



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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February 25, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Board Appreciation.** Dr. Woods thanked his Executive Assistant **Linda Magee** and Trustees for their support of the former trustee/superintendent's luncheon last month. He also thanked the Fine Arts and Culinary programs at **Harlan HS** for a wonderful dinner in celebration of Board Appreciation Month.
- **Gerlach Livestock Show and Sale.** The annual Walter Gerlach Livestock Show & Sale was a great success with a new record of \$1.2 million in auction sales dedicated to scholarships. Thanks to the community for their support of this tradition.
- **First LEGO League (FLL) Robotics Qualifiers.** It's the middle of competition season for many elementary and middle school robotics teams. The District has hosted several qualifiers in recent weeks and Dr. Woods was able to attend and watch teams in action. NISD has 29 teams that qualified for regional competition.
- **Founders Day.** The annual PTA Founders Day event was held earlier this month at **Brandeis HS**. Thanks to Principal **Geri Berger**, NISD and Brandeis Fine Arts staff, and the NISD Council of PTAs for their roles in the evening's success.
- **State Academic Decathlon.** The Academic Decathlon teams from **Marshall, Health Careers, and Warren** high schools have advanced to the State competition after their strong finishes at Regional competition earlier this month. The Marshall team heads into state with the third highest score in the state.
- **Raise Your Hand Texas Forum.** Earlier this month, Dr. Woods moderated a public education candidate forum with candidates from House District 121. The event was sponsored by Raise Your Hand Texas, the North East ISD Council of PTAs, and RootEd.
- **Discussion with employees interested in teaching.** Over 200 District employees attended initial meetings to learn more about the new Northside Employee Opportunity Network (NEON) program that helps current employees interested in becoming a classroom teacher achieve that goal.
- **Meeting with Chairman Capriglione.** Dr. Woods and other ISD superintendents had a conversation about charter school impact with Giovanni Capriglione, the new Chairman of House Appropriations.
- **Special Olympics.** This week is the annual Special Olympics Track and Field Meet at Gus Stadium. More than 1,500 athletes will compete representing 103 schools.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted the efforts of **Warren HS** Construction Technology students who teamed with a San Antonio organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build bunk beds for children. Thanks to the hard work of their teacher **Chase Haecker**, who applies for grants to fund a variety of community service projects, the students were able to build 20 bunk bed units. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** congratulated Deputy Superintendent for Administration **Ray Galindo** for receiving a Lifetime Membership Award from the Northside Council of PTAs. Harle presented at the Alamo STEM Conference and appreciated the many District staff in attendance.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** reported that the Gerlach Livestock Show raised \$1.2 million for student scholarships. She thanked all who helped with the show's success. She thanked **Harlan HS** Principal **Robert Harris** and the campus orchestra program for a successful Board Appreciation dinner.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** enjoyed the former Superintendent and Trustee luncheon and connecting with those in attendance. He recognized the **Holmes** and **Jay** high school mariachis for their participation in a recent UIL State competition.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** congratulated students who participated in the District's Mid-Year Graduation ceremony. She attended the annual PTA Founders Day event at **Brandeis HS** and congratulated the student performers as well as those in the culinary program for their hard work. Reed shared her appreciation to **Naomi Miller**, Director of Governmental Relations, for representing NISD and public education on the SA to DC visit sponsored by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Reed enjoyed reading thank you letters sent to her from students at **Cole ES** in honor of Board Appreciation month.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** reminded Trustees of two events taking place soon – Heroes for Health events will be taking place at elementary schools across San Antonio on Feb. 27 and the annual Science Bowl competition is scheduled for Feb. 29 at Jay HS.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Mary Libby**, formerly head counselor at **Taft HS**, was appointed **Director of Guidance and Counseling**.
- **Tawny Wagner**, formerly vice principal at **Oak Hills Terrace ES**, was appointed Principal at **Carson ES**.
- **Jessica Garza**, formerly vice principal at **Cable ES**, was appointed Principal at **Lieck ES**.
- **Dr. Mark Lopez**, formerly academic dean at **Pease MS**, was appointed Principal at **Hector Garcia MS**.
- **Lashanda Robinson**, formerly teacher at **Nichols ES**, was appointed Vice Principal at **Braun Station ES**.
- **Traci Contreras**, formerly administrative intern at **Boone ES**, was appointed Vice Principal at **Locke Hill ES**.
- **Sara White**, formerly administrative intern at **Holmes HS**, was appointed Assistant Principal at **Holmes HS**.

Trustees hold Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report

NISD's Academic Performance Report was presented by **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and a public hearing was held, as required by Texas law. All school districts are required to publish an annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), district accreditation status, student enrollment and academic performance, PEIMS Financial Standards Report, a report of violent or criminal incidents, and information received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for each high school campus. The report is available online on the NISD website and will be available for public review on each campus in the District via the campus websites. Copies of specific reports will be available upon request through the Communications Department.

Trustees hold Public Hearing on partnership proposals with eligible Early Learning Centers

House Bill 3 requires school districts to provide a full-day prekindergarten program to all eligible four-year-old children beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Districts may receive a one, two, or three year exemption if implementation of the full day program for all eligible 4-year-olds would require the construction of classroom facilities or result in fewer eligible children enrolled in prekindergarten. To be eligible for the waiver, Districts must solicit and consider partnership proposals with eligible early learning centers during a public hearing. Trustees approved submission of a 3-year waiver for full-day prekindergarten exemption.

Trustees discuss names for new schools

Trustees began discussing names for three new schools – “FM 471 North area #4” elementary school, “Kallison Ranch area” middle school, and “Galm Road area” high school.

Board approves Budget Amendment #2

The Board approved Budget Amendment #2 which reflects a net increase in expenditures of \$294,589 and a net increase in revenues of \$14,332,993 in the General Fund. Significant adjustments result from property insurance premium increases, full day Pre-K expansion, adjustments to budgetary sweep, appropriation of athletic project fund balance reserves, and property tax value audit results as well as other miscellaneous base budget and one-time cost adjustments. This amendment does not include amendments to the Debt Service Fund or the Child Nutrition Fund. These funds will not require amendments until the scheduled Final Budget Amendment #3 in August 2020 according to Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance **Dr. Rene Barajas**.

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for “**FM 471 area #4**” **ES** – Joeris General Contractors, Ltd.
- Contractor for Administration Replacement and Cafeteria Upgrades – **Neff MS** – D.L. Bandy Constructors, Inc.

- Amendment #3 – GMP – “**Galm Road area**” **HS**
- Exterior Colors for “**Kallison Ranch area**” **MS** as developed by Alamo Architects
- Contractor for Clock System & Lighting Upgrades, Electrical & MDF/IDF Replacements – **Knowlton ES** and **Reddix Center** – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Baseball/Softball Field Renovations – **Clark, Jay, O’Connor**, and **Taft** high schools – Jerdon Enterprise, L.P.
- Contractor for Baseball/Softball Synthetic Turf Field Upgrade – **Hardin Athletic Complex** – Hellas Construction, Inc.
- Contractor for Bus/Student Covered Walkway – **Cody ES** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Drainage Upgrades – **Valley Hi ES** – SBM General Contractor, LLC
- Contractor for Electrical, Fire Alarm, Lighting & MDF/IDF Upgrades – Zachry MS – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Electrical & Lighting Upgrades – **Carlos Coon ES & Family Engagement Center** – Central Electric Enterprises & Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Fine Arts Upgrades – **Rayburn MS** – Central Builders, Inc.
- Contractor for Football Field Renovations – **Jordan, Rayburn**, and **Ross** middle schools – Jerdon Enterprise, L.P.
- Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – various portable buildings – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Football Field Renovations – **Rudder, Stevenson**, and **Stinson** middle schools – Hellas Construction, Inc.
- Contractor for Roadway #1 – “**Galm Road area**” **high school** – Yantis Company
- Contractor for Science Lab Addition/Renovation – **Luna MS** – Summit Building & Design
- Contractor for Synthetic Turf Football Field and Track Upgrades – **Brandeis, Clark**, and **O’Connor** high schools – Paragon Sports Constructors
- Contractor for Tennis Court Reconstruction – **Ross MS** – Hellas Construction, Inc.
- Contractor for 2020 Security Lobbies for 23 campuses – **Aue, Blattman, Brauchle, Carnahan, Colonies North, Franklin, Helotes, Henderson, Howsman, Krueger, Kuentz, Leon Springs, Los Reyes, May, McAndrew, Mireles, Nichols, Northwest Crossing, Scarborough, Scobee, Steubing, Wanke**, and **Ward** elementary schools – Casias Construction, LLC
- Contractor for Water Supply Replacement – **Hardin Athletic Complex** – SBM General Contractor, LLC
- Change Orders
 - **Brauchle ES** Mechanical Upgrades – return of contingency and allowances – (\$61,347)
 - **Jay HS** Roofing and Waterproofing – replacement of two skylights – \$69,588.75
 - **Marshall HS** Library Upgrades – exterior window eyebrows – \$53,748
 - Various campuses surveillance camera upgrades for ISMS – return of contingency and allowances – (\$150,000)

NISD seeks class-size waivers for 12 elementary classrooms

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 12 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

- Second reading and adoption of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #114
- First reading of Local Policy EHBC

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Science Supplies & Equipment; and Commercial Products & Commodity Processing for Child Nutrition; and Fiber Optic Ethernet Wide Area Network (WAN) Services Cycle – 2. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Brainpop.com LLC for unlimited access to Brainpop, Brainpop Jr., Brainpop Espanol, and Brainpop Francais; Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops and Chromebooks for the Boldt ES technology deployment; and Microshare for Bitdefender Enterprise CyberSecurity Solution.

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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.)*

- ☞ March 24, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 14, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 28, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road