



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

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

**April 28, 2020**

## Superintendent's Report

### **Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:**

- **Thank you staff.** Dr. Woods thanked staff, especially teachers, who continue to make an incredible transition in the way Northside educates students.
- **Economic impact.** Economic news continues to be negative. There is general consensus that we will get through the rest of the fiscal year (the next four months) without broad cuts. The next fiscal year is less certain. We continue to track all expenditures directly related to the virus-associated changes, but reimbursement is also unclear. We will continue to work toward a very conservative budget recommendation and hope to have more clear data on which to base that recommendation later in the spring or summer.
- **Instruction continues.** Dr. Woods made it clear that while some may talk about closing the school year once they reach the state-mandated number of instructional minutes, Northside ISD will teach through the Board adopted calendar last day of school which is June 4. This week, additional distance learning training for staff rolls out. He said, "Students need us more than ever."
- **Feeding families.** The District serves approximately 27,000 meals each day and delivers Food Bank items weekly to some of the neediest families. Huge thanks go to the Child Nutrition and Learning Tree staff members assisting with these efforts and to **Thomas Wherry**, Director of Child Nutrition, and **Don Schmidt**, Assistant Superintendent for Student, Family, and Community Services.
- **Graduation.** Dr. Woods feels for the Class of 2020 and sent a letter last week outlining plans for graduations, both virtual and in-person ceremony options the district is pursuing.
- **Thank you Trustees.** Dr. Woods thanked Trustees for their support during this massive pivot. The future is unclear but the District remains committed to serving families in the best way possible.

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** enjoyed seeing the many ways District campuses found creative ways to still celebrate Fiesta despite being at home.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** shared her appreciation to the San Antonio Food Bank and the NISD Child Nutrition Department for their work in feeding District students and families. She referenced **Ross MS** for showing such dedication to their community.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** was on hand to witness the partnership between the San Antonio Food Bank and the District at a recent food distribution where many District staff served as volunteers
- **Trustee Katie Reed** updated Trustees on the decision of the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) Executive Board to support the efforts of the San Antonio Food Bank.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** provided an update to Trustees regarding summer training opportunities through the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized all those Child Nutrition Department staff who have worked so hard to ensure students continue to get fed through this difficult period. He recognized **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction (C&I), and the C&I staff who have worked to develop the distance learning protocols.

### **Trustees approve concept for second middle school magnet program**

The Board approved the District's second magnet school for middle school students to be housed at Zachry MS. The school will focus on global communication, information technology, and cybersecurity. It will open with a sixth grade class in fall 2021.

### **Trustees approve concept for next high school magnet program**

The Board approved the District's eighth high school magnet program focused on careers in teaching and coaching. The school would be a partnership with UTSA and The Centers for Applied Science and Technology (CAST) and open in fall 2021. Students would be housed at a Northside high school campus for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade and at UTSA for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Trustees discuss names for elementary school**

Trustees continued discussion on the name for "FM 471 North area #4" elementary school which will open in August 2021.

### **Board approves facilities items:**

- Exterior Colors for "**Galm Road area**" HS as developed by Alamo Architects
- Contractor for Administration Upgrades – **Adams Hill ES** – W R Griggs Construction Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Building Package – Expansion – **Health Careers HS** – W R Griggs Construction Co., Inc.
- Contractor for Building Replacement – **Westwood Terrace ES** – F.A. Nunnally Company
- Contractor for Cafeteria Air Handler Replacement Unit – **Jay HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Electrical Improvements – various campuses – 2020 Construction Related Portables – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for **Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet School** (revised) – Adolfson & Peterson Construction
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – **Kelly Smith Technology Center** and **Northside Support Services Center** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – **Brennan & Health Careers** high schools; **Jefferson & Pease** middle schools; **Mireles & Oak Hills Terrace** elementary schools; **Northside Tennis Center**; and **North Transportation Station** – Topside Contracting, LLC
- Change Orders
  - **O'Connor HS** (GF – Insurance Proceeds) 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement (Phase II of II) – Return of contingency – (\$50,000)
  - **Jay HS** – (2014 Bond Savings) Roof Replacement, deteriorated metal deck replacement – \$150,476
  - **Pease MS** – (2018 Bond Program) Mechanical Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$89,829.00)
  - **Jordan MS** – (2014 Bond Program) Mechanical Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$272,620.00)

### **Trustees discuss premium pay for exempt employees**

Trustees were briefed on the concept of premium pay for designated non-exempt and exempt employees required to work in direct contact with the public during the period of time State stay-at-home orders were in effect. Further consideration will be given on this topic once stay-at-home directives have been lifted.

### **Trustees approve resolution for legal services**

Trustees approved a resolution to extend a contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

### **Trustees exceed continuing education credits**

All Trustees have exceeded the required hours for continuing education credit. The State Board of Education (SBOE) requires that the board president annually distribute the Framework for School Board Development to all current members and the superintendent.

### **Bids for goods approved**

Trustees approved the following bids: Classroom Furniture; Hydrostatic Test & Services for Kitchen Suppression Systems; Mini-Bulk Chemical Solutions; Canned, Bottled and Miscellaneous Beverages; Dairy Products for Child Nutrition; Grease Trap Maintenance; School Bus Tires & Light Truck Tires; Welding Equipment & Supplies; Athletic Medical Equipment & Supplies; Semi Truck and Work Vehicle Rental; Copier Service; Student, Athletic and Catastrophic Insurance; and

Classroom Projectors and Related Services. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Managed Methods Inc. for annual renewal of District-wide Cloud Access Monitor software and Severin Intermediate Holdings, LLC. for the annual renewal of PowerSchool 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](http://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.)*

- ☞ May 26, 2020, 5 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (meeting conducted via video conference)
- ☞ June 16, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ June 23, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road