



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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November 15, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Future Ready Superintendent Leadership Network (FRSLN).** Around 200 school superintendents and their cabinet staff from across the state visited the district for the FRSLN meeting hosted by NISD. Part of the program included visits to five campuses – **Cole**, **Franklin**, and **Leon Valley** elementary schools, **Ross MS**, and **Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet HS**.
- **Changes to accountability system.** We have been attending meetings on upcoming changes to the accountability system. These proposed changes will need to be closely monitored in the upcoming Legislative session.
- **Anniversaries/Dedication.** We have recently celebrated the 25th anniversaries of **Jay Science and Engineering Academy** and the dedication of **Sotomayor High School**.
- **NXTLevel.** The President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas recently visited NISD to learn more about NXTLevel, a partnership with the City of San Antonio geared at supporting students who have left school.
- **Carnahan Arbor Day celebration.** Carnahan ES hosted their annual Arbor Day celebration and hosted the campus' namesake, life-long science educator **Peggy Carnahan**, at the event.
- **Video Moment.** This month's video moment showcases a partnership with **Ross MS**, **Construction Careers Academy (CCA)**, and **Agriculture Science and Technology Academy (ASTA)** involving construction, agriculture science, and some chickens! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRiP78GfeAs>

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** has received very positive feedback from participants from the FRSLN event hosted in Northside. Freeman spoke of how community spirit is built through the numerous and varied events taking place across the District.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** congratulated **Sotomayor HS** Principal **Ada Bohlken** and her staff on a successful dedication. He thanked Trustee Chumbley for her helping coordinate the building of the Ross MS chicken coop. He attended a Veteran's Day event hosted by the Great Northwest HOA that featured the **Taft HS** JROTC and the **Warren HS** choir and thanked Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** for helping coordinate each campus' participation. Lopez reported that the annual Thrill-A-Mill event collected 6,000 pounds of canned goods, equating to \$11,000.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** attended a Grandparents Raising Grandkids event and thanked Trustee Gerald Lopez for his work with this effort. She congratulated the NISD athletic teams participating in playoff competitions and acknowledged the players, performers, coaches, directors, and parents of these teams. Saldana spoke to how proud she was to be a part of the District and referenced two recently attended events – the **Sotomayor HS** dedication and the **Holmes HS** Veteran's Day event.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** thanked the three NISD educators who participated on the FRSLN teacher panel – **Jaime Liendo (Hobby MS)**, **Trevor Phillips (Murnin ES)**, and **John Diaz (NSITE)**. She enjoyed attending the annual Thrill-A-Mill event and thanked **James Miculka**, **James Hare**, and **Bobby Baiza** for their role with the event. Chumbley recognized the collaboration between Ross MS, CCA, and ASTA featured in the evening's video moment. She also thanked Dr. Woods for his support with the initiative. Chumbley enjoyed participating in a career day event

at **Scarborough ES** where she had the opportunity to speak with students about her role as a Trustee. She recognized **Jerry Lammers** (Alamo Architects) and **Gary Joeris** (Joeris General Contractors) for their work in designing and building the beautiful **Sotomayor HS** facility. She attended a Veteran's Day event at **Powell ES** and thanked Principal **Paul Alvarez** and teacher **Erin Boone** for their role putting it together. Chumbley also thanked District staff who met with City of Leon Valley staff to hear from them on several community concerns.

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** acknowledged District athletic staff.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** acknowledged the annual Thrill-A-Mill event organized by Fine Arts staff. She commended the **O'Connor HS** choir who performed with the Helotes Community Band at a Helotes Veteran's Day ceremony.

Recognitions

- **Recognition of 2022 TAEA's Outstanding Middle School Art Educator of the Year.** Larry West, an art teacher at Rayburn Middle School, was recognized for being named the 2022 Texas Art Education Association's Outstanding Middle School Art Educator of the Year.
- **Recognition of NISD Fine Arts Department.** The NISD Fine Arts Department was recognized for being named the 2022 Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) District of Distinction for the third year in a row.
- **CPS Energy Check Presentation.** Representatives of CPS Energy presented NISD with a check for \$140,175 for participation in the Demand Response program. Earlier this year when the area experienced high temperatures, the District was able to curtail an average of 2154 KW from 40 campuses.

Resolution to consider designation as District of Innovation

Trustees approved a resolution to consider designation of the District as a District of Innovation. Any final decision to proceed in securing the designation would take place after a public hearing and input from a citizens advisory committee.

Board extends COVID leave

The Board made some changes to the resolution regarding COVID leave, but approved extending COVID leave to employees confirmed to have COVID-19 or employees who are the sole caretaker of a minor who is confirmed to have COVID-19. Up to a total of five days is available to all such employees for the 2022-2023 school year.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **David Ornelas** formerly Assistant Director of Integrated Information Services, was appointed **Director of Integrated Information Services at Technology Services.**
- **Jaime Heye**, formerly Academic Dean at Hobby MS, was appointed **Magnet Director at Hobby Middle School.**
- **Veronica Poblano**, formerly Academic Dean at Vale MS, was appointed **Principal at Zachry Middle School.**

Board approves facilities items:

- Interior Colors for **Reed ES** as developed by Garza Bomberger & Associates
- Contractor approval for mechanical upgrades at **Locke Hill ES** – L.C. Mosel Co.
- Contractor approval for mechanical upgrades at 29 campuses/facilities – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor approval for portable relocations to **Rayburn MS, May, Myers** and **Steubing ES** – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor approval for roof replacement at **Building B/Central Office** – Advantage USAA, Inc.
- Contractor approval for roof replacement at **Pease MS** – American Roofing & Metal Co., Inc.
- Schematic Design for building replacement at **Westwood Terrace ES** as presented by Pfluger Architects, Inc.

Readings and adoption of policy

- Second First Reading of Local Policy FDB

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: athletic equipment and supplies; custodial and maintenance equipment repairs; supplies, equipment, and repairs for District warehouses; miscellaneous food for Child Nutrition; cellular telephone and wireless data services; repair and reconditioning services for football helmets and shoulder pads; on-site paper shredding services; and storage containers. 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.)*

- 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)
- Feb. 14, 2023, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Called Board Meeting)
- Feb. 28, 2023, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)