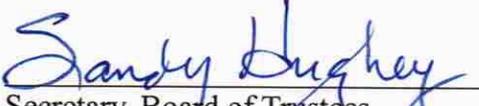
WHEREAS, a taxpayer-funded voucher program would reduce the amount of state funds available for all schools, harming many rural Texas communities where families have few, if any, private school options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North East Independent School District Board of Trustees requests that the Texas Legislature reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and other voucher programs.

Adopted this 24th day of April, 2023 by a 4-1-1 vote of the NEISD the Board of Trustees.



President, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees