



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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April 26, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Bond Presentations and Early Voting.** Over the last month, Dr. Woods and Cabinet staff have given hundreds of bond presentations to staff, parents, and community groups. As a reminder, Early Voting runs until May 3 and Election Day is May 7.
- **Ribbon Cutting at Marshall LMS.** Earlier this month was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building that houses the **Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet School** on the **Marshall HS** campus. Thank you to LMS Principal **Margaret Bray** and Marshall Principal **Susan Cleveland** for a wonderful celebration.
- **District Events.** Over the last month, Dr. Woods has attended many robotics, eSports, and Fine Arts events. A highlight for him was the Los Leones Student Arts Festival, the District's partnership with the city of Leon Valley that showcases all of the Fine Arts that our students participate in. Similar was last weekend's ArtFest which gives the other half of our schools a chance to showcase their talented students.
- **Meeting with Speaker's Staff.** Dr. Woods attended a meeting with the staff of Speaker of the House Dade Phelan to discuss issues related to public schools and the upcoming 88th Legislative Session.
- **Educators of the Year.** Last month, NISD hosted two nights of Educator of the Year celebrations at Brennan HS. Congratulations to all the campus and District honorees. Thank you to Trustees for their participation in support of this event.
- **CAST Teach.** Dr. Woods and **Ericka Olivares**, principal of **CAST Teach HS** (which opens in August 2022), met with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath.
- **Solar Car Races.** Last Saturday was the 25th Solar Car Race event at Gustafson Stadium. Dr. Woods thanked the elementary and middle school science departments in Curriculum and Instruction, the United States Air Force and **Trustee Blount** for their hard work.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** reminded those in attendance that the Northside Education Foundation's 5K event will take place Saturday, April 30. She also acknowledged the **CCA** Tiny Home Showcase scheduled for May 7. Freeman recognized the campus program that allows students the opportunity to earn professional certifications while enrolled in high school.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** enjoyed attending the **LMS** ribbon cutting event and appreciated hearing from students. Harle thanked **Corinne Saldana** for judging at a recent Arbor Day art contest at **Blattman ES**. She recognized **CAST Teach HS** Principal **Ericka Olivarez** for her presentation at the 7th annual San Antonio Regional Education Forum. Harle congratulated **Bobby Blount** for his role in this year's successful solar cars event and thanked the **Mitre Corporation** for their ongoing support. Harle recognized the three NISD statewide finalists for H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. They are **Lacy Greco**, **Leon Springs ES** GT teacher; **Jose Garay**, **Valley Hi ES** STEM teacher; and, **Dr. Lisa Baker**, **Communications Arts HS** Principal.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** visited **Carnahan ES** and enjoyed reading in reading two classrooms. She thanked teachers **Joelle Anderson** and **Severin Perez** for this opportunity and spent time with the school's namesake, Peggy Carnahan, during the visit. Chumbley also enjoyed attending the **LMS** ribbon cutting event and thanked LMS Principal **Margaret Bray** and **Marshall HS** Principal **Dr. Susan Cleveland**. She recognized the **Jay HS** Culinary students and their teacher, **Linda Vaughn-Dalton**, for providing refreshments at a recent district event. While at the event, Chumbley had the opportunity to visit multiple CTE classrooms. She thanked Bobby Blount for his help in

coordinating the solar cars event. Chumbley recognized the NISD **Partnerships Dept.** for hosting the annual partnerships recognition event and was appreciative of the award given to her.

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** thanked District science dept. staff and event volunteers for their help making the annual Solar Cars event a success.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** attended the Fine Arts FEST where original student artwork was showcased along with student dance performances.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** congratulated **Rudder MS** Principal **Paul Ramirez** along with the students and parents who attended an incredible family night hosted by the campus.

Recognitions

- **Brandeis Orchestra National Grand Champions.** The **Brandeis HS** Chamber and Concert Orchestras performed and competed in New York City at the National Orchestra Cup at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center. Competing against some of the best orchestra programs in the country and being judged by the assistant conductor for the New York Philharmonic, the Chamber Orchestra brought home the top award and are Grand Champions. They are the first orchestra in San Antonio to win the National Orchestra Cup. In addition, two Brandeis students won best soloist awards. They are **Vincent Garcia-Hettinger**, best low strings soloist, and **Ray Zhang**, best high strings soloist. **Kevin Garcia-Hettinger** is head orchestra director, and **Olga De Leon** is assistant orchestra director.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Jessica P. Ruiz**, formerly Associate Principal at Leon Valley ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Leon Valley ES**.
- **Amanda Garner-Maskill**, formerly Associate Principal at McDermott ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Mead ES**.
- **Heidi Belson**, formerly Assistant Principal in Temple ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Clark HS**.
- **Christopher Sandrin**, formerly Administrative Intern at Boone ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Rhodes ES**.
- **David Johnston**, formerly a Math Instructional Specialist in Curriculum & Instruction, was appointed **Program Director** at **Jones Magnet School**.

At the April 12 Board Meeting, Trustees approved the following appointments

- **Kelly Rasti**, formerly Legislative Aide for State Senator Jose Menendez, was appointed **Director of Governmental Relations**.
- **Javier Lazo**, formerly Associate Principal at Jones MS, was appointed **Principal** at **Jones MS**.

Board approves facilities items:

- Master Plan for **Ross MS**
- Contractor for Building Replacement – **Glass ES** – Casias Construction LLC
- Contractor for Bus/Student Covered Walkway – **Rhodes ES** – R. L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Gym Floor Replacement – **Folks MS** – Jelco
- Contractor for New Classroom Building – **Holmes HS** – D. Wilson Construction Company
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – summer 2022 related – IDQ – Dodson House Moving, LLC
- Contractor for Roof Replacement – **Mary Hull** and **Fernandez** elementary schools – American Roofing & Metal Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Roof Replacement – **Michael ES** – Topside Contracting, LLC
- Contractor for Roof Replacement – **Passmore ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for Roof Replacement – **Ross MS** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for Waterproofing – **Steubing ES** – Alamo Waterproofing Services, Inc.
- Contractor for 2022 Pre-K Expansion Phase IV – SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.
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Trustees approve Campus-Based Growth & Improvement Units

Trustees approved the addition of 182.81 campus-based staffing units for 2022-2023 to accommodate the addition of Sotomayor HS, elementary STEM-lab expansion, and other District initiatives.

Board approves audit and financial advisory services

The Board approved the audit firm Weaver and Tidwell to conduct the district's annual financial audit for fiscal year 2021-2022. The Board approved the firm rankings for Financial Advisory Services and Arbitrage Compliance Services. Administration is now authorized to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm in each category.

Board approves purchase of school buses

Trustees approved a request to purchase 65 full-size buses and 25 mini buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC with Bond 2018 funds. State law requires that buses model year 2017 or newer must have seat belts unless the Board holds a public meeting and vote indicating that the addition of seat belts would create a financial hardship for the District. All buses also have A/C, cameras, and GPS.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: School Bus & Light Truck Tires; Library Magazines; Office Supplies; iPad Repair Parts; Football, Volleyball & Tennis Equipment; Athletic Medical Equipment & Supplies; Canned, Bottle, & Miscellaneous Beverages; and Dairy Products for Child Nutrition. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Assessment Technologies Institute dba National Healthcare Association for health science, industry-based certifications for students. 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.)

- May 24, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- June 28, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- July 26, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road