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# BOARDTalk

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**April 23, 2019**

## Superintendent's Report

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

- **Meadow Village ES 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for **Meadow Village ES** was held at the end of March. Thank you to principal **Jennifer Escamilla**, Meadow Village teachers and staff, and Fine Arts department staff for a wonderful evening. During the 2018-2019 school year, our schools have hosted three 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and two 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
- **NEF Golf Tournament.** The annual NEF Golf Tournament was held earlier this month at the Dominion Country Club. Thanks to Director of Partnerships **Cassandra Miranda**, Partnerships Office staff, the NEF Board, volunteers, and corporate sponsors for their support of this event.
- **Partner of the Year Awards.** Earlier this month, Northside honored outstanding individuals and businesses for volunteering in schools and mentoring students at the annual Partnership Awards Celebration held in conjunction with ArtFest. Thank you to the Partnerships Office for this event recognizing our most outstanding partners. There are more than 20,000 people who volunteer in NISD schools each year.
- **Legislative Update.** While there is still hope for meaningful legislation, the timelines are tight given that the end of the legislative session is fast approaching.
- **Tonight's Agenda.** There are many exciting projects coming to Northside ISD that are reflected in tonight's agenda, including the expansion of the NISD Pre-Kindergarten program to full day at many schools next year, the planning for the District's first middle school magnet school, and construction projects to enhance school buildings.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted Middle School Educator of the Year **Amy Haywood** from **Ross MS** and First Year Middle School Educator of the Year **Hallie Gelabert** from **Stevenson MS**. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).
- **Special Performance.** Mariachi Sol, from **Ross MS** and under the direction of **Jesus Gachupin**, performed for Trustees and guests.

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** congratulated the **Meadow Village ES** community and Principal **Jennifer Escamilla** for a successful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. He attended the **Stevens HS** National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony and congratulated 12<sup>th</sup> grader **Kimberley Rendon** on being recognized at the national level by NHS.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** attended the **Jay Science & Engineering Academy's** (SEA) STEM Fest and congratulated those involved in making it a phenomenal event. She also attended the **Zachry MS** National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) induction ceremony and appreciated the focus placed on service learning. Harle congratulated the **Jones MS** STEM club for placing second at a recent STEM-related competition at Palo Alto College.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** presented fellow Trustees with a Fiesta medal on behalf of the Helotes Area Chamber of Commerce. She recently served on the Fine Arts Standing Ovation Awards selection committee and was so impressed at the outstanding and well-deserving nominees. Freeman thanked the Go Public Steering Committee and Trustee Blount for their efforts to promote the outstanding things taking place in all the Bexar County school districts. She cited the WOAI/News4 "Go Public with David" segment that is featuring amazing stories from area independent school districts.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** shared her appreciation to all the high school College & Career Centers for the work they do to make students aware of college opportunities and the support they provide through the application process.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** is a participant in the Texas Association of School Board's Leadership TASB and had the opportunity to visit Tyler ISD.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** visited **Hatchett ES** and was impressed by their implementation of a new cyber security program on the campus. He gave a reminder that the Solar Car Races have been rescheduled for May 11.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** enjoyed attending the annual **Jay SEA** STEM Fest. She attended the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) Advisory Board meeting and reminded Trustees that the annual NEF 5K is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Reed enjoyed a recent visit with U.S. Congressman **Will Hurd** and enjoyed sharing the history of the District with him.

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

- **Leann Kidd**, formerly Training and Development Technologist, was appointed **Director of Technology Training & Development Services**.
- **Jennifer Hammond**, formerly vice principal at Glenoaks ES, was appointed **Principal at Fields ES**.
- **Monica Cabico**, formerly vice principal at Pease MS, was appointed **Principal at Jefferson MS**.
- **Lisa Connell**, formerly instructional support teacher in Curriculum & Instruction Department, was appointed **Assistant Principal at O'Connor HS**.

#### **Newest elementary school named for Dr. Caroline Wernli**

The "Rancho del Lago area" elementary school will bear the name of Dr. Caroline Wernli. Dr. Wernli served NISD first as a counselor and then as Director for Elementary Personnel as well as Director of Human Resources for Secondary Personnel for 17 years. She left NISD to serve as Director of Field Experience at the University of the Incarnate Word for 12 years helping to train and place future teachers. She perhaps is best known as a developer and a leader in the Northside School Museum Association, serving as President and continuing to help collect, preserve, protect, and share the history of Northside ISD. The newly-named Wernli ES is funded by School Bond 2014 and is located off Potranco Road on the far west side. It will open in August 2020.

#### **Trustees approve concept for middle school magnet program**

The Board approved the District's first magnet school for middle school students to be housed at **Jones MS**. The school will emphasize STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experiences and collaborate with the Jay Science and Engineering Academy and other high school STEM programming. The school will open with a sixth grade class in fall 2020.

#### **Trustees approve 140 additional campus-based staff**

The Board approved increasing the District's campus-based staff by an additional 140 positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Of the total, 95 are teaching positions and the rest are instructional assistants and other paraprofessionals. Many positions will support the expansion of the Northside Pre-Kindergarten program as it grows to full day at selected sites.

#### **Trustees approve resolution reallocating surplus construction funds**

Trustees approved a resolution reallocating surplus construction funds, contingency amounts, and investment earnings from School Bond 2014. The resolution authorizes District staff and the Superintendent to utilize a portion of the proceeds to finance school facilities and projects.

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

- Contractor for Access and Intrusion Control Upgrades for ISMS – various campuses – Alterman, Inc.
- Contractor for Library Upgrades – **Marshall HS** – WR Griggs Construction
- MAC (Moving/Adding/Changing) Telecommunications Cabling – Various Campuses – 2019 Construction Portables – Tero Technologies
- MAC (Moving/Adding/Changing) Telecommunications Cabling – Various Campuses – 2019 Summer Portables – Tero Technologies
- Contractor for Paving and Drainage Upgrades – **Colonies North ES** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – Various Campuses – 2019 Summer Related – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for Roofing and Waterproofing – **Jay HS** – Beldon Roofing Company
- Contractor for Site and Athletics Upgrades – **Brennan, Holmes, Marshall, and Stevens** high schools – Hellas Construction, Inc.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Brandeis HS** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Kuentz ES** – Topside Contracting, LLC

- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **O'Connor HS** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.

### **Trustees exceed continuing education credits**

All Trustees have exceeded the required hours for continuing education credit. The State Board of Education (SBOE) requires that the board president annually distribute the Framework for School Board Development to all current members and the superintendent.

### **Reading and adoption of policy**

- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy Revisions in TASB Policy Update #112

### **Bids for goods approved**

Trustees approved the following bids: Football/Volleyball & Tennis Equipment; Full Service Kitchen Small Wares; Ice Cream; Library Magazines; and Open Options Components. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Severin Intermediate Holdings LLC for annual renewal of PowerSchool software; Mythics Inc. for annual renewal of Oracle software; Dell Marketing LP for annual renewal of VMWare Horizon View software; Netsync Network Solutions for annual renewal of Content Keeper software; Lexia Learning System LLC for Lexia Learning System reading intervention program; and Freeit Data Solutions Inc. for Nutanix hardware and software that supports the ISMS and Tyler Munis platforms for the next five years. 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](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.)*

- 🕒 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