



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

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**September 24, 2019**

## Superintendent's Report

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

- **Enrollment Report.** District enrollment is approximately 107,000, an increase of about 1,100 from the same day last year.
- **A-F Correlations.** Dr. Woods discussed A-F accountability rankings and the correlations between school letter grade and socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity.
- **EdChat.** Earlier this month, Dr. Woods hosted a Northside EdChat focused on the topic of student engagement. He was impressed with the interest and responses of participants. Thank you to **John Moran**, Coordinator in Academic Technology.
- **NEF Annual Giving Campaign.** The Northside Education Foundation has officially kicked off its Annual Giving Campaign (formerly known as the Employee Pledge Drive). It runs until Oct. 2.
- **NEF Gala.** Last week was the annual Northside Education Foundation Gala and recognition of the 2019 Pillars of Character. Thanks to NISD Director of Partnerships **Cassandra Miranda** and the Foundation Board for a wonderful event.
- **CBAC Meeting.** Earlier this month the 2018 Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee met for an update on construction progress and projects completed over the summer. They also discussed legislation that will impact future bond proposals.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted the new Applied Learning Environment (ALE) orchestra class at **Jordan MS**. To view the video, go to [youtube.com/NorthsideISD](https://youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** recognized **Passmore ES** Principal **Dr. Veronica Arteaga** who recently spoke regarding the work Communities In Schools (CIS) does to support students and schools. Harle recognized all those responsible for facilitating the Servant Leader Summit including Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing**, Athletics Department staff, and the NISD Guidance & Counseling staff who assisted. She recognized the student performers from **Jay HS** who participated in the NEF Gala.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** commended Dr. Woods for representing NISD so well at the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) annual convention. She recognized **Stan Laing** and the Athletics Department staff for their effective planning of athletic event logistics. Chumbley thanked all District staff and donors who participated in the NEF Gala. Chumbley congratulated **Trustee Blount** for his work with the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members at the TASA/TASB convention. She commended Assistant Superintendent for Facilities & Construction **Leroy San Miguel** and NEF Executive Board President-Elect **Jerry Lammers** for their presentation at the TASA/TASB convention. She enjoyed the opportunity to join them in the presentation.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** described the NEF Gala as a phenomenal event and enjoyed listening to the stories shared by each of the recognized Pillars of Character. Freeman indicated that the TASA/TASB Convention afforded participants an opportunity to network with Trustees from across the state and reinforced the strength of Northside's culture. Freeman is especially proud of the positive relationship that exists in NISD between the Superintendent and Trustees.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** recognized several staff and groups following the NEF Gala including **James Miculka**, Director of Fine Arts, the Fine Arts Department staff, and students who performed at the event. He also commended

**Cassandra Miranda** and her staff for their organization of the Gala. Lopez, who attended the TASA/TASB convention, said the sessions reinforced how Northside ISD is a leader in the state.

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** provided an update on Go Public efforts and the organization's collaboration with Friends of Texas Public Schools (FOTPS).
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** commended District staff and **Trustee Chumbley** for sessions they presented at the TASA/TASB convention.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** commented that the NEF Gala was a successful and fun event. Reed appreciated attending the TASA/TASB convention where Dr. Woods was highlighted as the Texas Superintendent of the Year.

#### **Trustees approve administrative appointment:**

- **Jason Bandy**, formerly assistant director of Purchasing, was appointed **Director of Acquisitions and Project Management**.
- **Brandon Masters**, formerly assistant principal at Briscoe MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Briscoe MS**.
- **Kevin Vanlanham**, formerly administrative intern at Neff MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jordan MS**.

#### **Recognitions**

- **2019-2021 National PTA Schools of Excellence Recognized.** Six Northside ISD PTAs have been named 2019-2021 National PTA Schools of Excellence. **Evers, Forester, Nichols, and Scarborough elementary schools, Briscoe MS, and Clark HS** are among 326 schools from across the country to receive this special designation, and are six of the seven PTAs in the Bexar County area to receive this top honor. The awards are given to PTAs for their achievements in building strong family-school partnerships as part of the National PTA's ongoing efforts to increase family engagement in education.

#### **2020-2021 NISD official calendar approved**

The Board of Trustees approved the District calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Multiple options for the calendar were shared and discussed with Cabinet, Principals, the Northside Educational Improvement Council (NEIC), and the Academics Committee of the Board. [The calendar will be posted on the NISD website.](#)

#### **Campus and Targeted Improvement Plan Performance Objectives approved for submission**

TEA has issued multiple communications providing guidance regarding requirements for completion of Targeted Improvement Plans based on STAAR scores. Generally, campuses who have a D or F overall must complete a Targeted Improvement Plan as well as campuses who have missed the targets in domain 3, closing the gaps. Northside has no overall F campuses and has six D overall campuses, which are Glenn, Esparza, Carlos Coon, Oak Hills Terrace, and Villarreal elementary schools and Jones Middle School. Therefore, Targeted Improvement Plans have been completed for these six campuses plus the others that missed domain 3 targets but do not need to be submitted to TEA.

#### **Trustees sign Code of Ethics**

The seven elected Trustees and the Superintendent publicly signed the 2019-2020 Code of Ethics symbolizing their commitment to serve always in the best interests of the school district. The Code of Ethics is prominently displayed in the Board Room and is [available on the Board of Trustees website.](#)

#### **Trustees sign Declaration of Respect**

On Oct. 11, all NISD students and staff will be invited to sign a Declaration of Respect as part of the District's anti-bullying initiatives. Counselors have been equipped with training, materials, and lessons for classroom presentations that teach necessary skills to students to promote a safe, respectful, and healthy school climate. Members of the Board of Trustees signed their own Declaration of Respect, as a show of support for the program spearheaded by the NISD Guidance & Counseling Department led by **Dr. Kimberly Ridgley**. Dr. Woods signed on behalf of staff.

#### **NISD seeks class-size waivers for 129 elementary classrooms**

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 129 classrooms 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.

## Board approves facilities items:

- Exterior/Interior Colors for Library Upgrades at **Marshall HS** as developed by Garza Bomberger & Associates
- Interior Colors for **Wernli ES** as developed by Garza Bomberger & Associates
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Brauchle** and **Thornton** elementary schools and Human Resources (Bldg. A) – Beldon Roofing Company
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – Dub Farris Athletic Complex and Northside Natatorium – WCR Construction, LLC
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Northside Alternative High School** and **Carson ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Conceptual Planning for **Jones Magnet School** Addition/Renovation
- Schematic Design for Bus/Student Covered Walkway at **Cody ES** as developed by Chesney Morales Partners, Inc.
- Schematic Design for Fine Arts Upgrades at **Rayburn MS** as developed by MarmonMok Architecture
- Schematic Design for Science Lab Addition/Renovation at **Luna MS** as developed by Garza Bomberger & Associates
- Change Orders
  - **Stinson MS** (BP & GF) Metal Deck Remediation – (\$111,455)
  - **Marshall HS** and **Meadow Village ES** (BP) Electrical Improvements – 2019 Construction Portables – Phase II- Electrical Infrastructure – \$65,785
  - **Helotes** and **Powell** elementary schools (BP) Window Upgrades & ADA Work – return of contingencies and allowances – (\$104,386.68)

## Readings and Adoptions of policy

- Second reading and adoption of Local Policy DEC
- Second reading and adoption of Local Policy Revisions in TASB Policy Update #113
- First reading of Local Policies AE, BDAE, CE, CHE, DEA, and DEAB.

## Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Musical Instruments & Supplies; Art Supplies & Equipment; Pest and Weed Control Services; Fire Alarm Test & Inspect and Maintenance; and Fire Alarm Monitoring. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: C-6 Disposal System Inc. for sanitation services for schools located within City of Helotes; Tiger Sanitation for sanitation services for schools located within City of Leon Valley; Immix Technology Inc. for Kronos software; Freeit Data Solutions Inc. for hardware for DecisionEd system; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops and monitors for Blattman ES technology deployment; Edmentum Inc. for Edmentum software; Texas Association of School Boards for service agreement for monthly Medicaid processing fee for the use of site-based Medicaid administration, reimbursement, and tracking software; Edgenuity Inc. for Edgenuity software; ProQuest LLC for ProQuest software; Computer Discount Warehouse Government LLC for Adobe District License software; and DakTronics Inc. for outdoor electronic message center for Dub Farris Athletic Complex. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

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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.)*

- ☞ 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