



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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August 25, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Start of School/Virtual Learning Challenges.** While the first day of school did not look like we anticipated, District staff stepped in to address the technical difficulties, specifically **Lori Jones**, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services, and her department staff.
- **Thank you.** Dr. Woods thanked teachers, campus staff, Technology Services and Curriculum & Instruction staff for their efforts preparing for the school year.
- **Week 3 and 4 operations/Public Health Metrics.** Dr. Woods is pleased with the public health metrics and anticipates being able to bring in students, specifically those with high academic needs and not served well in a virtual learning environment, for in-person learning.
- **Athletics/Fine Arts Update.** Because of improved health metrics, practices for these student activities are expected to begin the week of Aug. 31.
- **School Supply Drive.** Through the generosity of staff and community members, thousands of backpacks have been donated along with many school supplies. These items will be sorted and prepared for distribution to students across the District.
- **Virtual TASA/TASB Convention.** Northside ISD Fine Arts students will be showcased at the virtual TASA/TASB convention at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.
- **Re-Engagement Efforts.** Much effort has gone in to reconnecting Northside families with their schools. The Communications Department prepared a video highlighting some of these efforts by the District and campuses.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** enjoyed the District's annual Convocation event held virtually this year. She found the highlighted student performance videos inspirational.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** is encouraged and enthused by the work and commitment of District staff. She highlighted three for their efforts to encourage and motivate their school communities: **Clark HS** Principal **Steve Zimmerman**, the **Holmes HS** Theatre Arts Department, and **Ross MS** Family and Community Involvement Liaison **Irene Zinsmeister**.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** thanked all District staff for a great start to the school year despite the first day technical hiccups.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** shared his appreciation to all staff working behind the scenes to get the school year started and acknowledged the many teachers who have shared positive messages on social media.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** provided an update from the Bexar County School Boards Coalition, specifically a collaboration with Clear Channel Communications.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** recognized the many amazing teachers across the District working to engage students in such creative ways. She also provided an update to Trustees from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** thanked and congratulated Dr. Woods and District staff for the successful start to the school year.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Aurelio Hernandez**, formerly assistant principal at Harlan HS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Warren HS**.

At the Aug. 18 Board Meeting, the following administrators were appointed:

- **Maria Elena Meza**, formerly principal at Glenoaks ES, was appointed **Director of State and Federal Programs**.
- **Christie Szabo**, formerly assistant principal at Warren HS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **NSITE**.
- **Jermaine Todd**, formerly academic technology coach in the Curriculum & Instruction Department was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Galm ES**.
- **Eric Arzola**, formerly administrative intern at Jones MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Jones MS**.
- **Richard De La Garza**, formerly administrative intern at Holmgreen Center, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Zachry MS**.

Trustees hear report on Re-Engagement Efforts

Trustees were updated on District and campus efforts to re-engage with families and students in preparation for the start of school.

Overview of COVID-related expenditures

Dr. Woods presented to trustees an overview of the District's COVID-related expenditures.

NISD School Board adopts a \$1.2 billion budget for 2020-2021 and approves tax rate

- Trustees approved an all-funds \$1.2 billion budget for the 2020-21 school year.
- Trustees approved a tax rate to support the budget of NISD. Following a public hearing held Aug. 18, Trustees accepted a recommendation that the property tax rate be decreased by almost 2 cents to \$1.2857 per one hundred dollar valuation. Northside ISD has not raised the school tax rate for the past ten years. The Interest & Sinking tax rate of \$0.3355 is less than the 2018 bond proposal second year tax rate. The Interest and Sinking tax rate has not increased for the past ten years.

School Boundary Advisory Committee members approved

The Board of Trustees approved the following members of the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) for 2020-2021. The SBAC will assist in the development of proposed boundaries for Straus MS and Tomlinson ES.

Morgan Phelps	Candy Baumann	Lauren Purdy	Dorie Budde, LMSW	Kristi Wishert
Celina Skeen	Scott Krick	Susi Moke	Chip Thompson	Kelli Epp
Ashley Mazzanti	Elizabeth Mendez	Jason Martinez	Alice Browing	Richard Delgado
Melissa Rodriguez	Kathleen Murray	Kim Thomas	Amber Auclari	Gabriel Escobedo
Kevin Hoesen	Kelly McAlear	Christina Alvarez	Ezet Coronado-Settles	Deyanira Montoya
Kirt Faulkner	Megan Halverson	Autumn Clegg	Fernando Garcia	Sara Phillips
Brandi Howard	Jessica Rivera	Steven Ozuna	Kelvin Wren	Dan Perez

Trustees approve school day SAT and PSAT

Trustees approved the school day SAT and PSAT for NISD students. It is estimated that 8,000 juniors and 7,000 seniors (make-up from Spring 2020) will participate in the 2020-2021 SAT school day allowing them to take the SAT college entrance exam free of charge. In addition, approximately 8,000 juniors and approximately 8,300 sophomores will participate in the 2020-2021 PSAT/NMSQT free of charge.

Board approves facilities items:

- Exterior Colors for **Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet HS** as developed by Pfluger Associates Architects
- Interior Colors for **Joey Tomlinson ES** as developed by Garza Architects and Nextgen Architects
- Interior Colors for Science Lab Addition/Renovation at **Luna MS** as developed by Garza/Bomberberger & Associates
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration and Replacement – **Marshall HS** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Restoration – **Northside Activity Center** – Topside Contracting, LLC.
- Change Orders:
 - **Brennan, Holmes, Marshall, and Stevens** high schools Site & Athletic Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$80,361.50)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Door Frames; Curriculum & Instructional Supplies; Sheet Music & Music Material; HVAC IDQ; Window Coverings & Shade Products; Athletic Uniforms; Baseball, Softball, and Track Equipment; School Bus Equipment & Supplies; and Roofing Repair and Replacement IDQ. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions for annual subscription of the District's Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services; and Severin Intermediate Holdings LLC for eSchool Plus and 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. 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.)

- 📅 Sept. 8, 2020, Time and Location TBA
- 📅 Sept. 22, 2020, Time and Location TBA
- 📅 Oct. 27, 2020, Time and Location TBA