

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)  
November 11, 2020**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom.

The following DEIC members were present:

Debbie Mollicone	Lisa Blom	Kristin Newkirk-De	Chris Castro
Robyn Pryor	Robert Cater	Hoyos	Jennifer Lomas
Selena Valdez	Joseph Percevecz	Jacqui Kellogg	Ida Nunez
Amy Kamata	Ismael Rodriguez	Maretta Scott	
Melanie Striffler	Rick Menchaca	Christina Torgerson	
Lisa Brooks	Kim Plummer	Tamara Verschoyle	
David Anderson	Audra Frigon	Ben Peterson	

NEISD executive staff members present:

- Dr. Donna Newman, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Campus Administration
- Rudy Jimenez, Assistant Superintendent of Campus Administration
- Anthony Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Presenters:

- BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning
- Ben Peterson, Director, Career and Technical Education
- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services

**I. Welcome**

Ida Nunez, Chairperson, called the DEIC to order at 4:35 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the October 7, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the DEIC members present.

After minutes were reviewed, Mrs. Nunez, Chair, asked the committee if they have a motion for approval. Chris Castro moved to approve the minutes. Robin Pryor seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

**III. State Accountability Update**

The Chair introduced BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning. Ms. Merriman presented the State Accountability Update for the District. An explanation was given as to how the Accountability System works and the break down of the 3

Domains. The score for the Class of 2019 was carried over to the Class of 2020. Accountability must be held but has been adjusted due to Covid 19. After the presentation was complete the floor was opened for questions.

#### **IV. Institute of CyberSecurity and Innovation**

The Chair introduced Ben Peterson, Director, Career and Technical Education. Mr. Peterson gave a presentation on the Institute of CyberSecurity and Innovation. The District's newest magnet school which will open in the fall of 2021. The initial class will consist of 150 freshmen. Students will learn teamwork, technical troubleshooting, network engineering, cybersecurity, and cloud technologies. After the presentation, the floor was opened to questions and discussion.

#### **V. Student 2 Student**

The Chair introduced Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services. Dr. Munoz gave a presentation on Student 2 Student and North East ISD Purple Star Designations. The district has 11 Purple Star Designations/campuses. The program helps military-connected students that have moved 6 or more time during their academic career. Students are offered services to help them adjust to being on a new campus. The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

#### **VI. 2021-2022 Calendar Approval**

Dr. Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services, presented the calendar choices for the 2021-2022 school year. She then gave a comparison of the two calendars and their differences. The two calendars were shown to campuses for their vote. Campuses approved option A at 96.8%, which is the District of Innovation calendar with a start date of August 16 and an end date of May 27. Calendar B had 3.2% which is the traditional calendar with a start date of August 23 and an end date of June 3. The Chair asked for a motion on Calendar A. Audra Frigon approved the motion and Jennifer Lomas seconded the motion. Calendar A was approved unanimously as presented.

#### **Adjourn**

Chairperson Nunez announced the next meeting would be January 13, 2021, 4:30pm in RAMEC 614 or by Zoom.

Chairperson Nunez requested a motion to adjourn. Chris Castro gave the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Audra Frigon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.