New Braunfels Independent School District
Board of Trustees Document

Meeting Date: January 8th 5:30 pm and January 9th 8:00 am
1000 N. Walnut Ave. New Braunfels TX 78130

Agenda Item: Public Hearing of Elementary Maturation Curriculum Adoption

Background Information:
The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health in 4th and 5th Grades requires instruction in adolescent development. This topic delves into the physical, social, and emotional changes that occur during puberty and introduces the topic of fertilization and reproduction. Human Sexuality instructional materials have very specific steps that must be taken to adopt these resources which are outlined in Texas Education Code. The approach taken in NBISD for this instruction has been the use of what we call Boy and Girl films. The girl film is shown to just the girls and the boys watch only the boy film. The resource that has been used in NBISD is old and an updated resource is needed.

The process begins with the Board adopting a policy that complies with HB 1525. The Board adopted policy EHAA (Local) on June 8, 2022, which is still in effect. Next, the Board must adopt a resolution that convenes the SHAC to recommend human sexuality curriculum to the Board, and that the SHAC will comply with applicable district policy and HB 1525 requirements. This step was completed on April 11, 2022, and runs in perpetuity unless the Board takes action to discontinue this authority.

In accordance with EHAA (Local), the School Health Advisory Council has gone through a process to identify, evaluate, and potentially recommend new resources for approval by the Board. Based on the SHAC rubric scoring, Marsh Media Just Around the Corner for Girls in English and Spanish (4th grade), Just Around the Corner for Boys in English and Spanish (4th grade), Straight Talk About Puberty for Girls (5th grade), and Straight Talk About Puberty for Boys (5th grade) is being recommended for adoption. This curriculum, if adopted, will be delivered to those students whose parents "opt-in" to the instruction. The SHAC will hold two public meetings on the curriculum materials on January 8th and January 9th, 2025. The meetings allow participants to personally view the curriculum.

Alignment to District Priority:
1.3 Develop well-rounded students who are the best version of themselves

Supporting Document(s):

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