



Inside Northside **BOARD** *Talk*

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October 25, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Safety Center Audits.** The Texas School Safety Center is conducting safety audits of schools across the state and have visited campuses in NISD. These audits will continue.
- **Speak at MASBA and host for CAST Teach.** Dr. Woods had the opportunity to speak at a recent Mexican American School Boards Association conference event. As a pre-conference activity, Dr. Woods also hosted a panel of educational professionals and CAST Teach students.
- **Promotion ceremony for General Jones.** Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services Lori Jones, an Air Force reservist, was recently promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Jones is the first reservist in the nation to achieve this rank in the area of cyber security.
- **Museum Association Retiree Luncheon.** The Northside Museum Association held their annual luncheon last Tuesday and it was a great opportunity to catch up with a lot of retirees and former colleagues. They got off cycle with COVID, so they will have another luncheon in the Spring on April 18, which is their normal time to hold this event.
- **Water polo playoffs.** Water polo has recently been recognized as a UIL sporting event. Three NISD teams qualified for regional competition: the girls' teams from **Brandeis** and **Brennan** high schools and the **Clark HS** boys team. The **Brandeis HS** girls water polo team has qualified for the state competition.
- **Host for Future Ready Superintendent Leadership Network (FRSLN).** NISD, along with the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), is hosting a multi-day FRSLN event with attendance of approximately 200 school leaders from across the state of Texas.
- **Video Moment.** This month's video moment highlights the work of **Warren HS** students following their interests and coming together to form the Warren HS Athletic Film Crew. See the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiP1lBcRI8>

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** attended a STEM Magnet Fair event at **Los Reyes ES** where the campus showcased their STEM lab initiatives. Students also had the opportunity to visit with staff from both of the District's middle school magnet programs.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** appreciates seeing all the NISD high school band programs continue to grow and commended Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** and band directors at every NISD high school who all received a rating of 1 at UIL competition.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** commended all teachers who go above and beyond and work in other capacities beyond the classroom. She thanked Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing**, Assistant Director of Fine Arts **Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez** and all NISD coaches and fine arts teachers for involving students in various activities. Saldana enjoyed the Parade of Nations event at **Colonies North ES** which enrolls students from over 30 countries and where over 20 languages are spoken. She thanked **Agriculture Science & Technology Academy (ASTA)** Principal **Chad Bohlken** and his staff for hosting their annual Ag in Action event showcasing the agriculture program. Saldana enjoyed participating in a recent NEF Grant Patrol and attending the Museum Association's retiree luncheon.

- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** congratulated the state-bound **Brandeis HS** girl's water polo team. She thanked **ASTA** Principal Chad Bohlken, **ASTA** teachers, and students who participated in the school's annual Ag in Action event. She also recognized the **O'Connor HS** Hospitality group for hosting lunch at the event. Chumbley participated in a recent meeting of the District's Safety Committee and thanked members for serving. She acknowledged Director of Governmental Relations **Kelly Rasti** for her work and time supporting the District. Chumbley has enjoyed seeing the high school dance teams at sporting events and appreciates the diversity and number of students who participate.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** attended a conference recently that addressed topics of interest to public education.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** attended a Clark HS voter registration event. She acknowledged Executive Director of Whole Child Development **Dr. Kim Ridgley** for her recent presentation to a local group of organizations and professionals focused on mental health care. Harle is grateful for all professional school counselors, school psychologists, and all those involved in supporting the mental well-being of students.

Recognitions

- **Recognition of outgoing members of the 2018 Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC).** Members of the CBAC represent the community-at-large to provide oversight and transparency and serve in an advisory role to the Board and Superintendent. Their hours of work and expertise are invaluable in ensuring that the District continues to spend bond monies judiciously, ethically, and in the best interest of taxpayers. The outgoing members of the 2018 Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee were recognized for their service to the District.

Public hearing: NISD earns highest financial rating 20 years in a row

Assistant Superintendent for Budget & Finance Tiffany Contreras reported that for the 20th year in a row, Northside ISD has received the highest rating of "Superior Achievement" under the state's financial accountability rating system, called School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The primary goal of School FIRST is to improve the management of school district's financial resources. The School FIRST rating is based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2020-21 school year, and budgetary and financial data for the 2021 fiscal year. As required by state law, Northside ISD announced and held a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the District's performance under each of 20 indicators and the District's rating.

Attendance zone reviewed for newest elementary school

Trustees heard the boundary proposal for the Reed ES attendance zone prior to the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) meeting and the Public Hearing on Dec. 1. The SBAC, assisted by staff, will review the staff proposal, study relevant data, conduct a public hearing, analyze information as required by policy, and make formal recommendations to the Board concerning attendance zones. Elementary schools involved in the proposal are **Henderson** and **Kallison**. Reed ES will open in 2023 and is funded by School Bond 2018.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Randolph Neuenfeldt**, formerly Administrative Intern at Zachry MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Zachry MS**.
- **Israel Perales**, formerly Administrative Intern at Ross MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Taft HS**.
- **Elizabeth Reed**, formerly Student Services Facilitator at Rudder MS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Stevenson MS**.

Board approves 2022 Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee

The Board of Trustees approved members of the 2022 Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC). They are: Al Saldaña, George Block, Phyllis McMillan, Linda Ancira, Angela Barino-Denn, Pat Blattman, Jesse Cardenas, Robert Colunga, Ernie DeWinne, Randy Fields, Tracey Fontenot, Judy Fowles, Dave Gannon, Andy Greene, George Hickman, Kathy Hill, Ray Lopez, Cliff McClean, Jesus Mejia, Daniel Walker, and Eric Walls.

Budget Amendment approved

Trustees approved Budget Amendment No. 1 for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Amendments included an increase to General Fund expenditures of \$1.7 million, largely comprised of campus formula carry forward funds and an increase in liability insurance premiums. No amendments were made to the General Fund revenues, the Child Nutrition, or Debt Services funds. The amendment was presented by Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance Rene Barajas.

Board approves insurance carrier

Trustees approved a policy with Westchester for Property and Boiler & Machinery Insurance.

Board approves facilities items:

- Master Plan for the Agriculture Science & Technology Academy

Readings and adoption of policy

- First Reading of Local Policy EIAA

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Golf Equipment, Supplies & Related Materials, Elementary Music Equipment & Materials, Maps and Globes, Career & Technical Education Supplies, Horizontal Structured Cabling E-rate, Technology and Related Equipment Recycling. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department at 210-397-8700.

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Board meeting information

NISD Trustees meet monthly in regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. They may also meet in Called Meetings for workshops, retreats, or to handle routine business. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. in the Board Room, 5900 Evers Road, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas are posted on the NISD website, www.nisd.net. Citizens who wish to address the Board must sign up to speak just prior to the beginning of the Meeting.

Upcoming School Board Meeting(s): *(See posted agendas on website as dates, locations, and/or times may change.)*

- Nov. 15, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)
- Dec. 13, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)
- Jan. 24, 2023, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)