



Inside Northside **BOARD** *Talk*

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January 22, 2019

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Federal Government Shutdown.** Dr. Woods was recently in Washington D.C. where a lot of conversation centered on the government shutdown. NISD is mobilizing locally to help our families impacted by this unfortunate event. The District is reminding families of partnerships with the local Food Bank and the internal clothing closet, Threads. The Human Resources Department is working on ways to give temporary employment to furloughed federal workers in the Transportation and Custodial Departments as well as substitute teachers. The current understanding is that the District would begin to lose federal funding that supports our Child Nutrition program in April and that could certainly translate to additional expenses for NISD.
- **Legislative Updates.** Dr. Woods has also spent time in Austin and been part of interesting policy conversations regarding the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate, performance based funding, early childhood education, school safety, teacher compensation, and local control over any new funding.
- **School Board Appreciation Month.** In conjunction with School Board Appreciation Month, a luncheon was held last Friday for former trustees and superintendents. Dr. Woods is always reminded that current leaders stand on the shoulders of the leaders who came before. Later this week, **Marshall HS** will host the annual Board Appreciation Dinner. Dr. Woods also thanked NISD trustees for being incredible volunteers who serve students, staff, and patrons.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment recognized the contributions of the NISD Board of Trustees. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized all District staff and wished them well as they begin this second semester of the school year.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** encouraged all to attend the Walter Gerlach Livestock Show and applauded the teamwork demonstrated by **O'Connor HS** students participating through the Agriculture and FFA programs. Harle attended a transition event at **Clark HS** geared at preparing current 8th graders for high school. She recognized the District's Bilingual & ESL Department and its director, **Victor Raga**, for the successes and expansion of the Dual Language program at the elementary level. Harle recognized a successful Twitter chat hosted by herself and Board President **Chumbley**. Harle closed by recognizing her Board colleagues for serving in the capacity of Trustee with intelligence and grace.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** presented Trustee **Blount** with an award on behalf of the **Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members** recognizing his 10-plus years of service as an officer to the organization. Freeman attended a first-grade town hall meeting held at **Beard ES** and also enjoyed meeting with members of the campus' PTA leadership.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** praised the staff and community of **Villarreal ES** on an amazing 50th Anniversary event. She recognized the **Ross MS** Mariachi for their performance at the event. Chumbley thanked Academic Technology Coordinators **John Moran** and **Matthew Garrett** for their assistance in organizing a recent Twitter chat she helped facilitate.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** thanked **Carlos Coon ES** Principal **Mark Garcia** for inviting him to attend a campus event in conjunction with **Jordan MS** Principal **Anabel Romero**. He spoke to parents about the transition from elementary to middle school from the parent perspective. He also recognized **Angelica Medrano**, third grade teacher and ballet folklorico sponsor at Carlos Coon.

- **Trustee Katie Reed** attended a successful academic event for students and parents at **Glenoaks ES**. Reed will be participating in the SA to DC advocacy initiative hosted by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** had the opportunity to present at The XG Summit, an exceptional governance summit hosted by the **Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)**, and shared the successes Northside has had in closing the achievement gap. Blount invited all Trustees to participate in the upcoming Heroes for Health event.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Andrew Drumm**, formerly vice principal at **Vale MS**, was appointed Principal at **Connally MS**.
- **Jason Christian**, formerly assistant principal at **O'Connor HS**, was appointed Vice Principal at **O'Connor HS**.
- **Latia Bishop**, formerly collaborative teaching program coordinator in the Special Education Department, was appointed Vice Principal at **Mireles ES**.

Recognitions

Council of PTAs, Northside Education Foundation, and Northside Museum Association honor NISD Trustees

The Northside Council of PTAs, represented by PTA Council President **Larry Rowe**, the Northside School Museum Association, led by President **DuWayne Headrick**, and the Northside Education Foundation, led by Secretary **Monty Howard**, honored NISD's seven Board members. Every year, the Texas governor proclaims January as School Board Recognition Month. NISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions that members of the Boards of Trustees make to our various districts and communities. School trustees serve as key advocates for students and work together to provide a better future for each and every student. NEF Secretary Monty Howard also presented NEF's 2018 Annual Report.

Board approves audit of District's financial report

The Board approved the audit of Northside's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending August 31, 2018. The report consists of management's representations concerning the financial condition and operations of the District and the results of an audit performed by the certified public accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell LLP. The audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement, according to **David Rastellini**, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance.

Board discusses expansion of NISD PreK program

The Board discussed expansion of the NISD PreKindergarten program and heard a presentation from **Patti Sanchez**, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction. The current model of PreK in NISD is a half day program for qualifying students. Research is clear about the benefits of quality, early childhood education, especially for children of poverty. Given the benefit of, interest in, and need for quality early childhood education, a recommendation was made to expand PreK by moving it from a half to full day at certain clusters as well as allowing non-qualifying students to participate at cluster sites on a tuition basis.

Trustees hear Martin ES Mid-Year Targeted Improvement Plan

Martin ES is designated 'Improvement Required' based on this year's accountability system. This designation required the submission of a Targeted Improvement Plan in September as well as a mid-year progress update in January. The plan was presented by **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Previously, Holmgreen Center had also been rated 'Improvement Required.' However, the District submitted an appeal which was granted by TEA. Therefore, Holmgreen Center's accountability rating has been changed to 'Not Rated.'

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for Fire Alarm Upgrades – **Lewis ES** – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Fire Sprinkler System & Lighting Upgrades – **Leon Valley ES** – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – **Howsman** and **Northwest Crossing** elementary schools – LED Electric & Lighting Contractors, LLC
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Warren HS** – L.C. Mosel Co., Ltd.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Pease MS** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Scobee ES** – Flo-Aire Service, Inc.

- Contractor for Plaza of Influence Pylons at **Northside Sports Gym** – SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.
- Schematic Design for “**Kallison Ranch area**” **middle school** as presented by Alamo Architects
- Exterior elevation of the **Marshall HS** Library Addition and Renovation as presented by Garza/Bomberger & Associates
- Change Orders
 - **Boone ES** Administration Upgrades, Bus/Student Covered Walkway & Security Lobby campus upgrades, compliance request and existing conditions – \$176,298.25
 - **Hector Garcia MS** PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – return of allowances and contingency – (\$51,817)

NISD seeks class-size waivers for 22 elementary classrooms

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 22 classrooms across the District in kinder to fourth grade. State law mandates a 22:1 ratio of students to teacher in kindergarten through fourth grades. A waiver is required by law should a K-4 class exceed 22:1.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Art Supplies & Miscellaneous Items; Miscellaneous Parts, Repairs, & Services; Auto Mechanics Hand Tools & Equipment; Engine/Driveline Chassis Lubricants; and Virtual Desktop Infrastructure. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: SHI-Government Solutions Inc. for annual renewal of EMC XtremIO software; Longhorn Bus Sales LLC for three 14-passenger yellow mini buses; Intech Southwest Services LLC for the purchase of HP desktops, monitors, and laptops for the Hoffmann ES and Bernal MS technology deployments; and Teaching Systems Inc. for software, installation, and maintenance/support of 14 middle school language labs. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** 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.)*

- 📅 Feb. 26, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 March 26, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 April 23, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road