



# Inside Northside **BOARD**Talk

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**June 25, 2019**

## **Superintendent's Report**

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

- **Graduations.** Earlier this month, NISD conducted 12 graduation ceremonies where more than 7,000 seniors graduated. The Class of 2019 earned \$194 million in scholarships. Dr. Woods congratulated the graduates and their families and thanked the Board for their attendance. He also thanked **Steve Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Administration, Administration staff, and high school principals for the behind the scenes work it takes to execute memorable ceremonies.
- **Legislative Update.** Since the end of the legislative session, District leaders have spent many hours studying the impacts to NISD from House Bill 3. Much uncertainty exists in many areas that impact our budget.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted **Jay HS** teacher **James Bluhm** who recently retired after 54 years of service to Northside ISD. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## **Board Members' Report**

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized all of the District's staff who continue to work through the summer, including custodial, maintenance, and child nutrition employees. He also thanked all of the District teachers and students participating in summer enrichment opportunities.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** commented on how smoothly all of the District's graduations went and shared her appreciation to all of the staff members who worked behind the scenes. She attended a Summer Leadership Institute hosted by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) which provided a legislative update.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** thanked Steve Daniel and Dr. Woods for their facilitation of the 2019 graduation events.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** enjoyed attending District graduations and commented on how efficiently they were run. She referenced the most recent edition of the District's Lessons publication mailed to every NISD household and cited the useful information it contained for District patrons.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** congratulated the District's 2019 graduates. She referenced the Nellie Reddix Center's Transition Event as a highlight and cited the successes of the Center's students. Harle commented on all of the incredible things taking place across the District, including free summer meals, enrichment, and fine arts programs.

## **Trustees approve administrative appointments:**

- **Tiffany Contreras**, formerly Director of Budget and Fiscal Services at South San ISD, was appointed **Director of Special Revenues & Compliance**.
- **Linda Luna**, formerly head counselor at Stevens HS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Jay Science and Engineering Academy**.
- **Claudia Colunga**, formerly vice principal at Fernandez ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Locke Hill ES**.
- **Kimberly Contreras-Tamez**, formerly administrative intern at Westwood Terrace ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Scobee ES**.
- **Desiree Smith**, formerly assistant principal at Judson ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Northside Alternative High School**.
- **Veronica Benhalim**, formerly a teacher/coach at Brennan HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jones MS**.
- **Tanya Alanis**, formerly administrative intern at Pease MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Pease MS**.

## Board approves facilities items:

- Schematic Design for “**Galm Road area**” high school as developed by Alamo Architects
- Schematic Design for **Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet School** as developed by Pfluger Associates Architects
- “**Galm Road area**” high school – Naming of Road #1 – Juniper Breeze
- Exterior Colors for **Wernli ES** as developed by Garza Bomberger & Associates
- Interior Colors for the Science Classroom Addition/Renovation at **Northside Alternative Middle School** as developed by C.J. Lammers & Associates
- Contractor for Electrical Improvements – various campuses – 2019 Summer Portables – Central Electric Ent. & Co.
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – 2019 Construction Related – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for Roadway # 2 – “**Galm Road area**” high school – Pronto Sandblasting & Coating & Oil Field Services Co., Inc.
- Change Orders
  - **Jay HS** Track and Field Upgrades – return of contingency and allowances – (\$85,922.59)
  - 7 Campuses (GF) – 2019 Classroom/Restroom Pre-K Upgrades – value engineering – (\$123,198)
  - **Brennan, Holmes, Marshall, and Stevens** high schools – Site & Athletics Upgrades – value engineering – (\$225,772)

## Trustees approve Growth & Improvement Budget for 2019-2020

Trustees approved a growth and improvement plan that increases the District’s staff by an additional 250 positions, to accommodate new schools and the expansion of the Pre-K program. The total Growth & Improvement budget for all funds is \$22,129,633.

## Trustees hear Martin ES End of 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, a mid-year progress update in January, and an end of year report in June. The plan was presented by **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

## Trustees hear School Health Advisory Council Annual Report

**Alison Polston**, Chair of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), presented the group’s annual report. Texas law requires the establishment of a SHAC in each school district as well as the presentation of an annual report to the Board of Trustees. The District facilitator to the SHAC is Danielle Leon. [For more information, visit the SHAC website.](#)

## Public Hearing and Approval: Optional Flexible School Day for Chavez Excel Academy

NISD will submit an application notifying the Texas Education Agency that it plans to participate in the 2019-20 Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) for Chavez Excel Academy. Per Texas Education Code, the board of trustees of a school district must hold a public hearing concerning the proposed application. The goal of the Chavez Excel Academy program is to improve graduation rates for students who are in danger of dropping out of school or have dropped out or who are behind in core subject courses. Trustees approved the application.

## Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Child Nutrition Supplies; Paint, Painting Supplies & Sundries; Generator Field Service; Employee Uniforms; Basketball & Soccer Equipment; Commercial Vehicle Equipment & Services; High School Student Photographs; Snack Vending Machines & Services; and Vending & Concession Fountain Drink Services.

Trustees approved the following purchase orders: West Interactive Services Corporation for annual renewal of School Messenger software; Tari Inc. for eight replacement heated warmers for the cafeterias at Esparza, Evers, Glenn, and Myers elementary schools; Intech Southwest Services LLP for HP laptops for Business Careers HS; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP laptops for Connally MS technology deployment; Phoenix Direct Communications Inc. for annual renewal of live Global Positioning System (GPS) software; Insight for annual renewal of JAMF software; and Managed Methods Inc. for annual renewal of District-wide Cloud Access Monitor software. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

You may mail correspondence to:

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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.)*

- ☞ July 17, 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
- ☞ August 20, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ August 27, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road