



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

February 26, 2019

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Legislative Update.** The legislative session is progressing although there has not been extensive action to speak of yet. District staff will continue to monitor session activity and provide updates.
- **Jones STEM Family Night.** **Jones MS** recently hosted a successful STEM Family Night. Thanks to Principal **Michella Wheat** and campus staff for organizing this event.
- **PTA Founders Day.** The annual PTA Founders Day event was held earlier this month at **Stevens HS**. Thanks to **Principal Ryan Purtell**, NISD and Stevens Fine Arts staff, and the NISD Council of PTAs for their roles in the evening's success.
- **Academic Decathlon.** The Academic Decathlon teams from **Marshall** and **Warren** high schools have advanced to the State competition after their first and second place finishes at Regional competition earlier this month.
- **CREST Awards.** Earlier this month, the Texas School Counselor Association recognized **Brandeis High School**, **Warren HS/Construction Careers Academy**, **Connally**, **Stevenson** and **Stinson** middle schools, and **Adams Hill Elementary School** with 2018 CREST Awards for Counseling Excellence.
- **Special Olympics.** This week is the annual Special Olympics Track and Field Meet at Gus Stadium. More than 1,600 athletes will compete representing 103 schools.
- **TSPRA President.** Congratulations to **Monica Faulkenbery**, Assistant Director of Communications, who was installed last week as President of the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA).
- **CPR Kits.** **Caitlin Cox**, Senior Corporate Market Director with the American Heart Association, and **Gary Joeris**, Chief Executive Officer of Joeris General Contractors, presented two CPR kits to the district for use in training students in critically important life-saving skills.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted **Martha Rivera**, head custodian at **Hector Garcia MS**, who earned her GED and walked the stage at Mid-Year Graduation earlier this month. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** shared that both the District's Mid-Year Graduation and the **Reddix Center** Exit Ceremony were testaments to the hard work and perseverance of the graduates. Medina also attended the Regional Science Bowl event and was impressed by the students who participated. He recognized **Jennifer Langford**, Director of Library Services, as well as all Northside librarians and students who participated in the annual LibraryPalooza teen author fest.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** acknowledged the **Jordan MS** community for hosting a wonderful 25th Anniversary celebration. She was especially appreciative of the student performers and the members of namesake Jack Jordan's family that attended. Dr. Harle attended LibraryPalooza, hosted by Northside's Library Services, which allowed students an opportunity to meet and talk with many amazing authors. Harle thanked **Don Schmidt**, Assistant Superintendent for Student, Family, and Community Services, and **Dr. Kimberly Ridgley**, Director of Guidance & Counseling, for facilitating a special presentation by **Dr. Bruce Perry** to an estimated 2,000 District staff members. Perry is an acclaimed author and specialist on the topic of childhood trauma.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** recognized **Rudder MS** on their receipt of a Texas Computer Educators Association (TCEA) Technology Lending Grant that provided every student on campus a Chromebook for use at home and

school. Freeman acknowledged Northside's Library Services staff and Director Jennifer Langford for organizing and hosting an engaging LibraryPalooza. She attended a Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards legislative conference and had the opportunity to hear from several state legislators. Freeman referenced a recent Texas Monthly article that brought attention to the concern of Lexile scores for the state's standardized assessments.

- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** attended a recent PTA Rally held at the State Capitol and acknowledged **Beard ES** Principal **Blanca Hemann** and the Beard ES parents who participated in advocacy efforts at the rally. Chumbley appreciated an opportunity to meet with State Senator **Jose Menendez** and State Representative **Leo Pacheco** and is grateful for their support of public education. She acknowledged the efforts of **Naomi Miller**, Director of Governmental Relations, for her assistance through the legislative process. Chumbley encouraged parents to speak up and ask questions of their legislators regarding the validity of state testing. Chumbley acknowledged **O'Connor HS** students **Cade Burkholder** and **Calista Martinez** for their successful participation in the San Antonio Stock Show placing Grand Champion and Reserve Champion respectively with their animals.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** recognized **Larry Rowe**, NISD Council of PTAs President, on a successful Founders Day event. Lopez appreciated the opportunity to visit Harlingen ISD while participating in Leadership TASB.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** applauded NISD participants in the 16th annual Regional Science Bowl and thanked the District's middle and high school science teachers who helped prepare students for competition. He recognized the **Brandeis HS** and **Hector Garcia MS** teams for placing second and third respectively in their levels. Blount reminded Trustees of the annual Heroes for Health event on Feb. 28 that promotes health and fitness. Blount was excited to attend an event at **Warren HS** honoring the 65th anniversary of the landmark United States Supreme Court case *Brown vs Board of Education*. **Dr. Cheryl Brown Henderson**, on behalf of the Brown Foundation, presented a commemorative, framed gift to the District. At the event, Warren Principal **Valerie Sisk** was also named Administrator of the Year by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Brenda Rayburg**, formerly hearing officer at **Pupil Personnel Department**, was appointed Vice Principal at **Vale MS**.
- **Christopher Lasko**, formerly administrative intern at **Stevens HS**, was appointed Assistant Principal at **Stevens HS**.

Board approves expansion of NISD PreK program

The Board approved expansion of the NISD PreKindergarten program for the 2019-2020 school year. The expansion means moving from a half day to full day PreK at certain clusters as well as allowing non-qualifying students to participate at cluster sites on a tuition basis as space allows. 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. Information on pre-registration and registration will be communicated on the NISD website.

Trustees hold Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report

NISD's Academic Performance Report was presented by **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and a public hearing was held, as required by Texas law. All school districts are required to publish an annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), district accreditation status, student enrollment and academic performance, PEIMS Financial Standards Report, campus performance objectives, a report of violent or criminal incidents, and information received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for each high school campus. The report is available online on the NISD website and will be available for public review on each campus in the District via the campus websites. Copies of specific reports will be available upon request through the Communications Department.

Board approves Budget Amendment #2

The Board approved Budget Amendment #2 which reflects a net increase in expenditures of \$15,206,514 and a net increase in revenues of \$37,916 in the General Fund. Significant adjustments result from utility cost increases, summer school initiative, appropriation of 2016 hail storm damage proceeds, appropriation of athletic project fund balance reserves, initial expansion funds for the District prekindergarten program as well as other miscellaneous base budget and one-time cost adjustments. This amendment does not include amendments to the Debt Service Fund or the Child Nutrition Fund. These funds will not require amendments until the scheduled Final Budget Amendment #3 in August 2019 according to Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance **David Rastellini**.

Board approves facilities items:

- Conceptual Planning for “**Galm Road area**” high school
- Contractor for “**Rancho del Lago area**” elementary school – Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, LLC
- Interior Colors for new Fine Arts, Gym, and Library Building Replacements at **Rayburn MS** as developed by MarmonMok Architecture
- Contractor for Agriculture Facility Upgrade – **O’Connor HS** – D.L. Bandy Constructors, Inc.
- Contractor for ALE and Mechanical Upgrades – **Meadow Village ES** – D.L. Bandy Constructors, Inc.
- Contractor for Boiler Replacement – **Jay HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Drainage Upgrades – **Helotes ES** – Clearfield Construction, LLC
- Contractor for Electrical Upgrades – **Northwest Crossing ES** – Central Electric Enterprises & Co.
- Contractor for Fire Alarm Upgrades – **Meadow Village** and **Thornton** elementary schools – Central Electric Enterprises & Co.
- Contractor for Flooring Replacement – **O’Connor HS** – San Antonio Floor Finishers, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Colonies North ES** – Gillette Air Conditioning Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Neff MS** – Gillette Air Conditioning Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Valley Hi ES** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for PA Intercom Systems – **Aue** and **Carnahan** elementary schools – San Antonio Sound & Light
- Contractor for PA Intercom System – **Fisher** and **Langley** elementary schools – San Antonio Sound & Light
- Contractor for PA Intercom System – **Helotes** and **Locke Hill** elementary schools – Beckwith Electronic Engineering Company
- Contractor for Paint Booth Replacement – **Holmes** and **Jay** high schools – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Science Lab Additions – **Health Careers HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Storage Building – **Construction Careers Academy** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – Various Campuses, 2019 Construction Related – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for 2019 Door Hardware Project – **Jones MS** and **Cable, Leon Valley, Northwest Crossing, Thornton,** and **Villarreal** elementary schools – Robinson General Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for 2019 Security Lobbies – **Behlau, Burke, Carson, Driggers, Elrod, Evers, Fernandez, Fisher, Galm, Hatchett, Langley, Lewis, Lieck, Martin, Murnin, Myers, Oak Hills Terrace, Ott, Raba,** and **Westwood Terrace** elementary schools and **NISD Police** – Marksmen General Contractors, LLC
- Change Orders
 - **Warren HS** PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$55,730)
 - **Glenn ES** Building Replacement – Return of contingency – (\$104,948.00)
 - **Health Careers HS** Chiller Replacement, PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation, Energy Savings and Lighting Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$83,290.74)

Candidates announce plans to run for the School Board

School Board Elections will take place on May 7, 2019. Up for election are Trustees from Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Announcing their intention to run for re-election are Gerald Lopez, Joseph Medina, M’Lissa Chumbley, and Bobby Blount.

NISD seeks class-size waivers for 15 elementary classrooms

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 15 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: Classroom Furniture; Special Education Supplies & Equipment; Landscape Services; and Learning Management System. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Explain Everything Sales, Inc. for five-year subscription for the Explain Everything application to be installed on 6,300 iPads; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP Probook notebooks and Bretford pulse charging carts for Holmes HS; and Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops, monitors, laptops, and Probook notebooks for Ellison, Kuentz, and Langley elementary schools and Hector Garcia MS technology deployments. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

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You may email them at info@nisd.net.

For additional information, call 210-397-8770.

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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.)*

- ☞ March 26, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 23, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ May 28, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road