



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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November 19, 2019

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Go Public Update.** Go Public Executive Director **Lisa Losasso Jackson** provided a recent update to area superintendents and Trustees.
- **House Public Education Committee Testimony.** Last month Dr. Woods testified before the House Public Education Committee on HB 1842 and HB 3.
- **College Night.** Approximately 1,500 students and families attended the annual NISD College, Career and Military Night held last month at the UTSA Recreation Center. Thank you **Dr. Kimberly Ridgley**, Director of Guidance and Counseling, and high school counselors who organized the event.
- **High School Bowling Kickoff.** Two weeks ago was the kickoff to the high school bowling season which is celebrating its 12th anniversary in NISD with students on 12 teams.
- **Humanities Texas Award.** **Andres Lopez**, an English Language Arts and Mexican-American literature teacher at **Stevens HS**, was awarded the 2019 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from Humanities Texas last month.
- **Howsman 50th Anniversary.** Earlier this month was the **Howsman ES** 50th anniversary celebration. Thank you to principal **Tom Buente**, Vice Principal **Rosanna Guajardo**, and staff for a wonderful ceremony highlighting past and present students and staff.
- **Carnahan ES Arbor Day.** Dr. Woods attended the annual Arbor Day tree planting and campus beautification at **Carnahan ES**. He thanked namesake **Peggy Carnahan** and Environmental Education Teacher **Kent Page** for leading the efforts.
- **High School Magnet School Fair.** Earlier this week, the annual Magnet School Fair was held at both the Northside Sports Gym and Paul Taylor Field House. Thank you to the six magnet school principals and their staff.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted the **John Jay Science and Engineering Academy**. Applications opened this week for NISD's magnet programs. To view the video, go to youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** attended a recent **Jay Science and Engineering Academy** Advisory Board meeting. She recognized a new program through Communities In Schools that allows for a social emotional coach to assist and provide support for students. Harle recognized the efforts of the **Northside Museum Association** in publishing a second edition to their cookbook. Harle acknowledged all veterans and appreciates all Northside schools who hosted incredible celebrations and events.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** shared her appreciation to longtime Northside Education Foundation Board member **Dave Gannon** for his service to the NEF.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** was pleased and honored to represent the Texas Association of School Boards on the Texas Teacher of the Year Selection Committee. She congratulated the **Howsman ES** community on their 50th Anniversary, in particular the awesome student performers. Freeman thanked Dr. Woods for his leadership and service on multiple state-level educational committees.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** encouraged Northside families to attend some of the many Fine Arts activities happening across the District. Medina also thanked Dr. Woods for his continued advocacy of public education and students.

- **Trustee Katie Reed** appreciated the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Board at the **Howsman ES 50th** Anniversary. She enjoyed the event performances by all students including the **Holmes HS** mariachi who participated.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** provided an update on behalf of the Bexar County School Boards Coalition. He shared his appreciation to students at **Communications Arts HS** and former NISD student, **Hannah Garcia**, for their assistance with the organization's publication, "Public Education in Bexar County." Blount enjoyed a visit he and other members of the Technology Committee made to the **Murnin ES** STEM Lab.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Christina Eckert**, formerly media specialist/producer/host at NISD Media Productions, was appointed **Director of Marketing**.

Recognitions

- **Stevens HS teacher recognized as Region 20 ESL Teacher of the Year**
Cynthia Gongora, teacher at **Stevens HS**, was honored at the 2019 Region 20 W.O.R.L.D. Language Conference as ESL Teacher of the Year.
- **Ross MS principal recognized as Region 20 Administrator of the Year**
Faustino Ortega, principal at **Ross MS**, was honored at the 2019 Region 20 W.O.R.L.D. Language Conference as Administrator of the Year.

Attendance zone for Wernli ES approved

Trustees approved the attendance zone for the new **Wernli ES** which opens in August 2020. The zone moves 412 students from the **Boldt ES** attendance area. In an associated boundary change, 138 students would be moved from **Boldt ES** to **Langley ES**. **Wernli ES** is located at 1881 Arcadia Path. The approved boundary zones for these schools will be posted on their campus information websites- <https://nisd.net/schools/info/235>.

Board approves facilities items:

- Schematic Design for Building Replacement at **Westwood Terrace ES** as developed by Marmon Mok Architecture
- Schematic Design for Expansion of **Health Careers HS** as developed by Kaarlsen Noonan Rittimann Garcia (KNRG) Architecture
- Schematic Design for Administration Upgrades at **Adams Hill ES** as developed by Garza Bomberger & Associates, Inc.
- Schematic Design for Library Addition/Renovation at **Taft HS** as developed by KNRG
- Amendment #2 – GMP – "**Galm Road area**" **High School**
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – 2020 Construction Related – Dodson House Moving
- Change Orders
 - **Scobee ES** Mechanical Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$55,047.51)

Trustees approve Instructional Materials Committee

Trustees approved members of the 2019-2020 Official District Instructional Materials Committee. The committee will consist of one teacher representative from each subject area under consideration and their work will be facilitated by the appropriate director or instructional specialist.

Board approves 2019 Tax Roll

Trustees approved the 2019 Tax Roll as required by the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector. The value of taxable property in Northside is \$61,058,983,041.

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.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Football Helmet & Shoulder Pad Repair & Reconditioning; Athletic Equipment & Supplies; and Garbage Collection Service. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Severin Intermediate Holding

LLC for annual renewal of eSchoolPlus software; TS Enterprises Associates, Inc. for purchase of furniture and equipment in the Career and Technical Education middle school classrooms and labs; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops and Chromebooks for Carlos Coon and Michael elementary schools technology deployments; Education Service Center Region 20 for TCMPC TEKS Resource System; AVID Center for AVID membership fees for Secondary and Elementary campuses; and Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions for annual renewal of Cisco SMARTnet software and support. 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.)*

- 📅 December 10, 2019, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 January 21, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 February 11, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 February 25, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road