



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

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

**March 26, 2019**

## Superintendent's Report

### *Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:*

- **Educators of the Year.** Earlier this month, NISD hosted two nights of Educator of the Year celebrations at **Brennan HS**. Congratulations to all the campus and District honorees. Thank you to Trustees for their participation in support of this event.
- **Academic Decathlon.** Earlier this month, the Academic Decathlon team from **Marshall HS** won second place in the state Academic Decathlon in the large school category. Team coaches are **Ruben Pena, Anthony Gonzales,** and **Ismael Lopez**.
- **H-E-B Excellence in Education.** Last week, **Stevenson MS** teacher **Jodi Ramos** was announced as a finalist for the 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards in the Lifetime Achievement Secondary category.
- **Legislative Update.** Dr. Woods has spent time in Austin, testifying on House Bill 3 (the Public School Finance bill) and STAAR-related bills before the House Public Education Committee.
- **Cyber Meeting.** Trustees, Dr. Woods, and District staff recently met with leaders in the cyber community to discuss how Northside can expand opportunities for students.
- **Los Leones.** The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Los Leones Student Arts Festival was held last weekend at **Marshall HS**. Thank you to **James Miculka**, Director of Fine Arts; Fine Arts Department staff; and Fine Arts teachers for their leadership and participation in this huge and successful event.
- **Book Giveaway.** Saturday was the book giveaway for Title 1 schools at Paul Taylor Field House. More than 7,860 people attended and all 40,000 books were distributed. Thank you to First Book, Northside AFT, and the Northside support departments who contributed to the success of the event.
- **Commanders Game.** Dr. Woods had the opportunity to do the coin toss at the Commanders football game on Saturday which was Go Public Night.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted a 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball game at **Folks MS**. For the team manager, the game was an opportunity to step onto the court for the first time all season. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** witnessed an amazing display at a recent science night at **Allen ES** and thanked campus staff and Principal **Erika Zagala** for inviting him. Medina also congratulated all the District's Educators of the Year who were recently honored. He thanked Principal **John Trimble** for hosting both ceremonies at **Brennan HS**. Medina closed by thanking Northside AFT for their advocacy efforts at the state Capitol.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** attended both the annual Los Leones event and the Title 1 book giveaway and described both as amazing family events. She enjoyed seeing families come together to learn and share at a science night hosted by **Aue ES**.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** shared with Trustees that the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has launched an online instructional tool that offers a great way for individuals to learn about the complex issue of school finance. Freeman thanked Dr. Woods for his participation in a Town Hall meeting hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** enjoyed the opportunities she has had to meet with students from **Health Careers HS** and **Neff MS**. She recognized Northside AFT for their assistance in the Title 1 book giveaway. She thanked **Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez**, Assistant Director of Fine Arts, for helping organize the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Los Leones event.

Chumbley recognized the Helotes Masonic Lodge for providing scholarships to Northside students interested in Career and Technical fields of study. She thanked **Anthony Jarrett**, Executive Director of High School Instruction, and **Deborah Ruel-Schaefer**, Director of Career and Technical Education (CATE), for providing insightful perspectives on the district's CATE programs.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** recognized NISD Director of Fine Arts, **James Miculka**, and his department staff for organizing the annual Los Leones Student Arts Festival. Lopez described the Title 1 book giveaway as a tremendous success and was appreciative of First Book and Northside AFT for their organization of the event.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** shared that the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members (TCBSBM) recently recognized **Rayburn MS** teacher **Adrian Hysten** as their Educator of the Year. TCBSBM had earlier named **Warren HS** Principal **Valerie Sisk** as their Administrator of the Year.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** was impressed by all the displays and performances at the Los Leones event and recognized the performance by the **Jay HS** electric strings group.

#### **Trustees approve administrative appointments:**

- **Reggie Ollendieck**, formerly assistant principal at **Marshall HS**, was appointed Assistant Principal at **Stevens HS**.

#### **Board approves facilities items:**

- Schematic Design for Cafeteria/Administration Upgrades at **Neff MS** as presented by Garza Architects
- Contractor for Bus/Covered Walkway – **Hobby MS** – Central Builders, Inc.
- Contractor for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation – **Northwest Crossing ES** – D.L. Bandy Constructors, Inc.
- Contractor for Energy Control Systems – **Locke Hill ES** – Climatec, LLC
- Contractor for Library & Classroom Building – **Glenoaks ES** – Casias Construction, LLC
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – Northside Support Services – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Paving and Drainage Upgrades – **Brandeis, Brennan, and Warren** high schools – ADCO Master Builders
- Contractor for Paving and Drainage Upgrades – **Carlos Coon ES** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Paving and Drainage Upgrades – **Mead ES** – RCO Construction, LLC
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for Roofing & Waterproofing – **Adams Hill ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for Roofing & Waterproofing – **Glenn ES** – Advantage USAA, Inc.
- Contractor for Science Classroom Addition/Renovation – **Northside Alternative MS** – Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc.
- Contractor for Surveillance Camera Upgrades for ISMS – various campuses – Alterman, Inc.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Stinson MS** – American Roofing & Metal Co., Inc.
- Change Orders
  - **Taft HS** and **Stinson** and **Rayburn** middle schools – Mechanical Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$132,703)

#### **Summer School 2019 will be held at Stevens HS;**

#### **Dr. Ken Vogel named Summer School Principal**

#### **Many other programs offered throughout NISD**

- **Stevens HS** will be the location for Northside ISD's tuition-based Summer School this year. Warren HS Assistant Principal **Dr. Ken Vogel** will lead the High School Summer School. Tuition-based summer school for high school students is available for students to accelerate the accumulation of credits or to retrieve a lost credit.
- At the middle school level, students are eligible if they fail two or three core academic courses. At the elementary level, students in K-4 will be eligible for summer school if they are being placed or retained.
- Accelerated Instruction (AI) Summer Schools were approved and are mandated by the state for students who fail one or more End of Course (EOC) and/or STAAR tests.
- Also included are summer enrichment programs offered at various sites across the District. Summer enrichment programs are sponsored and funded by the following departments: State Compensatory Education, Special Education, Fine Arts, GT, Bilingual/ESL, and Adult and Community Education.
- Information about all the summer school opportunities will be posted on the NISD Summer School website soon.

### **Trustees approve pilot proposal for Healthy Habits course**

Trustees approved a pilot course, Healthy Habits, for 8 middle school campuses during the 2019-2020 school year. The course is a 12-week standalone course to be integrated as part of the PE and/or advisory rotation. Topics include Life Skills, Social and Mental Health, Personal Hygiene, Social Media, e-Cigarette Prevention, Alcohol and Drug Prevention. The course was recommended by the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and pilot campuses are **Hobby, Neff, Rawlinson, Rayburn, Rudder, Vale, Zachry**, and **Northside Alternative** middle schools.

### **Trustees approve the adoption of instructional materials**

Trustees approved the adoption of instructional materials for the 2019-2020 school year in the following content areas: English Language Arts and Reading, K-8; Spanish Language Arts and Reading, K-6; Handwriting K-5 (English and Spanish); and Spelling 1-6 (English and Spanish).

### **Trustees cancel election for Board District #3 where candidate is running unopposed**

Trustees voted to cancel one school board election where only one person is running. Incumbent M'Lissa Chumbley is running unopposed in District #3. NISD will hold an election in Districts #1, #2, and #4.

### **NISD seeks class-size waiver for 1 elementary classroom**

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek a class-size waiver for 1 classroom 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.

### **Readings of policy**

- First Reading and Adoption of Legal Policies, TASB Localized Update #112
- First Reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #112

### **Bids for goods approved**

Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Cengage Learning Inc. for learning kits for dual language campuses; Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions for annual renewal of Voice Over IP (phone) Managed Services software; Thomas Bus Gulf Coast for 12 14-passenger yellow mini-buses; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops, monitors, and laptops for the Brennan, O'Connor, and Warren high schools and Construction Careers Academy technology deployments; Apple Computer Inc. for Apple iMacs for the Brennan, O'Connor, and Warren high schools technology deployments; SHI Government Solutions Inc. for annual renewal of Dell/EMC Compellent software; Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions for annual renewal of VMWare Vsphere 6 software; and Southwest International Trucks for two International HV607 freight trucks. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

You may mail correspondence to:

**Trustees**  
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**5900 Evers Road**  
**San Antonio, TX 78238**

You may email them at [info@nisd.net](mailto: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](http://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.)*

- ☞ April 9, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 23, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ May 14, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ May 28, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ June 25, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road