



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

**BOARDTalk** is published to help keep staff and citizens informed about actions of the Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**December 13, 2022**

## Superintendent's Report

### **Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:**

- **Christmas music.** Prior to and at the beginning of the Board meeting students from the Vocal Jazz Ensemble at O'Connor HS performed Christmas music for the Board and those in attendance. Teacher is Sarah Stevens.
- **CAST Teach Takeover.** Students at **CAST Teach HS** participated in their first classroom takeover experience where they presented developed lessons to elementary school students and received valuable feedback.
- **School Vouchers.** Vouchers will no doubt be an item for discussion in the upcoming legislative session. Recent data on voucher systems in other states shows that the vast majority of families utilizing vouchers are those already enrolled at private schools.
- **District events.** The district held two great events this past week. The official ribbon-cutting of the **Shirley Schreiber School-based Health Clinic** and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for **Steubing ES**.
- **Esports.** This past Saturday, hundreds of middle and high school students participated in the Northside Esports Championships (NEC).
- **Holiday events.** Hundreds of fine arts students have been featured in a variety of holiday concerts and performances at all levels throughout this month, and there are more concerts available to attend. If you are interested, [check out the calendar posted on our website](#).
- **NSITE.** In October, senior capstone students in **NSITE** participated in Virtual Enterprise International. NSITE was one of only five schools in Texas that participated and the only school in San Antonio. VEI prepares students for successful futures by transforming classes into companies and bridging the divide between the classroom and the working world. This year, the campus has three VEI firms (teams of students) who launched products - and in fact, they just participated in an online trade show to "sell" their products. Students from NSITE were present to [show a news story from WOA!](#) that explained this yearlong program.
- **Video Moment.** The video moment highlighted the ribbon cutting ceremony and official opening of the new Shirley Schreiber School-based Health Clinic located next to Jones MS. The video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YXEMaeLVtl>.

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** informed Trustees of a January advocacy training to be hosted by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and the Education Service Center Region 20. She commended the **Steubing ES** community for a truly special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** indicated that the recent opening of the Schreiber school-based clinic was one more way the District works to take care of the community. Lopez enjoyed watching the student performers at the recent Winter Spectacular and thanked Fine Arts Director **James Miculka** and all the fine arts teachers for their work in organizing this event.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** attended the Schreiber School-based clinic ribbon cutting and reported that the Schreiber family was so appreciative of the honor paid to their mother, **Shirley Schreiber**. Saldana thanked **Kim Terrill** for her donation to the Northside Threads Clothes Closet. She congratulated the **Brennan HS** football team and their

coaches on their season and commitment. Saldana is excited to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> annual **Jay HS** “Shoe and Toy” Drive.

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** congratulated all District football teams on their successful seasons. He recognized teachers, parents, grandparents, and all those who supported these student athletes. Medina has found the holiday performances to be amazing including the Winter Spectacular event. Medina reminded parents to be cautious over the holidays and be mindful of their children’s online activities.
- **Trustee M’Lissa Chumbley** updated Trustees on a recent collaboration between students at **Ross MS, Construction Careers Academy (CCA)**, and the **Agricultural Science & Technology Academy (ASTA)** in the placement of a chicken coop and chickens at Ross MS. The collaboration also includes campus visits by Ross students to each of the magnets. Chumbley recognized and thanked all three campuses and CCA Principal **James Mears**, CCA teacher **James Paul**, ASTA Principal **Chad Bohlken**, and ASTA teachers **Wes McFarland, Brian Hawkins, and Brian Clay**. Chumbley attended the ribbon cutting for the Schreiber School-based Clinic and feels the clinic is a perfect tribute to the late **Shirley Schreiber**, a long-time NISD employee. She acknowledged Pfluger Architects and SGC Construction for their work on this project. Chumbley congratulated the **Harlan HS** football team on their season. She attended the **Steubing ES** 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event and enjoyed hearing the campuses new school song. Chumbley acknowledged **Rian Forestier**, a junior on the **Brandeis HS** Girls Basketball team, who has started a campaign to help middle school students get proper shoes to be able to play basketball. Chumbley invited Trustees to the next donation event at **Ross MS** on Dec. 14.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** reported that a new round of training for campus staff interested in the annual solar car event was a success with higher than anticipated attendance.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** spoke to the experience of CAST Teach students in their first opportunity to present prepared lessons in elementary classrooms in the District. Harle congratulated **Clark HS** Latin teacher **William Lee** on being named the 2023 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language’s (ACTFL) National Language Teacher of the Year.

## Public Hearing

A public hearing was held as part of the process of seeking approval to be a District of Innovation which will provide exemptions from state law related to uniform school start date, teacher certifications, contracts, etc.

## 2023-2024 Calendar Approved

The Board approved the instructional calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar reflects a start date for students of Aug. 28, 2023, with the last day of June 6, 2024.

## Board approves “Enrichment Academy” school calendar

**Westwood Terrace** and **Cable** elementary schools have been designated as redesign campuses (enrichment academies) and will operate on a different calendar as the rest of the district. The extended calendar includes student enrichment, extended planning time for teachers, and additional opportunities for academics. The approved calendar is posted on the schools’ websites.

## Reed Elementary School attendance zone approved

Trustees heard the report from the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) regarding the proposal for the **Reed ES** attendance zone. The SBAC conducted a public hearing on Dec. 1, and after listening to the public comments and reviewing all relevant data made a formal recommendation to the Board regarding the attendance zone. This boundary change will affect approximately 580 projected students to help relieve **Kallison** and **Henderson** elementary schools and populate Reed ES. Reed ES will open in 2023 and is funded by School Bond 2018. The approved attendance zone is posted on the campus’ websites.

## Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Hannah Jackson**, formerly a teacher at Tomlinson Elementary School, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Tomlinson Elementary School**.
- **Christina Lora**, formerly an assistant principal at Ross MS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Hobby Middle School**.
- **Genevieve Orozco**, formerly an administrative intern at Stevenson Middle School and Reddix Center, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Vale Middle School**.
- **Merry Garcia**, formerly Health Services Nursing Coordinator, was appointed **Director of Health Services**.

## Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor approval for boiler replacement at **Carlos Coon ES** – L.C. Mosel Co.
- Contractor approval for mechanical upgrades at **Marshall HS** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor approval for mechanical upgrades at **Neff MS** – Flo-Aire Service
- Contractor for portable relocations at **Marshall HS, Cole ES, & Family Engagement Center** – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for roof replacement at **Braun Station ES** and **Raba ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for tennis court upgrades at the **Annemarie Tennis Center** – Hellas Construction, Inc.

## Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: apparel items; infant simulators and supplies; glass repairs, related parts and services district-wide; fire extinguisher maintenance; copier paper; aggregate landscape materials; and technology staff augmentation. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department at 210-397-8700.

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You may email them at [info@nisd.net](mailto:info@nisd.net).

For additional information, call 210-397-8770.

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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](http://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.)

- 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)