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# BOARDTalk

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May 28, 2019

## Superintendent's Report

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

- **HEB State Award Winner. Stevenson MS** English Language Arts teacher **Jodi Ramos** is the state winner in the HEB Excellence in Education Awards Lifetime Achievement- Secondary category. She was one of eight educators honored at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Awards celebration in Austin. As a state winner, she earned \$25,000 for herself and \$25,000 for her school.
- **GT Showcases, Mentathlon, and ISM Presentations.** Dr. Woods has attended many end of year events highlighting offerings in Northside Gifted and Talented programs including Middle School Innovative Project (MSIP) presentations, the annual seventh grade Mentathlon, and high school Independent Study Mentorship (ISM) presentations.
- **Career and Engaged Learning Expo.** Thank you to the teachers, parents, and students for their efforts to highlight student engagement and career preparation at this year's Expo. Both nights were well attended.
- **CCA Tiny Homes Judging.** Seniors at **Construction Careers Academy** built three tiny homes on trailers. Two were sold earlier this month and one is going to be used as a model home next year. Congrats to principal **Phillip Edge**, CCA staff, and students. Dr. Woods noted that it was difficult to judge the event due to the quality workmanship.
- **Together We Sing.** More than 1,300 middle school students from all 20 NISD middle schools came together for the annual Together We Sing concert at the Sports Gym. This year's theme was "A Night at the Movies." Thank you to Vocal Music Supervisor **James Hare** and middle school choir directors for their efforts. It was another packed house to watch students sing and dance.
- **Communities In Schools Luncheon.** Dr. Woods thanked the Board and school leaders for their support and attendance at the annual Communities In Schools luncheon.
- **Learning Tree Staff Recognition.** Dr. Woods attended an event where Learning Tree staff were recognized for perfect attendance and years of service. Learning Tree is Northside's afterschool program and serves PreK through eighth grade students.
- **Recognitions and Retirement Ceremony.** Last week was the annual Recognitions and Retirement Ceremony at **Brandeis HS**. More than 600 employees were honored for more than 14,900 years of service to NISD.
- **Bennie Cole.** Last month, former Trustee and school namesake Bennie Cole passed away. We are grateful for his contributions to the District and his love for all students.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted a wheelchair basketball clinic at **Pease MS**. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** attended the CCA Tiny Homes Showcase and was impressed by the creativity and rigor visible in the projects as well as the obvious collaboration between the school, community, and business partners. He also recognized local legislators for their work in the recently convened legislative session.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** enjoyed the Fine Arts Standing Ovarions awards event and the recognition and celebration of great things taking place in the District's Fine Arts Department. She attended the annual FFA Banquet held at **O'Connor HS**, commended teacher **Steve Chumbley**, and commented on the high percentage of FFA students moving on to post-secondary education. Freeman congratulated Dr. Woods for his recent recognition at the Communities In Schools luncheon and thanked him for his advocacy during the recent legislative session.

- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** shared her appreciation to fellow Trustees and Dr. Woods for their advocacy during the recent legislative session. She also acknowledged the work of **Naomi Miller**, Director of Governmental Relations. She commended **O'Connor HS** FFA scholarship recipients. Chumbley acknowledged District staff honored at the annual Recognition and Retirement ceremony including Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board **Linda Magee** and Assistant Director of Communications **Monica Faulkenbery**. Chumbley attended the **Holmes HS/Business Careers HS** awards event where the campus held a ribbon cutting event for their new Fine Arts building and Auditorium.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** praised the work and legacy of former NISD Trustee and campus namesake, **Bennie Cole**. He also attended the Electrify Your Strings event and commended **James Miculka**, Director of Fine Arts, and the Fine Arts Department for their work in organizing the event.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** attended the Electrify Your Strings event and reiterated that the program was amazing. She also had the opportunity to attend several high school awards ceremonies and congratulated all the student honorees.

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

- **Jocelyn Dudney**, formerly vice principal at Scobee ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Scobee ES**.
- **Michael David Alicea**, formerly assistant principal at Northside Alternative HS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Communications Arts HS**.
- **Lynda DeSutter**, formerly assistant principal at Pease MS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Pease MS**.
- **Blanca Martinez**, formerly assistant principal at Jones MS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Rawlinson MS**.
- **Cathy M. De Leon**, formerly a principal in Laredo ISD, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Glenoaks ES**.
- **Amanda Mayfield**, formerly student success advisor at Clark HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Clark HS**.
- **Nicolas C. Garcia**, formerly campus program coordinator at Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet High School, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Marshall HS**.

#### **Incumbents take oath of office**

Joseph Medina, District 1; Gerald Lopez, District 2; M'Lissa Chumbley, District 3; and Bobby Blount, District 4, were re-elected for additional four-year terms. All four were sworn in by Judge Toni Arteaga.

#### **Outgoing NEIC members recognized**

The Board of Trustees recognized outgoing members of the Northside Educational Improvement Council (NEIC), which includes 19 parents, community members, and business representatives appointed by Board members. In addition, 19 professional staff members and one paraprofessional elected by their peers also serve on the Council. State legislation provided establishment of councils to "involve the professional staff of the District in establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals, objectives, and major district-wide classroom instructional programs." Members serve two-year staggered terms. Outgoing members are: **David Barrett, Dolores Cardenas, Cecilia Farmer, Karen Embs, Cassandra Garcia, Veronica Johnson, Alyne Jones, Maria Elena Meza, Aileen Noll, Nancy Palmer, Cheryl Parra, David Romero, Larry Rowe, Randy Smith, Kimberly Solis, Linda Taylor, Amanda Thornton, and Barbara Triplett.**

#### **Trustees discuss Strategic Design Framework**

Trustees provided input on a draft of the District's Strategic Design Framework. Educators, community members, business leaders, and trustees have been working on the framework which the District's new Strategic Plan will be based on.

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

- Exterior Colors for Bus/Student Covered Walkaway at **Hobby MS** as developed by Kaarlsen, Noonan, Rittimann, Garcia Architecture
- Exterior/Interior Colors for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation at **Northwest Crossing ES** as developed by Pfluger Associates Architects
- Interior Colors for ALE Upgrades at **Meadow Village ES** as developed by Chesney Morales Partners, Inc.
- Interior Colors for Flooring Replacement at **O'Connor HS** as developed by CWS Architects
- Contractor for Athletic Fields – **Holmes HS** – Marksmen General Contractors, LLC
- Contractor for Bleacher Replacements – various campuses – SBM General Contractor, LLC
- Contractor for Electrical Improvements – **Glenoaks ES** – Construction Portables – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Electrical Improvements – **Marshall HS** and **Meadow Village ES** – Construction Portables – Central Electric Ent. & Co.
- Contractor for Metal Shade Structure – **Police Station** – Mike O'Leary Construction Services

- Contractor for Plumbing Upgrades – **Powell ES** – SBM General Contractor, LLC
- Contractor for Classroom/Restroom Pre-K Upgrades at 7 campuses – SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.

### **NISD seeks low attendance waivers**

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek low attendance waivers at Vale MS and Harlan HS. Both schools had a low attendance day this spring.

### **Trustees re-elect Board Officers**

Trustees re-elected M'Lissa Chumbley as the president of the School Board. Also, re-elected was Dr. Carol Harle as Vice President and Gerald Lopez as Secretary.

Trustees will revisit officer positions at a coming meeting when all Trustees are present.

### **Bids for goods approved**

Trustees approved the following bids: Food & Grocery Items for Child Nutrition; Athletic Medical Equipment & Supplies; Machine Dishwashing Products & Services; Plumbing Equipment & Supplies; Measuring and Improving Campus Culture and Leadership; Turf Maintenance at Various Athletic Fields; and Asbestos Abatement and Mold Remediation. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Ace Mart Restaurant Supply Company for seven convection ovens for the cafeterias of Helotes ES, Jordan MS, and Holmes and O'Connor high schools; Tari Inc. for six convection steamers for the cafeterias of Allen and Glenn elementary schools, Stevenson MS, and Health Careers and Warren high schools; Netsync Network Solutions for Pure Storage platform that supports the District's virtualized desktop infrastructure; SHI-Government Solutions Inc. for Qumulo storage hardware in support of the District's Integrated Security Management System (ISMS); and Critical Start LLC for annual renewal of Cylance Enterprise Security endpoint protection software. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

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#### **Board of Trustees**

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**Executive Director of Communications Barry Perez**

### **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.)*

- 📅 June 18, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 June 25, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 July 23, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 July 30, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road