



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

March 24, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- Dr. Woods thanked the Board for the resolution that allows all NISD employees to be paid during the period of closure. Someday, hopefully sooner rather than later, everyone will return to school and District leaders want all talent to return to the benefit of students.
- Dr. Woods also thanked Trustees and staff for transitioning so quickly to the new video conference format for board meetings. While the hope is it does not last long, this will be a way to continue to move the District forward. While Northside is operating with limited priorities, there is still need to plan and budget for the future.
- As the Board knows, the District is focusing in this challenging time on three priorities – keeping students and staff safe, continuing instruction, and feeding students who need that support. To that end, the delivery of both instruction and food will evolve over time and get better with each evolution.
- District efforts have focused on communicating with both students and parents as well as staff as the situation has evolved quickly.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** expressed gratitude to all District staff for their work in coordinating efforts to provide distance learning to students. She appreciates all of the examples of exceptional teaching and learning online.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** thanked Dr. Harle for her very special invocation. Chumbley expressed that, despite its large size, Northside is still very much a family. She also expressed gratitude to all District staff who have reached out to volunteer to assist.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** had the opportunity to help distribute non-perishable food items at **Zachry** and **Pease** middle schools and he commended all of the staff and administrators who helped organize and assist with the food distribution.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** recognized that these are difficult times for both students and parents. She thanked Dr. Woods for his leadership.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** reiterated thanks to Dr. Woods and all District staff for working for the benefit of students. She updated Trustees on resources being provided by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** shared his gratitude of Dr. Woods, parents, and teachers for all of their work and commitment.

Summer School 2020 will be held at Stevens HS;

Miranda Snider named Summer School Principal

Many other programs offered throughout NISD

- **Stevens HS** will be the location for Northside ISD's tuition-based Summer School this year. Stevens HS Assistant Principal **Miranda Snider** will lead the High School Summer School. Tuition-based summer school for high school students is available for students to accelerate the accumulation of credits or to retrieve a lost credit.
- At the middle school level, students are eligible if they fail two or three core academic courses.
- At the elementary level, students in K-4 will be eligible for summer school if they are being placed or retained.
- Accelerated Instruction (AI) Summer Schools were approved and are mandated by the state for students who fail one or more End of Course (EOC) and/or STAAR tests.

- Also included are summer enrichment programs offered at various sites across the District. Summer enrichment programs are sponsored and funded by the following departments: State Compensatory Education, Special Education, Fine Arts, GT, Bilingual/ESL, and Adult and Community Education.
- Information about all the summer school opportunities will be posted on the NISD website soon.

Trustees approve the adoption of instructional materials

Trustees approved the adoption of instructional materials for the 2020-2021 school year in the following content areas: English I-IV; English III and IV AP; Communication Applications; Debate I, II, III; and Journalism.

Board approves 2020-2021 Instructional Allotment and TEKS Certification

Texas Education Code requires that the Board of Trustees certify that the district's technology and instructional materials allotment is used for allowed expenses; that for the current school year, the district has instructional materials that collectively cover all elements of the TEKS in the required curriculum except for physical education; and that upon request, the district will provide the State Board of Education (SBOE) the title and publication information for any instructional materials requisitioned or purchased by the district with the district's allotment.

Board approves purchase of 25 school buses

Trustees approved a request to purchase 25 school buses. State law requires that buses model year 2017 or newer must have seat belts unless the Board holds a public meeting and vote indicating that the addition of seat belts would create a financial hardship for the District.

Board approves facilities items:

- Interior Colors for “**Kallison Ranch area**” MS as developed by Alamo Architects
- Contractor for Addition/Renovation – **Jones Magnet School** – Casias Construction, LLC
- Contractor for **Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet High School** – Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, LLC
- Contractor for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation – **Rudder MS** – Baron-Long Construction, Ltd.
- Contractor for Clock System, Fire Alarm, & Lighting Upgrades – **Glenoaks** and **Scobee** elementary schools and **Holmgreen Center** – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Fire Sprinkler & MDF/IDF Replacement – **Knowlton ES** – Ranger Builders, LLC
- Contractor for Library Renovation and HVAC Replacement – **Passmore ES** – Structura General Contractors
- Contractor for Tennis Court Reconstruction – **Brandeis HS** – RCO Construction, LLC
- Contractor for Roof Replacement Phase II – **Taft HS** – Topside Contracting, LLC
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – **Hector Garcia MS** – Empire Roofing Company, Inc.
- Contractor for 2020 Athletic Upgrades Phase II – **Health Careers** and **Warren** high schools and **Jordan** and **Stinson** middle schools – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- Change Order
 - **Jay HS** Boiler Replacement – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$68,240)

Adoption of Policy

- Second reading and adoption of Local Policy EHBC

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Football, Volleyball, & Tennis Equipment; and Administrative & Miscellaneous Furniture. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Severin Intermediate Holdings, LLC. for annual renewal of PowerSchool Unified Insight for K-12; Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions for annual renewal of VMWare Vsphere 6 software; and Intech Southwest Services LLC for HP desktops and Chromebooks for the Wernli ES and Jones MS technology deployments. 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.)*

- ☞ April 14, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (meeting conducted via video conference)
- ☞ April 28, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ May 26, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road