



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

July 26, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **House Public Education Testimony.** Dr. Woods was invited to testify on HB 3 (86R) and HB 1525 (87R) before the Texas House of Representatives Public Education Committee.
- **Back to School Events Begin.** Several key district staff events will be taking place soon marking the beginning of the new school year. These include Leadership Institute, New Teacher Academy, and Convocations.
- **Summer Graduation.** The annual Summer Graduation event will take place Aug. 11 and will be held at the Paul Taylor Field House.
- **Budget Finalization.** There will be two called Board meetings in August for purposes of finalizing the District's budget.
- **SA City Council Honors NISD.** The District, along with a number of city Refugee Resettlement agencies and support organizations, was honored at a recent San Antonio City Council meeting and presented a proclamation naming June 20 as World Refugee Day. **Victor Raga**, Director of Bilingual Education, accepted the proclamation on behalf of NISD.
- **Video Moment.** Tonight's video moment featured some **Brandeis HS** students who turned a school community service project into a colorful and meaningful experience.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** provided Trustees an update from the Bexar County Coalition of School Boards.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** congratulated the state championship **O'Connor HS** softball team, and their coaches, on their hard work and a job well done. Chumbley acknowledged the three **Brandeis HS** students featured in the Video Moment and said they represent grit and determination. She thanked Trustee Blount for representing NISD on the Bexar County Coalition. Chumbley also acknowledged Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing** for organizing the student leadership summit.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** congratulated the **O'Connor HS** softball team and shared that these student athletes have made their community very proud. She thanked Dr. Woods for his recent testimony before the House Public Education Committee and for representing NISD.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** congratulated the **O'Connor HS** softball team and their parents. He also shared that the Proclamation from the City of San Antonio shows the District's commitment to refugee students.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** congratulated the **O'Connor HS** softball team athletes and their parents.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** shared congratulations and compliments to the **O'Connor HS** softball state champions.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** shared his congratulations with the state champions from **O'Connor HS** and indicated that their accomplishment reflects their hard work and that of their parents ongoing support.

Recognitions

- **Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award.** Marshall HS history teacher **Anthony Gonzales** was honored as the recipient of the James F. Veninga Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from Humanities Texas.
- **UIL 6A State Softball Champions.** Members of the **O'Connor HS** Softball team were honored on being named the UIL 6A State Softball Champions after defeating Lake Ridge in playoff competition. This was the sixth time in program history the O'Connor team has advanced to the state tournament but the first state softball championship for O'Connor HS and NISD.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Dr. Scott McKenzie**, formerly principal at Rayburn MS, was appointed **Director of Recruiting & Retention.**
- **Dr. Susan Cleveland**, formerly principal at Marshall HS, was appointed **Director of Research & Development.**
- **Lucy Gomez**, formerly associate principal at Driggers ES, was appointed **Principal at Carnahan ES.**
- **Latia Bishop**, formerly associate principal at Mireles ES, was appointed **Principal at Steubing ES.**
- **Jennifer Hilbrich**, formerly associate principal at Boone ES, was appointed **Principal at Boone ES.**
- **Cindy Gibson**, formerly associate principal at Carlos Coon ES was appointed **Principal at Los Reyes ES.**
- **Elleana Saloman**, formerly administrative intern at Mead ES, was appointed **Associate Principal at Valley Hi ES.**
- **Samantha Weissler**, formerly academic coach at Judson ISD, was appointed **Associate Principal at Wanke ES.**
- **Desiree Smith**, formerly academic program coordinator at Jay HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jay HS.**
- **Manuel Villarreal III**, formerly physical education teacher at Hector Garcia MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jay HS.**
- **Veronica Cortez**, formerly assistant principal at Comal ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal at O'Connor HS.**
- **Jack McCafferty**, formerly teacher at Marshall HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at O'Connor HS**

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: aquatic program equipment, uniforms & supplies; groceries & concessions for schools & departments; prepared foods & catering services; curriculum & instructional supplies, kitchen equipment, supplies, & services; HVAC controls, equipment, & services; custodial supplies, footwear for Child Nutrition, professional development services & related materials; hydrostatic test & service for kitchen suppression systems; and fine arts consultant services. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: EAS Educaide Software for Problem-Attic software; and Screencastify LLC for video screen capturing software to be utilized for instructional purposes.

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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.)*

- August 2, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Called Board Meeting)
- Aug. 16, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Called Board Meeting)
- Aug. 23, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)