



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

January 21, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Regional Concerts.** Dr. Woods attended Region concerts for middle school band and high school orchestra. The incredible performances were dominated by NISD students.
- **Group Meeting with TAB.** Before the holidays, Dr. Woods and others met with the Texas Association of Business (TAB) to discuss ways to work together on school legislation that helps our state.
- **Elementary Student for a Day.** In December, Cabinet members experienced a "Day in the Life" of elementary students. They each shadowed students from Pre-K to 5th grade at elementary schools across the District.
- **Beauty and the Beast.** Also in December, Dr. Woods took to the stage at **Brandeis HS** for a one night only cameo performance as the Baker in the school's production of Beauty and the Beast. He complimented the students and staff.
- **Spoke at Museum Association & Council of PTAs.** Dr. Woods had the opportunity to speak to two groups earlier this month, the Northside Council of PTAs and the Northside Museum Association.
- **Visit from Justice Jefferson.** Jefferson MS recently welcomed their namesake, **Wallace Jefferson**, retired Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. Jefferson and two of his siblings answered questions prepared by students.
- **Testimony to TEA.** Last week Dr. Woods was part of a group of school district staff and advocacy groups that testified to Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff about a proposed rule that would allow existing charter schools to expand with even less effort than is required today.
- **School Board Appreciation Month.** In conjunction with School Board Appreciation Month, a luncheon will be held Friday for former trustees and superintendents. Dr. Woods is always reminded that current leaders stand on the shoulders of the leaders who came before. Next week, **Harlan HS** will host the annual Board Appreciation Dinner. Dr. Woods also thanked NISD trustees for being incredible volunteers who serve students, staff, and patrons.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment recognized the contributions of the NISD Board of Trustees. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized several District employee groups for the work they do in keeping campuses, staff, and students safe and campus environments clean and prepared – NISD Custodial staff, Learning Tree after-school employees, and members of the Northside ISD Police Department.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** appreciated the message Justice Jefferson gave to students at **Jefferson MS** attributing his success to his family and the Northside schools he and his siblings attended. Harle recognized District Social Studies and English Language Arts department staff for their work in the initial phase of naming "Galm Road area" high school. Harle thanked the **Warren HS** Culinary Arts students for hosting the Board Recognition reception.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** commended Justice Jefferson and his family on their visit to **Jefferson MS** and the time they spent with staff and students. She visited **Boone ES** and recognized Principal **Manuela Haberer**. During her visit, Freeman had the opportunity to see a campus spelling bee and have lunch with students with perfect attendance.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** recognized Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance **David Rastellini** on his pending retirement. Chumbley spent a day at **Ross MS** and thanked several staff members including Principal **Faustino Ortega** and Family & Community Liaison **Irene Alvarez**. During her visit, Chumbley visited a GT social

studies and AVID Excel classroom, saw a special presentation by students, and enjoyed the **Ross MS** Mariachi. Chumbley also made special mention of the campus custodial staff for the work they do in keeping the school looking so good.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** attended several campus events including a Winter Spectacular at **Stevenson MS** and a holiday concert at **Driggers ES**. Lopez thanked **Hatchett ES** Principal **Adam Bock** for hosting him for a campus visit where he spoke to students during a recent transition event.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** enjoyed the visit by Justice Jefferson to **Jefferson MS** and spoke of his remarkable family and siblings. She visited **Rhodes ES** and had the opportunity to see a presentation by third grade students and attend an award event recognizing students for good citizenship.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** provided an update to Trustees from the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE). Blount reminded Trustees of the Spurs Go Public Night on Feb. 1.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Dr. Rene Barajas**, formerly chief financial officer at **Houston ISD**, was appointed **Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance**.
- **Tracy Wernli**, formerly principal at **Hector Garcia MS**, was appointed **Executive Director of Student Services**.
- **Sandra Valles**, formerly an assistant principal at **North East ISD**, was appointed Principal at **Holmgreen Center**.
- **Lori Shaw**, formerly principal at **Carson ES**, was appointed Principal at **Wernli ES**.
- **Claudia Colunga**, formerly vice principal at **Locke Hill ES**, was appointed Principal at **Myers ES**.
- **Rachel Delgado**, formerly principal at **Lieck ES**, was appointed Principal at **Behlau ES**.
- **Demetria Simmons**, formerly Programs Coordinator at **Holmes HS**, was appointed Academic Dean at **Holmes HS**.
- **Lance Enderlin**, formerly assistant principal at **Holmes HS**, was appointed Vice Principal at **Construction Careers Academy**.
- **Araceli Farias-Vasquez**, formerly administrative intern at **Jordan** and **Vale middle schools**, was appointed Assistant Principal at **Clark HS**.
- **David La Boy**, formerly administrative intern at **Pease MS**, was appointed Assistant Principal at **Bernal MS**.

Recognitions

Council of PTAs, Northside Education Foundation, and Northside Museum Association honor NISD Trustees

The Northside Council of PTAs, represented by PTA Council President **Tami Bosker**, the Northside School Museum Association, represented by **Dr. Caroline Wernli**, and the Northside Education Foundation (NEF), led by Secretary **Cathy Naiser**, honored NISD's seven Board members. Every year, the Texas governor proclaims January as School Board Recognition Month. NISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions that members of the Boards of Trustees make to our various districts and communities. School trustees serve as key advocates for students and work together to provide a better future for each and every student. NEF Secretary Cathy Naiser also presented NEF's 2019 Annual Report.

Board approves audit of District's financial report

The Board approved the audit of Northside's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending August 31, 2019. The report consists of management's representations concerning the financial condition and operations of the District and the results of an audit performed by the certified public accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell LLP. The audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement, according to **David Rastellini**, Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance.

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for Chiller Replacement – **Evers ES** – L.C. Mosel Co.
- Contractor for Clock System Upgrade & Air Handler Units Replacement – **Taft HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Clock System Upgrade & Rooftop Unit Replacement – **Villarreal ES** – Flo-Aire Service
- Contractor for Clock System Upgrades & Fume Hood Replacements – **Clark HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Demolition Package – **Health Careers HS** – Tasman Geosciences, Inc.
- Contractor for Demolition Package – **Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet School** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Energy Control Upgrades & MDF/IDF Replacement – **Carlos Coon** and **Galm** elementary schools – Flo-Aire Service

- Contractor for Flooring Replacement – **Holmes HS, Luna MS, Lewis** and **Helotes** elementary schools and **Holmgreen Center** – San Antonio Floor Finishers, Inc.
- Contractor for Fume Hood Replacement – **Marshall HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical & Energy Controls Upgrade – **Jones MS** and **Glenn ES** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical & Lighting Upgrades – **Ross MS, Cody ES,** and **McClung Transportation Station** – Central Electric Enterprises & Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Glass ES** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Health Careers HS, Jordan MS, Glenoaks, Howsman, Nichols,** and **Wanke** elementary schools and **Holmgreen Center** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for PA Intercom System Upgrades – **Brauchle, Evers,** and **Galm** elementary schools – Beckwith Electronic Engineering Company
- Contractor for PA Intercom System Upgrades – **Mary Hull** and **Passmore** elementary schools – Convergent Technologies
- Contractor for Rooftop Unit Replacement – **Powell ES** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for School Flashers – **Wernli ES** – Saeco Electric & Utility, Ltd
- Contractor for Tennis Court Resurfacing – **Jordan** and **Rayburn** middle schools – Premier Courts, LLC
- Contractor for Tennis Court Resurfacing – **Warren HS** and **Stevenson MS** – Hellas Construction, Inc.
- Contractor for Washer & Dryer Installation – **Family Engagement Center** – SpawGlass Building Services
- Contractor for 2020 Athletic Upgrades – Phase 1 – **O’Connor HS** and **Rudder** and **Zachry** middle schools – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for 2020 Door Hardware Project – **Clark, Health Careers,** and **Marshall** high schools; **Stinson MS;** and **Helotes, McDermott,** and **Scobee** elementary schools – SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.
- Change Orders
 - **Leon Valley ES** Fire Sprinkler System & Lighting Upgrades – return of contingency and allowances – (\$59,341.63)
 - **Marshall HS** Library Upgrades Fire Riser Relocation – \$107,736

Trustees approve boundary changes

Trustees approved boundary changes from **Scarborough ES** to **Knowlton** and **Burke** elementary schools. The changes move 92 students from Scarborough to Burke and 170 students from Scarborough to Knowlton. The approved boundary zones for these schools will be posted on their campus information websites.

NISD seeks class-size waivers for 17 elementary classrooms

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 17 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.

Readings of Policy

- Review of Legal Policies, TASB Localized Update #114
- First reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #114

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Prepared Food & Services; Auto Mechanic Hand Tools & Equipment; Art Supplies & Miscellaneous Items; Security Cameras, Access Controls & Intrusion Devices; and Band Uniforms for Holmes HS. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops and Chromebooks for Behlau and Martin elementary schools and Briscoe and Ross middle schools deployments; and Immix Technology Inc. for Kronos Time for School Cloud solution software. 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.)*

- ☞ Feb. 11, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ Feb. 25, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ March 24, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road