



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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May 24, 2022

The meeting was opened by Board President Karen Freeman with a moment of silence for all those affected by the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Uvalde Tragedy.** Following the tragedy in Uvalde, Dr. Woods asked that everyone keep that community in thoughts and prayers. NISD is assembling a team of staff to provide support and assistance as needed.
- **Bond 2022.** Thanked NISD voters on the recent passage of School Bond 2022. The District will soon begin the design process for the first set of bond projects.
- **H-E-B Excellence in Education Award Finalists.** Congratulations to three H-E-B Excellence in Education award finalists from NISD: **Dr. Lisa Baker**, Principal at Communications Arts HS; **Lacy Greco**, GT Specialist at Leon Springs ES; and, **Jose Garay**, STEM teacher at Valley Hi ES. All three were honored earlier this month as award finalists. Mr. Garay was honored with the Rising Star Award for elementary teachers.
- **Sotomayor HS walkthrough.** The official walk through of Northside's twelfth comprehensive high school, Sotomayor HS, took place May 12 with Trustees and campus leaders participating. Appreciation was shared to **Leroy San Miguel**, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations, NISD Facilities staff, architect **Jerry Lammers**, and representatives from **Joeris General Contractors** who were on site.
- **Together We Sing event.** Hundreds of middle school choir students from across the District came together to participate in the annual Together We Sing event held at the Northside Sports Gym.
- **Retirement & Recognition Ceremony.** Congratulations to those employees honored at the Retirement & Recognition event on May 18 for years of service or retirement and recognized Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources **Patty Hill** whose department coordinated the event.
- **Project ACORN.** Students at the **Agricultural Science & Technology Academy** participated in a Project ACORN grant activity on raised bed vegetable gardening.
- **O'Connor HS Softball.** Congratulations to the **O'Connor HS** softball team on qualifying for the regional finals and will play this weekend with the possibility of advancing to the state tournament.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** recognized employees scheduled to retire and thanked them for their loyalty and service to the District.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** attended the **Jones MS Magnet school** induction ceremony and thanked school staff. She recognized the **Jay HS** cheerleaders for their participation in a recent Communities in Schools luncheon.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** thanked Assistant Superintendent **Patty Hill** for her years of service to NISD and congratulated her on her pending retirement. She thanked community members and the NISD family for their support of the bond election.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** thanked the NISD community for support of School Bond 2022. He attended the **Scarborough ES** STAAR search and enjoyed the student talent.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** congratulated Bobby Blount on being recognized for his continued support of the District's Solar Car race event.

- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** thanked the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) for their year-long fundraising efforts in support of teachers. Saldana recognized all staff who have worked to keep schools open this school year. She also recognized the many class and club sponsors and coaches for their dedicated work. She thanked the NISD community for supporting the recent bond election.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized District stakeholders and families for their support of School Bond 2022. Medina sends prayers to the Uvalde community and to all teachers and administrators. He is looking forward to the District's graduation ceremonies and is wishing the **O'Connor HS** Panthers softball team the best of luck in the playoffs.

Recognitions

- **Health Careers HS Academic Decathlon Team National Champions.** The Academic Decathlon team at **Health Careers HS** brought home top honors after competing in the USA Nationals, placing first in Division IV. This is the second year in a row for Health Careers HS. The team is coached by teachers **Diana Johnston** and **Anthony Bosnic**.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Paul Alvarez**, formerly Associate Principal at Ward ES was appointed **Principal** at **Powell ES**.
- **Roxanne Olvera**, formerly Associate Principal at Cable ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Knowlton ES**.
- **Lisa Mendez**, formerly Associate Principal at Kuentz ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Mary Hull ES**.
- **Rudolph Arzola**, formerly Assistant Principal at Jones MS was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Jones MS**.
- **Maria Vela**, formerly Administrative Intern at Glenn ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Leon Valley ES**.
- **Hugo Orantes**, formerly Administrative Intern at Esparza ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **McDermott ES**.
- **Ryan Brassell**, formerly Assistant Principal with Mesquite ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Brennan HS**.
- **Aaron Logan**, formerly Special Education teacher at Stevens HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Brennan HS**.
- **Jennifer Schulze-Aguirre**, formerly math dept. coordinator at Brandeis HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Brandeis HS**.
- **Venissia Villarreal**, formerly Assistant Principal at Warren HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Taft HS**.
- **Daniel Novosad**, formerly Administrative Intern at Ross MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Vale MS**.

Trustees approve 2022-2023 calendar revisions

Trustees approved revisions to the District's 2022-2023 calendar to include the addition of six teacher planning/student early dismissal days to the previously adopted calendar in order to provide teachers more planning time.

Trustees approve renewal of medical insurance provider

Trustees approved the renewal of UnitedHealth Care as the medical insurance provider for 2023.

Trustees approve concession profit sharing

Trustees approved a resolution allowing the continued practice of sharing in profits earned from concession sales with the Northside Booster Association (NBA). Profits would be shared and distributed to the primary athletic booster and band/fine arts booster clubs at the comprehensive high schools.

Trustees re-elect Board Officers

Trustees re-elected Karen Freeman as the president of the Board and Gerald Lopez as vice president. Corinne Saldana was elected Board secretary.

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for electrical portable building improvements at **Stevens HS** as it relates to displacement of classrooms during construction of the new **CAST Teach Magnet School** – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for electrical infrastructure upgrades -- **Brennan and Taft high schools, Bernal and Straus middle schools, and Boldt, Burke, Cole, Glenoaks, Henderson, and Hoffmann elementary schools** – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for flooring replacement – **Glenn ES** – Azteca Designs, Inc.
- Contractor for moving/adding/changing telecommunications cabling – **Brennan and Taft high schools, Bernal and Straus middle schools, Boldt, Burke, Cole, Glenoaks, Henderson, and Hoffmann elementary schools** – Facility Solutions Group
- Contractor for mechanical upgrades – **Warren HS** – Gillette Air Conditioning, Co., Inc.
- Contractor for paving upgrades – **Boone ES** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for new **CAST Teach Magnet at Stevens HS** – WR Griggs Construction Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Family Consumer Science Labs millwork – **Connally, Luna, Rudder, Stevenson, and Zachry middle schools** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Consultant for design and commissioning services for construction of proposed “Village at **WestPointe West area**” **Elementary School** – DBR Engineering Consultants, Inc.
- Change Orders:
 - **Harlan, Health Careers, Taft, and Warren high schools**, synthetic Turf Football Field & Track upgrades – return of contingency and allowances – (\$153,013.80 credit)
 - **Glass ES**, ALE upgrades – return of contingency and allowances (\$99,524.00 credit)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: UT OnRamps professional learning and developmental trainings; t-shirt uniforms for Child Nutrition; standard campus furniture; administration, library, and miscellaneous furniture; Child Nutrition supplies; custodial equipment; plumbing equipment, supplies, and services; large equipment for Child Nutrition; STEM supplies and materials; and welding equipment and supplies. 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.)*

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

