



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

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

**August 27, 2019**

## Superintendent's Report

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

- **Budget.** One of the key purposes of the Board meeting is to approve the 2019-2020 budget and set the tax rate. Dr. Woods thanked the Board of Trustees for months of study on the budget and thanked **David Rastellini**, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance; **Wes Scott**, Assistant Superintendent for Budget & Finance; and **Jennifer Benke**, Director of Budget, for their leadership in the development of the budget. He also recognized Governmental Relations Director **Naomi Miller** for her help interpreting HB 3 which impacts the budget and tax rate in significant ways.
- **Back to School Events.** Dr. Woods thanked Trustees for their participation at back to school events for teachers, administrators, and students – New Teacher Academies, Block Walks, and Convocations. There is a lot of excitement for the new school year.
- **Athletics.** Volleyball season is already underway and football season begins this week. Good luck teams!
- **Enrollment.** Initial indications are that there has been significant growth in specific enrollment areas including Pre-K as well as in the Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade levels.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted two first year elementary school teachers from **Mary Hull** and **Boldt** elementary schools. To view the video, go to [youtube.com/NorthsideISD](https://youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** recognized Trustee Katie Reed for being honored recently as a trailblazer by the Northwest Democrats for her years of leadership and community service. Freeman enjoyed attending the Back To School picnic and having the opportunity to see so many District staff. Freeman also spoke to the excitement and hope at this time of the school year.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** recognized Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka**, Executive Director of Communications **Barry Perez**, Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing**, and their respective staffs for the collaborative effort of planning and facilitating this year's Convocations. Mr. Lopez acknowledged the **Martin ES** staff and Principal **Juan Perez** on a successful Block Walk.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** commended all the staff and student performers who participated in Convocations.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** described this year's Convocation as "one to remember" and thanked Dr. Woods along with the NISD Fine Arts and Communications departments for their efforts. Medina also acknowledged all of the student performers. He wished all teachers great success as they begin the new school year.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** commended all student performers who participated in Convocations.

## Trustees approve administrative appointment:

- **Kathleen Cuevas**, formerly assistant director in the Special Education Department, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Zachry MS**.

## At the August 20 Board Meeting, the following administrators were appointed:

- **Travis Weissler**, formerly assistant principal at Harlan HS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Warren HS**.
- **Cherie Ritch**, formerly administrative intern at Jay HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Jay HS**.
- **Alberto Munoz**, formerly administrative intern at Stevens HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **O'Connor HS**.

- **Louis Villarreal**, formerly assistant principal at Jordan MS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Stinson MS**.
- **Lisa Mendez**, formerly administrative intern at Colonies North ES, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Kuentz ES**.
- **Lorena Herrera**, formerly administrative intern at Boone ES, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Northwest Crossing ES**.
- **Roxanne Olvera**, formerly administrative intern at Glenn ES, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Ott ES**.

**NISD School Board adopts a \$1.5 billion budget for 2019-2020; approves certified property value, and adopts a “no increase” tax rate for 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row**

- Trustees approved an all-funds \$1.5 billion budget for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Trustees also accepted and approved the Certified Appraisal Value of NISD property, after tax freeze accounts, prepared by the appraisal boards of Bexar, Medina, and Bandera counties totaling \$54,963,719,546.
- Trustees approved a tax rate to support the budget of NISD. Following a public hearing held Aug. 20, Trustees accepted a recommendation that the property tax rate be decreased by 7 cents to \$1.3055 per one hundred dollar valuation. Northside ISD has not raised the school tax rate for the past nine years. The Interest & Sinking tax rate of \$0.3355 is consistent with the 2018 bond proposal first year tax rate.

**Board approves facilities items:**

- Schematic Designs for 2020 Security Lobbies for 23 campuses as presented by Nextgen Architects.
- Amendment #1 – GMP – “**Kallison Ranch area**” **middle school**
- Schematic Design for “**FM 471 N. area #4**” **elementary school** as developed by Garza Architects and Nextgen Architects.
- Exterior/Interior Colors for the Library/Classroom Building at **Glenoaks ES** as developed by Nextgen Architects.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Brandeis HS** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Locke Hill ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Wanke ES** – American Roofing & Metal Co., Inc.
- Change Order – **Holmes HS** – Athletic Upgrades – Value Engineering – (\$196,069)

**Board/Superintendent goals approved**

The Board of Trustees approved the 2019-2020 Board/Superintendent goals. They will be posted to the NISD website at a later date.

**SBAC members approved**

The Board of Trustees approved the following members of the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) for 2019-2020. The SBAC will assist in the development of proposed boundaries and associated changes with elementary schools.

Morgan Phelps	Candy Baumann	Tracy Garcia	Carolyn Christian	Amber Brown
Courtney Martinez	Celina Skeen	Tamira Moreno	Susi Moke	Jason Russell
Kelli Epp	Brian Zender	Tisha Unger	Alice Browning	Guillermo Gutierrez
Melissa Rodriguez	Marisol Clements	Nicole Martinez	Felicia Arispe	Cynthia Black
Gabriel Escobedo	Kelly McAlear	Dennis Sirjuesingh	Christina Alvarez	Rocio Delgado
Deyanira Montoya	Kirt Faulkner	Megan Halverson	Autumn Clegg	Sara Phillips
Jenny Thomas	Jessica Rivera	Steven Ozuna	Kelvin Wren	Dan Perez

**School Health Advisory Council members approved**

The Board of Trustees approved the following members of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for 2019-2020.

<b>Name</b>		<b>Membership Status</b>
Simon Castillo	Parent	Member – Board Appointed
Jami Engel	Parent	Member - Board Appointed
Rob Phelps	Parent	Member
Alison Polston, DNP	Parent	Member - Past Chair
Buck Russel	Parent	Member

Andrea Salazar	Parent	Member – Parent Chair
Lisa Delgado	NISD/Coordinator, School Age Parenting	Member
Jennifer Krueger	NISD/Director of Health Services	Member
Patricia Ramos	NISD/Elementary PE Teacher	Member
Kimberly Ridgley, Ed.D.	NISD/Director of Guidance and Counseling	Member
Daniel Walker	Retired Navy/Healthcare Administrator	Member
Suzy Gray	UIW Student Engagement	Advisor
Karen Nance	Northside Community	Advisor – Board Appointed
Rita Petersen	NISD/Employee Wellness Coordinator	Advisor
Carol Pett	NISD/Teaching and Learning	Advisor
Kelly Rasti	NISD/Family Liaison	Advisor
Paul Tucker	NISD/Instructional Specialist, Health & PE	Advisor
Joe Tedesco	NISD/Library Services Technician	Advisor
Donna Umhoefer	NISD/Adapted Physical Education	Advisor
Thomas Wherry	NISD/Director of Child Nutrition	Advisor
Barbara White	NISD/CTE Specialist	Advisor
Amber Gracia	American Heart Association	Community Advisor
Erica Sosa, PhD	UTSA Department of Kinesiology, Health & Nutrition	Community Advisor - Board Appointed
Juan Flores	Holmes High School	Student Advisor
Reagan Zepeda	Marshall High School	Student Advisor
Danielle Leon	NISD/ Instructional Support Teacher, Health & PE	SHAC Facilitator

### Readings and Adoptions of policy

- Second reading and adoption of Local Policy CCA
- First reading of Local Policy DEC
- First reading and adoption of Legal Policies in TASB Localized Update #113
- First reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update 113

### Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Baseball/Softball/Track Equipment; Administrative Furniture; Concert/Guard/Dance/Spirit Uniforms and Accessories; Instrument Repairs; Electrical Supplies & Services; and Venthoo Cleaning. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Severin Intermediate Holdings LLC for eSchoolPlus and PowerSchool software; Mindworks Resources for Steamengineers afterschool curriculum; Netsync Network Solutions for switches, power supplies, and licenses in support of the Nexus 9K platform; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops, monitors, and laptops for the Beard ES and Ward ES technology deployments; Educaide Software for Problem-Attic software; Imagine Learning Inc. for Imagine Learning software. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

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San Antonio, TX 78238

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

For additional information, call 210-397-8770.

**Board of Trustees**

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Katie N. Reed, *Trustee, District 5*

**Administration**

Superintendent Brian T. Woods, Ed.D.  
Deputy Superintendent for Administration Ray Galindo  
Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Janis Jordan, Ed.D.  
Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance David Rastellini  
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.)*

- ☞ September 24, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ October 22, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ November 19, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ December 10, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road