



Inside Northside **BOARD**Talk

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September 27, 2022

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Enrollment update.** Base Day enrollment, taken Sept. 23, shows the District's enrollment slightly higher than expected with the elementary level showing the most growth.
- **EXCEL Award.** Jasmin Thompson, a first grade teacher at Braun Station Elementary School, is the recipient of the 2022-23 EXCEL Award by KENS5 and Credit Human. The surprise announcement was made in her classroom last week.
- **Redistricting feedback.** The District hosted two public hearings on the proposed changes to the single-member districts.
- **Declaration of Respect signing day.** Trustees will join students and staff across the District in participating in the eleventh annual Declaration of Respect event by signing a declaration promoting anti-bullying.
- **Video Moment.** In recognition of National Custodial Appreciation Day on Oct. 2, the video moment highlighted a custodian at Helotes Elementary School. He has seen generations of students come and go through those hallways for the past 45 years, and in fact, was once a student there himself. The video can be seen at <https://youtu.be/MsrD7McsUHq>.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** has enjoyed attending multiple sporting events and has appreciated seeing the bands, flag teams, and all the students who participate in these types of activities. He congratulated **Rayburn MS** art teacher **Larry West** who was named the 2022 Outstanding Middle School Art Educator by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA). In addition, Lopez acknowledged that NISD was named a TAEA District of Distinction for 2022.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** shared that Trustees provide updates and reports at their regularly scheduled meetings as a way of keeping fellow Trustees and others informed of all of the great things taking place across the District. Chumbley congratulated architect **Craig Noonan** on his retirement after a long history of working with NISD on multiple projects. She thanked Trustee Lopez for his efforts to help the many grandparents raising grandchildren. She also announced that **Ross MS** will be partnering with the **Agriculture Science & Technology Academy (ASTA)** and **Construction Careers Academy (CCA)**, **Principal James Mears** to foster the farm to home initiative. She thanked Ross MS Principal **Faustino Ortega**, Family & Community Liaison **Irene Zinsmeister**, and librarian **Arnulfo (AJ) Talamantes** for their efforts. Chumbley thanked the NEF Board and staff who helped host the Annual NEF Gala and recognized student **Lorenzo Lopez** on his performance at the Gala. She acknowledged the NISD Police Department from command and line officers to those working the state-of-the-art dispatch center and thanked them for working to keep students and staff safe daily. She commented that the police dept. makes a difference in the lives of students and should be celebrated. Chumbley commented on the many Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities available to NISD students including in-person clinical rotations at Health Careers HS, internships sponsored by Marek Brothers Construction, and dual credit opportunities. She reminded Trustees that **ASTA** will be hosting third graders from across the District as they participate in Ag in Action.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** spoke about the importance of a personal touch in daily interactions across the district.

- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** thanked the Northside Education Foundation for their efforts in raising funds to directly support Northside teachers. She thanked the coaches, student athletes, and many parents who have participated in and attended the many athletic events so far this school year. Saldana attended the recent TASA/TASB annual conference. She invited individuals to visit the Go Public website to gain awareness of the many good things taking place in our public schools.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** thanked the parent volunteers at **Hobby MS** participating in the Hawk Eyes program. She acknowledged NISD librarian **Lucy Ibarra Podmore** on her leadership role with the Texas Association of School Librarians. Dr. Harle thanked NISD Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** for hosting a detailed calendar of events on the District's fine arts website. She also acknowledged Trustee Blount for his recent presentations at the TASA/TASB conference, his role on the Go Public Steering Committee, and for serving on the **Jay SEA** Advisory Board.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** congratulated **CAST Teach HS** staff and students on a successful pinning ceremony. She provided trustees an update from a recent TASB Board meeting.

Recognitions

- **Recognition of outgoing members of the 2021-2022 Northside Leadership Academy (NLA).** For the past 47 years, in an effort to identify and train future administrators, NISD has held specialized training in one form or another. NLA is a year-long program that focuses on core competencies as they apply to school or department leadership. The admittance process into the program is a rigorous one. Outgoing members of the 2021-2022 NLA Class were recognized by the board.

First reading of local board policy on public participation at Board Meetings

The Board discussed a change to BED Local regarding audience participation at Board meetings.

Trustee added to District Safety and Security Committee

Trustees Karen Freeman and M'Lissa Chumbley will serve on the District Safety and Security Committee which meets periodically throughout the school year to discuss safety and security issues. The committee is comprised of police, parents, and staff members from across the district.

Trustees approve redistricting plan

Trustees approved new single-member district boundaries to comply with Texas Education Code which requires redistricting when population variances, as identified by the decennial U.S. Census, meet a designated threshold.

Trustees approve legislative priorities

Trustees approved legislative priorities for the 88th Legislature which convenes on January 10, 2023.

Board/Superintendent goals approved

The Board of Trustees approved the 2022-2023 Board/Superintendent goals. They will be posted to the NISD website at a later date.

Trustees sign Declaration of Respect

On Oct. 7, all NISD students and staff will be invited to sign a Declaration of Respect as part of the District's anti-bullying initiatives. Counselors have been equipped with training, materials, and lessons for classroom presentations that teach necessary skills to students to promote a safe, respectful, and healthy school climate. Members of the Board of Trustees signed their own Declaration of Respect, as a show of support for the program spearheaded by the NISD Counseling Department led by **Mary Libby**. Dr. Woods signed on behalf of staff.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Matthew Patty**, formerly Academic Technology Coordinator in Technology Services, was appointed **Magnet Director** at **Zachry MS**.
- **Joe Bishop**, formerly Assistant Principal at Zachry MS, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Briscoe MS**
- **Jennifer Rios**, formerly Assistant Principal at Taft HS, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Taft HS**.
- **Theresa Long**, formerly Academic Dean at Stevenson MS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Jay HS**.
- **Loiselle Tejada**, formerly STEM Coordinator at Jones MS was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Jones MS**.
- **Jody Noblett**, formerly Fine Arts Department Coordinator at San Antonio ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Northside Alternative HS**.
- **Johnnie Fair**, formerly Social Studies Teacher at North East ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Stevens HS**.

Board approves facilities items:

- Schematic Design for replacement of Rayburn MS administrative suite replacement as presented by Garza Bomberger & Associates.
- Exterior and interior colors for building replacement at Glass ES as developed by Nextgen Architects, LLC.
- Exterior and interior colors for library renovation at Mary Hull ES as developed by Garza Architects.
- Interior colors for Stevens HS CAST Teach Magnet School as developed by Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Contractor for mechanical upgrades at Connally MS by L. C. Mosel Company.
- Change Orders:
 - Various campuses, 2022 ESSER related portables electrical improvements – reduction of portables (\$68,113) (credit)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: PE Equipment & Supplies; Printing Services Supplies, Equipment, & Services; Model 2023 Vehicles; Pool Chemicals, Supplies, & Services; Indefinite Quantity Contract for Electrical Work; Baseball, Softball & Track Equipment; Indefinite Quantity Contract for Site Work; and Consultants, Speakers, Related Services, & Materials for Student/Family Engagement. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: C-6 Disposal System, Inc for the purchase of sanitation services for schools located within the City of Helotes, and Tiger Sanitation for the purchase of sanitation services for schools located within the City of Leon Valley; annual renewal of purchasing cooperative fees. 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.)*

- 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)
- Dec. 13, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)