



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

May 26, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Priorities.** Dr. Woods said the District continues to focus on three top priorities: 1.) Keeping students, their families, and staff safe by operating distantly with the exception of the feeding program. 2.) Continuing to teach and learn distantly through the last day of classes on June 4, and 3.) Feeding families who need that support. A couple weeks ago, the District crossed a huge milestone by officially serving over 1 million meals since school buildings closed. In addition, the District continues to work with the San Antonio Food Bank to find creative ways to push more food resources into the community.
- **Summer Learning.** The District continues to look at summer offerings based on public health and state agency guidance. Most NISD students and staff will take June off, but the hope is to come back with rich offerings – in-person, by distance learning, or both – in July. Northside leaders believe it is very important to be thinking about reintegrating back into schools and the District is starting up some programs for the youngest learners in June that can be done at home.
- **Graduation.** Last week plans were announced for graduations to be held at our respective high school campuses. Dr. Woods thanked high school principals for their hard work to make this happen for graduates. Work also continues on virtual ceremonies that will be available to all graduates.
- **Thank you.** Dr. Woods thanked NISD students, parents, and staff for working together to facilitate the massive pivot in how we teach and learn in the last 10 weeks. It is not yet clear what school will look like in August, but District leaders will spend the summer working on plans to keep teaching and learning at the forefront, but do it in a way that is safe for students and staff.

Trustees hold Public Hearing and approve premium pay for exempt employees

As required by Texas Local Government Code, §180.007, Trustees held a public hearing and approved the Superintendent's recommendations regarding premium pay for contractual employees who were asked to report to duty while the Bexar County and City of San Antonio stay-at-home orders were in effect.

Recognition

NISD is fortunate to have long-tenured Board members who share a sense of purpose focused on meeting the needs of all NISD students, staff, and the communities that they serve. During the meeting, three Trustees who have 20 plus years of service were recognized and celebrated for these years of service milestones. They are **Katie N. Reed**, 30 years; **M'Lissa M. Chumbley**, 25 years; and **Bobby Blount**, 20 years.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** thanked all Trustees for taping messages of support, hope, and gratitude to the Northside community including all staff, students, and parents. She shared congratulations to NISD's four HEB Excellence in Education state finalists: **Dr. Jerry Woods, Clark HS; Deann Upright, McAndrew ES; Priscilla Prather, Folks MS;** and **Dr. Raquel Cataldo, Helotes ES.**
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** shared appreciation to all Northside parents and community members for their support of NISD seniors and has enjoyed the many ways this support has been shown including neighborhood parades.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** expressed gratitude to District administration for working to find an alternate way for high school campuses to recognize their graduates.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** has enjoyed the many social media posts featuring the many ways the Northside community has paid tribute to District graduates. She has enjoyed, as well, the efforts of District high school staff in distributing caps and gowns to all seniors. Freeman shared congratulations to all seniors.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized that distance learning has been a challenge but commends all District teachers who have worked to support students and families. Medina also referenced the daily efforts by both Child Nutrition and Learning Tree staff in ensuring the feeding of children across Northside.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** enjoyed the **Ott ES** Art Night which included activities that involved families. He also provided Trustees an update on an initiative by the Bexar County School Boards Coalition.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Dr. Jerry Woods**, formerly principal at Clark HS, was appointed **Assistant Superintendent for High School Instruction**.
- **Katherine Lyssy**, formerly principal at Pease MS, was appointed **Director of Pupil Personnel**.
- **Tanya Alanis**, formerly assistant principal at Pease MS, was appointed **Academic Dean at Pease MS**.
- **Laura San Roman**, formerly administrative intern at Jones MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jones MS**.
- **Candace Maldonado**, formerly administrative intern at Cable ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Cable ES**.
- **Stephanie Janik**, formerly administrative intern at Westwood Terrace ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Oak Hills Terrace ES**.
- **Casey Feldt**, formerly teacher at Blattman ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Wernli ES**.

Newest elementary school named for Joey Tomlinson

The "FM 471 North area #4" elementary school will bear the name of **Joey Tomlinson**. Tomlinson was an agriculture teacher in Northside for 33 years at Marshall, Holmes, and O'Connor high schools. He is also well known in the community as an auctioneer at livestock events and with the Northside Education Foundation. The newly named Tomlinson ES is funded by School Bond 2018 and will open in August 2021.

Trustees approve attendance cap for overcrowded Folks MS; New-to-Folks students in affected zones would go to Briscoe or Jefferson middle schools

The projected enrollment at Folks MS is on track to exceed the campus' capacity before the opening of the unnamed "Kallison Ranch area" middle school in the 2021-2022 school year. To manage the anticipated growth, the Board approved an attendance cap where new students moving into Folks attendance zones would be capped to Briscoe or Jefferson middle schools.

Trustees extend resolution

The Board voted to extend a resolution, originally approved from March 16 to May 26, that delegates authority to the superintendent to act in place of the Board of Trustees during an emergency closure. The extension runs through July 28.

Trustees approve three instructional waivers

- **Missed School Day Waiver.** Texas Education Code 25.081 outlines the requirements of school districts each school year to operate for at least 75,600 minutes. In order to operate with fewer minutes, school districts must submit a waiver and signed attestation describing the dates they were Closed-Temporary, Closed-Preparing, and/or Closed-Instruction.
- **CPR Waiver.** Texas Education Code 74.38 outlines requirements for instruction in CPR. CPR instruction is offered in Health Education, Principles of Health Science, Credit Acceleration, and Credit Retrieval and can be taken anytime between grades 9-12. Prior to distance learning, about half of the high school health teachers had taught CPR. Currently, C&I staff are creating an online module to reach the senior students virtually who have not had CPR instruction. However, the waiver was approved due to the likelihood that some seniors may not take it prior to the end of the year.
- **Educator/Principal/Administrator Appraisal Waiver.** Texas Education Code and applicable rules in 19 Texas Administrative Code outline requirements for appraisals of teachers, principals, and administrators on an annual basis. Due to operational disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic, TEA is allowing districts discretion as to which aspects of the appraisal process they can complete and which, if any, aspects cannot be completed. Districts must apply for a Board-approved waiver to access this option.

United Healthcare renewed as medical insurance provider

Trustees renewed United Healthcare as the District's medical insurance provider for 2021.

Trustees re-elect Board Officers

Trustees re-elected Dr. Carol Harle as the president of the School Board. Also, Karen Freeman was re-elected Vice President and Joseph Medina as Secretary.

Board representatives selected

Trustees voted on Board appointments to several organizations:

2020 TASB Delegate Assembly: Gerald Lopez as delegate with Carol Harle as alternate

Board representative to the Northside Education Foundation: M'Lissa Chumbley

Northside representative to the TASB Board of Directors: Karen Freeman

Board representative to the Bexar County School Boards Coalition: Bobby Blount

Trustees will choose to serve on Board committees (Academics, Building, Finance, Technology, and Policy and Intergovernmental Relations), and committee chairpersons will be appointed by the Board president at the June 23 meeting.

Board approves TASB Advocacy resolutions

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is providing districts with the opportunity to suggest resolutions for the 2020-2022 Advocacy Agenda. The resolutions are used to form responses to issues before the legislature and other governmental entities.

Board approves facilities items:

- Amendment #4 – GMP – for “**Galm Road area**” HS
- Exterior Colors for “**FM 471 North area #4**” elementary school as developed by Garza Architects and Nextgen Architects
- Contractor for Electrical Improvements – various campuses – 2020 Summer Portables – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Library Addition/Renovation – **Taft HS** – Casias Construction LLC
- MAC (Moving/Adding/Changing) Telecommunications Cabling – various campuses – 2020 Construction Portables – Tero Technologies
- MAC (Moving/Adding/Changing) Telecommunications Cabling – various campuses – 2020 Summer Portables – Tero Technologies
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – 2020 Summer related – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for 2020 Pre-K Expansion Phase 1 Package A – Henock Construction, LLC
- Contractor for 2020 Pre-K Expansion Phase 1 Package B – Henock Construction, LLC
- Contractor for Surveillance Camera Upgrades for ISMS – various campuses – Alterman, Inc.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Restroom Trailer; Trophy, Plaques, Ribbons, Medals & Award Items; Food & Grocery Items for Child Nutrition; Cyber Liability Insurance; Event Ticketing and Registration Equipment and/or Services; and Web-Based Menu. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: The University of Texas at Austin for UT OnRamps professional learning and developmental trainings; Intech Southwest Services, LLC. for the purchase of HP desktops and monitors for the Holmes HS, Jay HS, and Taft HS technology deployments; Intech Southwest Services, LLC. for the purchase of HP desktops and Laptops for the Holmes HS, Jay HS, and Taft HS technology deployments; Southwest Texas Equipment Distribution Inc. for the purchase of kitchen equipment for various cafeterias throughout the District; Freeit Data Solutions Inc. for the purchase of 2 Qumulo data storage units to replace existing Compellent/NX3300 data storage units; Apple Computer Inc. for the purchase of Apple iMac Computers for the Communication Arts HS, Jay HS, and Taft HS technology deployments; Dell Marketing LP for the annual renewal of VMWare Horizon View software; and GTS Technology Solutions for the annual renewal of District-wide Cloud Access Monitor 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.)*

- 📅 June 16, 2020, 7 p.m., Location TBD
- 📅 June 23, 2020, 7 p.m., Location TBD
- 📅 July 28, 2020, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Ever Road