



Inside Northside

BOARD *Talk*

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February 22, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Gerlach Show.** Last month was the annual Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale. The auction raised another record amount for student scholarships – over \$1.4 million. Thanks to the community for their continued support of this long-standing tradition.
- **Esports Tournament.** Last month, the District hosted the first NISD esports tournament with more than 300 middle and high school students participating. It's the second year the extracurricular activity has been offered.
- **JROTC Drill Meet.** Dr. Woods attended the Bear Classic JROTC Meet held at **Brennan HS**. He was impressed by the formal inspection, unarmed and armed drill performances, and a physical training competition. He thanked **Colonel Gary Salmans**, the Brennan administration, and the many staff and volunteers it takes to run a meet of that size and sophistication.
- **Cavaliers Art Contest.** **Sofia Liceaga**, a fifth grader at **Lewis ES**, was recently recognized as the grand prize winner in the 2022 Texas Cavaliers River Parade Art Contest. She was one of five NISD finalists and five NISD runners up in the annual art contest.
- **Welcome Event at Jay HS.** Last week, **Jay HS** hosted a welcome ceremony for **Dr. Mario Torres**, new Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at UTSA. Torres attended **Mary Hull ES**, **Jones MS**, and Jay HS and students from all three campuses took part in the event. Thank you to Jay HS principal **Teresa Cuellar-Hernandez**, Jay SEA principal **Crystal Mitchell**, and their staff for organizing the festivities.
- **NEF Donor Recognition.** Last week the Northside Education Foundation honored donors at the annual Donor Recognition event held at Magnolia Halle.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted a special moment at a recent **Holmes HS** basketball game. Coaches and players from both the Holmes and **Stevens** high schools teamed up to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience for senior **Joaquin Zamarippa**.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** enjoyed the high turnout for the Esports tournament. Harle enjoyed visiting **Jones MS** and **Jones Magnet** and thanked the school's leadership team, teaching staff, and students. She reminded Trustees that LibraryPalooza, a middle and high school event hosted by the District's Library Services staff, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 at **Brandeis HS**. Harle appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the Be Well, Stay Well employee wellness event and shared kudos to **Dr. Kimberly Ridgley**, Executive Director of Whole Child Development, and her staff for facilitating this event. Harle thanked Dr. Woods and CAST Teach Principal **Ericka Olivarez** for speaking as part of the Thompson Executive Leadership Institute.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** is very happy that the Gerlach Livestock Show & Sale broke another record this year with over \$1.4 million in sales. She appreciates that the event was livestreamed and expressed gratitude to the agriculture teachers who assisted with the show. Chumbley enjoyed a recent visit with **Jessica Weaver** with Communities In Schools (CIS) and is grateful for the work CIS does in Northside. Chumbley had the opportunity to meet recently with several students from **Marshall HS** and **Marshall Law & Medical Services (LMS)** and shared that her belief in public education has been restored because of the conversation. She acknowledged students **Kyle Ward**, **Mason Hutchings**, **Matthew Caldwell**, **Ben Klar**, **Serena Gomez**, and **Chloe Stewart** as well as Marshall

HS principal **Dr. Susan Cleveland** and LMS principal **Margaret Bray**. Chumbley shared appreciation to **Jacob Villarreal**, Executive Director of Construction and Engineering, for his consistent willingness to assist. She acknowledged the **Jay HS** Culinary Arts students for hosting the reception event in honor of **Dr. Mario Torres**. Chumbley also acknowledged Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Operations **Leroy San Miguel** and his staff for their consistently efficient and detail-oriented work.

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** visited **Harlan HS** as they hosted **Peter Canellos**, author of *The Great Dissenter*. She thanked Harlan HS Principal **Robert Harris** and campus librarian **Virginia Bigler**.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** shared appreciation for the recent completion of the National Science Bowl. He also visited **Steubing ES** and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with students.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** congratulated the District's sports teams currently in the playoffs. He visited **Vale MS** and enjoyed observing a Fine Arts partnership between Vale and **Stevenson** middle schools. He enjoyed visiting with Vale MS dance teacher **Stacey Duke** and Principal **Brenda Rayburg**.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** congratulated those NISD basketball teams and athletes in the playoffs. She thanked **Mead ES** Principal **Annette Lopez** for hosting her on campus as a part of Board Appreciation month. Saldana congratulated **Jay HS** staff and students for a fabulous job celebrating Dr. Mario Torres. Saldana also recognized NISD retiree **Teresa Pena** for her work in keeping fellow retirees informed of District events.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Michele Reynolds**, formerly assistant principal at Taft HS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Taft HS**.
- **Jessica Lane**, formerly an English teacher at Marshall HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Marshall HS**.
- **Rachel DeLeon**, formerly administrative intern at Harlan HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Harlan HS**.

Trustees hold Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report

NISD's Academic Performance Report was presented by **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and a public hearing was held, as required by Texas law. All school districts are required to publish an annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), district accreditation status, student enrollment and academic performance, PEIMS Financial Standards Report, a report of violent or criminal incidents, and information received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for each high school campus. The report will be available online on the NISD website and copies of specific reports will be available upon request through the Communications Department.

Board approves Budget Amendment #2

The Board approved Budget Amendment #2. General Fund revenue was amended to recognize a net reduction of \$45.2 million with a majority due to low campus attendance impacting the District's average daily attendance. General Fund Expenditures are being amended to recognize a net decrease of \$44.6 million with the majority represented by the following.

- Expenditure budget reduction due to reduced average daily attendance includes reducing salary budgets related to increased vacancies – \$27,299,755
- Expenditure reduction related to the state supplanting of ESSER II funds for the 19-20 hold harmless received by the district – \$19,902,46

Child Nutrition revenue is being amended to recognize an increase of \$6.5 million related to increased meal participation and the Supply Chain Assistance Grant. Child Nutrition expenditures are being amended to recognize an increase of \$2.2 million related to the opening of Sotomayor HS and the Supply Chain Assistance Grant.

Board approves Retention Pay Resolution

Trustees approved a resolution regarding retention pay for NISD employees who are active full-time or part-time employees as of Jan. 31, 2022. Retention payments would be made after the Texas Education Agency has approved the amendment to the District's ESSER III application.

Trustees discuss naming elementary school

Trustees began discussing the naming process and nominations submitted for "Village at West Pointe North area" elementary school.

Board approves facilities items:

- Master Plan for **Jordan MS**
- Master Plan for **Stinson MS**
- Exterior/Interior Colors for the Clinic at **Jones MS** as developed by Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Knowlton** and **Galm** elementary schools – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Leon Springs** and **Thornton** elementary schools – Baron-Long Construction, Ltd.
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **McDermott ES** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Northwest Crossing ES** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Reddix** and **Holmgreen** Centers – Marksmen General Contractors
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Scobee ES** – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Stinson MS** – Marksmen General Contractors
- Contractor for ESSER Mechanical Upgrades – **Timberwilde ES** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical CTE Upgrades at various campuses – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Northside Support Services Center Phase II IDQ – Flo-Aire Service
- Contractor for Portable Relocations at various campuses – 2022 construction related – Dodson House Moving
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- Contractor for Roof Replacement – **Holmes HS** – Samuel Dean Sheet Metal, Inc.
- Change Orders
 - **Esparza ES** – ADA Work, ALE & Window Upgrades and Mechanical Upgrades – Added scope for new entrance Canopy – \$252,825.00 (add)
 - **“Galm Road area” HS** – Roadway #1 – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$56,029.57) (credit)

Readings and adoptions of policy

- Second Reading and Approval of Local Policy EHAA Exhibits A, B, and C
- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy DEC
- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy EHB
- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy EHBA
- First Reading and Approval of Local Policy EIAA
- Review of Legal Policies in TASB Update #118
- First Reading of Local Policies in TASB Update #118

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Engine-Driveline Chassis Lubricants; Science Supplies & Equipment; Security Cameras, Access Controls & Intrusion Devices; Library Books & Learning Resources; Uninterruptible Power System Prevention Maintenance; Transportation Vehicles Miscellaneous Parts, Repairs & Services; Landscape Maintenance; American Sign Language Interpreting Services; School Age Parenting Program Health Services; USDA Commodity Processing & Commercial Products For Child Nutrition; Portable Air Purifiers; and Science Lab Equipment. 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 7 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.)*

- March 22, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- April 26, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- May 24, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road