



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

July 28, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **What We Know.**
 - A local public health order is in place that will place the District in 100% virtual learning through Labor Day. It could be extended. Metro Health is working on a health metrics based approach.
 - We will begin virtual learning on Aug. 24. Teachers will report mostly virtually the week of Aug. 17.
 - The District has secured a Learning Management System (LMS) that will be used by all teachers, parents, and students. Training on the LMS for students, parents, and staff will be released as soon as possible.
 - When we can return to in-person instruction, we will want to ramp up slowly to ensure our safety protocols. Those protocols will include required PPE for students and staff. We have acquired large quantities and are in the process of acquiring more. Plexiglass has been installed in high traffic areas and we will continue to do this. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the buildings. Custodial schedules have been altered to ensure cleaning throughout the day. As long as we control the capacity of our buildings, social distancing will be enforced.
 - Additional technology has been ordered for both students and teachers.
 - Grading expectations will be the same regardless of environment – in person or virtual learning.
 - We will ask parents to indicate by Aug. 10 which environment they prefer for after we start in-person learning so that schedules can be developed for every student.
 - We will offer after-hours support on both the instructional and technology sides.
 - We know teachers are concerned with child care issues and we will announce a solution for that this week.
- **New TEA Guidance.** The latest guidance from TEA includes two four-week periods to limit on-campus instruction, ADA hold harmless, and hybrid models are allowed at the high school level.
- **UIL Guidance.** Dr. Woods shared the latest guidance from UIL which impacts fall sports.
- **Board Advocacy.** Dr. Woods appreciates the Board's efforts to advocate with state leadership for more flexibility in how we control the number of people in our buildings as well as ensuring that funding continues to flow to school districts dealing with this extraordinary situation.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** thanked District teachers who have participated in the Teacher Town Halls hosted by Dr. Woods. She acknowledged the various summer school programs in particular the Learning with Littles video series produced by the District's Curriculum & Instruction Department. Harle also recognized the Child Nutrition Warehouse staff for assisting in the storage and distribution of PPE provided by the state for local school districts.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** expressed appreciation to fellow Trustees, Dr. Woods, and District staff for their continued commitment to keeping the best interests of students at the forefront. She thanked those who have shown support of the District and assured the NISD community that Trustees will take care of students and staff. Chumbley reminded all that we are in this together.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** provided an update on advocacy efforts by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) as well as a State Board of Education (SBOE) ad-hoc committee update.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** spoke on the importance of patrons staying connected with legislators and staying informed.

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** provided an update from the Bexar County School Boards Coalition. He stressed the importance and need for Trustees to remain united in their advocacy efforts and thanked Dr. Woods for his leadership.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** acknowledged that while these are difficult times, the District is moving forward in a positive way.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Martin J. Hernandez**, formerly Storm Water Operations Project Manager at the City of San Antonio, was appointed **Director of Engineering Services**.
- **Esperanza Rios**, formerly assistant director of Budget and Research, was appointed **Director of Budget and Research**.
- **Lisa Kulka**, formerly coordinator of libraries and instructional materials at Harlandale ISD, was appointed **Director of Library Services and Instructional Materials**.
- **Chad Bohlken**, formerly vice principal at Warren HS, was appointed **Principal at Agricultural Magnet High School**.
- **Frank L. Johnson**, formerly vice principal at Galm ES, was appointed **Principal at Fernandez ES**.
- **Juliana Molina**, formerly assistant principal at Zachry MS, was appointed **Academic Dean at Zachry MS**.
- **Gina Rodriguez**, formerly vice principal at NSITE Magnet HS, was appointed **Academic Dean at Zachry Magnet Middle School**.
- **Juan Diego Perez**, formerly math specialist at Galm ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Franklin ES**.
- **Tyler Smurr**, formerly administrative intern at Neff MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Rhodes ES**.
- **Geronimo Cortez**, formerly assistant principal at Jones MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Clark HS**.
- **Michael Tilbury**, formerly administrative intern at Jay HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Marshall HS**.
- **Leticia Chapa**, formerly administrative intern at Ross MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jefferson MS**.
- **Shana Braswell**, formerly administrative intern at Pease MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Pease MS**.

Overview of COVID-19 Technology Purchases

Lori Jones, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services, presented to trustees on technology purchases in support of virtual learning for students and staff. The purchases of mobile devices will provide for a 1:1 student/device ratio across the District and replace teacher iPads with Chromebooks.

Review of Survey Data

Trustees reviewed survey data from July. More than 44,000 parents and 11,500 staff members responded to the latest survey, a significant increase in participation from the June survey.

Family options for In-Person and Virtual Learning

Trustees reviewed options for in-person and virtual learning. Families will receive an upcoming survey to choose between the two options. This feedback will be critical for planning.

Trustees extend emergency closure resolution

The Board voted to extend a resolution, originally approved from March 16, that delegates authority to the superintendent to act in place of the Board of Trustees during an emergency closure. The extension runs through Sept. 22.

Trustees approve employee pay resolution

Trustees approved a resolution to compensate employees during school closure or modified District operations due to Coronavirus.

Policy Reading

- First reading of Local Policy FDB

Board approves facilities items:

- Exterior/Interior Colors for Addition/Renovation at **Jones Magnet School** as developed by Pfluger Associates Architects
- Interior Colors for “**Galm Road area**” high school as developed by Alamo Architects

- Interior Colors for Library Renovation and HVAC Replacement at **Passmore ES** as developed by LPA, Inc.
- Contractor for Site and Utility Upgrades (Portables) – **Jones** and **Stevenson** middle schools – RCO Construction, L.L.C.
- Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – Ag Barn – **O’Connor HS** – Central Electric Enterprises & Co., Inc.
- Master Plan for **Zachry Middle School Magnet**
- Change Orders:
 - **Brandeis HS** 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement (Phase II of II) – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$50,000)
 - **Wanke ES** 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$50,000)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Custodial Supplies; Baroque Soprano Recorders; Paper for Printing Services; Chromebook for Replacement Parts; Child Nutrition Supplies; Two Way Radios; E-Rate Consultant Services; and CTE Food Lab Millwork Upgrades at six campuses. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Intrado Interactive Services Corporation for annual renewal of the SchoolMessenger Emergency Notification System; Social Studies School Service for History school maps for the District; Macmillan Holdings, LLC for instructional materials for use in the AP ELAR classrooms at the high school level beginning in the 2020-2021 school year; Education Service Center Region 20 for annual renewal of the TEKS Resource System for Central Office Staff Access; Educaide Software for annual renewal for the maintenance and support for an online database that has teaching materials such as tests, worksheets, and flashcards; Layer 3 Communications, LLC for annual renewal of the Aruba Foundation Care Support Maintenance; SHI International Corp. for annual renewal of the Microsoft Software Licensing; Identity Automation LP for annual renewal of the Encore Software Licensing; and SHI International Corp. for annual renewal of the Mirroring360 Software Licensing. 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.)

- 🕒 August 4, 2020, 5 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (meeting conducted via video conference)
- 🕒 August 18, 2020, Time and Location TBA
- 🕒 August 25, 2020, Time and Location TBA