



Inside Northside **BOARD**Talk

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August 23, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Budget Finalization.** The budget process, which began in Feb. 2022, is nearing completion. The compression of the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate is good for District homeowners and business owners.
- **Back to School Events.** Staff returned to the new school year with a lot of enthusiasm and energy as evident at the Convocation events. Thank you to the Fine Arts and Communications departments, and all of the teachers and students who assisted in welcoming back staff.
- **First Day.** The start to the new school year was very positive and early data shows promising enrollment numbers.
- **Video Moment.** The evenings video moment highlights first day visits to Boone ES, CAST Teach HS, and Sotomayor HS. The video can be located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmQAPkQgNX8>.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** announced that the Missions will be honoring educators and staff at their games. Several NISD staff are due to be honored including **Mike Byrnes** (Harlan HS), **Valerie Sisk** (Executive Director of Secondary Administration), and **Melinda Valdez** (Beard ES).
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** acknowledged NISD Fine Arts Director **James Miculka**, Assistant Director **Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez**, Fine Arts Supervisor **James Hare**, and all the student performers from the Convocation events. She also thanked **Stan Laing**, Executive Director of Athletics, and his department staff for their support of the Convocation. Chumbley provided Board members an update from the NEF Board. She appreciated the opportunity to bring remarks on behalf of the Board to the NISD Police Dept. orientation. She attended the **Sotomayor HS** pep rally and described the event as amazing. Chumbley also attended the annual Block Walk hosted by **Ross MS** and its feeder campuses. She recognized the work of **Ross MS** Principal **Faustino Ortega** and Family & Community Liaison **Irene Zinsmeister**. Chumbley attended two Active Threat training presented by NISD Safety Officer **Shane Allard** and she thanked him for a job well done. Chumbley also acknowledged Child Nutrition Training Dietitian **Pam Kniffen** for doing an amazing job of recently addressing and resolving an issue for a parent.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** is feeling hopeful and looking forward to the new school year. She provided an update from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and closed by acknowledging Director of Counseling **Mary Libby** for her testimony before a joint hearing of the Texas House Youth Health & Safety / Homeland Security Committee.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** thanked the Fine Arts instructors and student performers from Convocation. He also thanked **Stan Laing** and the Athletic Dept. and Chief of Police **Charlie Carnes** and the NISD police officers who all assisted to support convocation. Lopez participated in the annual Block Walk hosted by **Ross MS** and its feeder campuses. He acknowledged **Linton ES** Principal **Marti Ortega** and **Ross MS** Family & Community Liaison **Irene Zinsmeister** for their efforts. Lopez collaborated with the Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren organization in the 50 Backpack Challenge to support grandparents. He acknowledged participation in the event by both City Public Service (CPS) and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** recognized Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka**, Assistant Director of Fine Arts **Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez**, and the Communications Dept. for one of the best convocation events she has witnessed. She especially enjoyed the beautiful presentation of colors by the district's JROTC units.

- **Trustee Carol Harle** enjoyed the annual convocation events and acknowledged student performer Lorenzo Lopez and all of the students who participated. Harle enjoyed visiting several campuses to include **Beard** and **Ellison** elementary schools and **CAST Teach** and **Stevens** high schools.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized the collaborative efforts of multiple departments in hosting this year's convocation events. He has enjoyed seeing the thoughtful messaging from NISD teachers on social media.

Recognitions

- **Recognition of NISD Staff who provided support for Uvalde CISD.** NISD staff were quick to assist our neighboring school district of Uvalde CISD, responding immediately with support from the counseling, communications, curriculum & instruction, facilities, and police departments.

Public Hearing on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

A public hearing was held to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate for 2022-2023.

Curriculum & Instruction presentations provided

District Curriculum & Instruction staff provided a progress report on the required HB3 adopted goals in third grade reading and mathematics as well as in college, career, and military readiness (CCMR). In addition, staff reported on the yearly progress and expenditures of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.

Board adopts 2022-2023 Budget; Approve defeasance resolutions

Trustees approved the 2022-2023 budgets for the General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, and Debt Services Fund. In addition, two defeasance resolutions were approved to pay off bonded debt in 2022-23 as well as debt related to the 2010 bond authorization.

Trustees approve tax rates for 2022-2023

The Board approved an ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem taxes for the 2022-2023 school year. The total adopted tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation is \$1.1901 (\$0.8546 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.3355 for Interest and Sinking).

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Lauren Gonzaba**, formerly Assistant Principal at Northside Alternative High School, was appointed **Associate Principal at Northside Alternative HS.**
- **Laura San Roman**, formerly Assistant Principal at Jones MS, was appointed **Associate Principal at Neff MS.**
- **Nereida Ollendieck**, formerly Administrative Intern at Rudder MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Briscoe MS.**
- **Tamara Campbell-Babin**, formerly Administrative Intern at Pease MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Pease MS.**

Board approves facilities items:

- Schematic design of "**Village at WestPointe West area**" **Elementary School** by Nextgen Architects, LLC
- Interior colors for administration, window and ADA upgrades at **Leon Valley ES** by LPA, Inc.
- Interior colors for Fine Arts replacement and renovation at **Jay HS** by Alamo Architects, Inc.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Sheet Music & Music Materials, School Bus Equipment & Supplies, Electrical Supplies & Services, Moving/Adding/Changing (MAC) Telecommunications Cabling, Moveable Wall Preventive Maintenance Inspection, Deionized Water Services, and Venthoo Cleaning. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Techmart Computer Products, Inc. for the purchase of calculators for the High School Math and Science departments; Mind Research Institute for the renewal of professional development and use of software ST Math; and Communities in Schools of San Antonio for the purchase of professional services at various campuses for at-risk students.

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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.)*

- Sept. 27, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)
- Oct. 25, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)
- Nov. 15, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)