



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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October 22, 2019

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Family Engagement Conference.** Thank you to Director of State and Federal Programs **Lisa Turner** and her staff for hosting the annual Family Engagement Conference last month. Dr. Woods served as the keynote speaker.
- **Jay National Night Out.** The **Jay HS** community recently hosted their annual National Night Out event. Thank you to PTA President **Mary Roberts**, Jay staff and students, and to NISD trustees who attended.
- **AlamoPROMISE.** Dr. Woods served on the steering committee for the new AlamoPROMISE program through the Alamo Colleges District. The program makes college more accessible by providing for no-cost tuition and mandatory fees for seniors graduating in 2020 from 25 participating schools. **Jay** and **Holmes** high schools are part of the initial rollout and it will expand to include all NISD high schools in 2021-2022.
- **Ag in Action.** Earlier this month, **O'Connor HS** hosted the annual Ag in Action event for more than 1,400 fourth graders. Thank you to the O'Connor HS administrators, agriculture teachers, agriculture students, and Elementary Social Studies Department for their work.
- **UIL Marching Results.** Congratulations to all 11 NISD high school marching bands. They performed at the UIL Marching Contest and all earned a "Superior" rating.
- **Marshall Law and Medical Services Pinning Ceremony.** Dr. Woods spoke at the first **Marshall Law and Medical Services** Pinning Ceremony earlier this week. The event was an opportunity to recognize the commitment students have made to be part of the inaugural class at the magnet school.
- **Speaking about the Legislative Session.** Dr. Woods has had several opportunities to speak about the aftermath of the Legislative Session to organizations and groups. Now that we're in the interim, hearings will begin. Dr. Woods will be giving testimony on Monday to the House Public Education Committee.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted how Northside employees used 3D printing technology to make the dream of a **Villarreal ES** fifth grader to play the violin come true. To view the video, go to youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** shared her appreciation to State Senator **Donna Campbell** for her visit to **Ellison ES** and thanked Ellison ES third-grade teacher **Denise Alejos** and her students for hosting Campbell.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** thanked all who attended the **O'Connor HS** Ag in Action event including Dr. Woods, Deputy Superintendent for Administration **Ray Galindo**, and Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Administration **Steve Daniel**. Chumbley also shared her appreciation for the NISD Athletic Department and the NISD Police Department for facilitating and ensuring great athletic events. She acknowledged the NISD Media Productions team for an amazing Video Moment.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** congratulated all the District high school bands on their performances in the recent UIL Marching contest. She also thanked the dedicated band students and their parents.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized **Jay HS** and **Jay SEA** for hosting a successful National Night Out event that included many of their feeder campuses. He described the event as a tremendous family-friendly event.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** appreciated hearing the inspirational message shared by Congressman **Will Hurd** during his recent visit to **Marshall HS**. Reed also thanked Dr. Woods for his letter to the U.S. Dept. of Agricultural Secretary addressing concerns around proposed changes to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Rebecca Zamora-Barraza**, formerly administrative intern at Mead ES, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Fernandez ES**.
- **Gina Gutierrez**, formerly administrative intern at Folks MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Briscoe MS**.

Recognitions

- **EXCEL Award Winner recognized.** Jaime Frias, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher at Communications Arts HS, was awarded the 2019-20 KENS-5/Credit Human EXCEL Award for NISD. She was surprised at her school last month and received a silver apple and \$1,000 check.
- **2018-2019 Northside Leadership Academy (NLA) members recognized.** Outgoing members of the 2018-19 Northside Leadership Academy (NLA) were presented with Certificates of Completion. The NLA class is a year-long program that identifies and trains potential administrators. [Click here](#) for a list of the NLA members who were recognized.

Public hearing: NISD earns highest financial rating 17 years in a row

Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance **David Rastellini** reported that for the seventeenth year in a row, Northside ISD has received the highest rating of “Superior” under the state’s financial accountability rating system, called School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The primary goal of School FIRST is to improve the management of school districts’ financial resources. The School FIRST rating is based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2017-18 school year, and budgetary and financial data for the 2018 fiscal year. As required by state law, Northside announced and held a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the District’s performance under each of 15 indicators and the District’s rating.

Attendance zone reviewed for newest elementary school

Trustees heard the boundary proposal for the **Wernli ES** attendance zone prior to the Oct. 23 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) meeting. The SBAC, assisted by staff, will review the staff proposals, study relevant data, conduct a public hearing, analyze information as required by policy, and make formal recommendations to the Board concerning attendance zones. Elementary schools involved in the proposal are **Boldt** and **Langley**. Wernli ES, located at 1881 Arcadia Path, will open in 2020 and is funded by School Bond 2014. The proposed boundary will be posted later this week on the Wernli, Boldt, and Langley websites.

Budget amendment approved

Trustees approved Budget Amendment #1 which decreases fund balance by \$16.8 million in the General Fund. Adjustments include the addition to appropriations resulting from approved carry forward of funds including those for 2018-19 purchase order commitments, campus formula account balances, and high school allotment funds, and start-up funds for newly opened schools. Additional amounts were carried forward from assigned fund balance for anticipated classroom cameras and hail damage insurance proceeds from the 2016 hail storm. The amendment was presented by Deputy Superintendent **David Rastellini**.

Board approves 4 bond resolutions

As part of a bigger debt management plan, Trustees approved four bond resolutions that allow the District to issue refunding bonds not to exceed \$247,240,000, new money authorizations not to exceed \$275,000,000 from School Bond 2014 and School Bond 2018, remarketing of the 2011 Variable Rate Bond Issue not to exceed \$52,425,000, and remarketing of the 2017 Variable Rate Bond Issue not to exceed \$100,000,000.

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Burke ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – **Hobby MS** – Topside Contracting, LLC
- Contractor for Site & Utility Upgrades – **Rawlinson MS** and **Glenoaks ES** – SBM General Contractor, LLC
- Conceptual Planning for expansion of **Health Careers HS**
- Schematic Design for Addition/Renovation at **Jones Magnet School** as developed by Pfluger Associates Architects
- Schematic Design for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation at **Rudder MS** as developed by Huckabee Architects
- Schematic Design for Library Addition/Renovation at **Passmore ES** as developed by LPA Design Studios, Inc.
- Amendment #2 – GMP – “**Kallison Ranch area**” **Middle School**
- Amendment #1 – GMP – “**Galm Road area**” **High School**

- Change Orders
 - **Warren HS** Mechanical Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$52,463)
 - **Clark HS** Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation – Return of contingency – (\$76,274.94)
 - Various campuses Surveillance Camera Upgrades for ISMS – video surveillance camera licenses– \$261,308

NISD seeks low attendance waivers

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek low attendance waivers at **Harlan** and **Brennan** high schools. Both schools had a low attendance this fall.

NISD seeks class-size waivers for 26 elementary classrooms

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 26 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 insurance carrier

Trustees approved a policy with Westchester for Property and Boiler & Machinery Insurance.

Readings and Adoptions of policy

- Second reading and adoption of Local Policies AE, BDAE, CE, CHE, DEA, and DEAB.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Printing Services-Miscellaneous; Uniform Cleaning for Middle & High Schools; Theatrical Equipment & Supplies; Golf Equipment & Supplies; ROTC Military Science Equipment & Supplies; and Translation Services. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Imagine Learning, Inc. for the purchase of Imagine Learning software; Education Advanced Inc. for TestHound software; N2Y LLC for News-2-You (N2Y) software; TPR Education LLC dba The Princeton Review for Princeton Review SAT prep classes for all juniors for test readiness; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops and monitors for Adams Hill and Glass elementary schools technology deployments; Southwest Texas Equipment Distribution Inc. for five convection steamers for the cafeterias of Mead ES, Luna, Stinson and Ross middle schools, and Taft HS; Neysync Network Solutions for the District's Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) and Network Operations Center (NOC); Gartner Inc. for annual renewal of technology consulting services provided by Gartner Consulting Services team; Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP Inc. for six 14-passenger white mini activity buses; Netsync Network Solutions for Cisco Umbrella cloud software; Carahsoft Technology Corporation for annual renewal of Acquia software; and The University of Texas at Austin for UT OnRamps professional learning and developmental trainings. 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. 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.)*

- ☞ November 19, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ December 10, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ January 21, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road