



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

September 22, 2020

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Progress/Return of In-Person Learners.** We have welcomed back our youngest learners this week including Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first graders as well as some at-risk learners at the secondary level.
- **Health Metrics.** As Health Metrics continue to improve and assuming they remain positive, we are excited at the prospect of bringing back students who selected in-person learning as early as Oct. 5.
- **Thank you.** Dr. Woods offered thanks to teachers and campus administrators who are working harder than ever to balance the needs of in-person and virtual learners.
- **Survey.** This week, a survey opens for parents to select an instructional program for the second grading cycle. Only parents who wish to change their original choice need to complete.
- **Athletics.** Seasons are underway for several of our high school athletic programs. Dr. Woods was able to attend volleyball matches over the weekend.
- **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. All performances were pre-recorded over the last two weeks. Dr. Woods knows the District will shine and thanked the Fine Arts and Communications departments and AV and Media Production teams.
- **NEF Golf Tournament and Clay Shoot.** The Northside Education Foundation has hosted two fundraisers this month that were previously postponed – a golf tournament and clay shoot. Thanks to NISD Director of Partnerships **Cassandra Miranda**, her staff, and the Foundation Board for hosting these successful events and keeping participants safe.
- **Called Board Meeting.** A Called Board Meeting has been set for Oct. 6 and could be used to discuss the potential need for any additional waivers moving forward.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Carol Harle** thanked Trustee Blount for facilitating a recent town hall event for area school board members with San Antonio Metro Health Medical Director **Dr. Junda Woo**. Harle recognized the pending celebration of World Teachers' Day on Oct. 5.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** provided kudos to District teachers and parents for their hard work during these first few weeks of school. She also thanked fellow trustees for their work to remain engaged and informed.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** praised District employees for continually working at improving and making things better. She also thanked Trustee Blount for his efforts to keep other Bexar County school board trustees informed by helping facilitate a meeting with local health official, Dr. Woo.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized all District teachers for their hard work in providing instruction to students and for the support they have also provided.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** thanked Dr. Woods, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services **Lori Jones**, and Executive Director of Continuous Improvement **Dr. Brenda Ward** for their support with a national reopening of schools assessment.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** shared her gratitude to volunteers from the University United Methodist Church for hosting **Clark HS** students to construct picnic tables for their campus, **Locke Hill ES** and **Hobby MS**. Reed is excited at the

potential for future collaboration with **Jeralynn “Lynne” Sittig Cossman**, UTSA’s dean of the College for Health, Community and Policy.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** shared his appreciation for staff, administrators, and students for their engagement in virtual learning. He recognized the importance of the NEF Golf Tournament and Clay Shoot to the success of the Foundation and thanked all the event sponsors for their support. He acknowledged NEF Executive Director **Cassandra Miranda** and her staff for an excellent job in hosting these events.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Cathy De Leon**, formerly vice principal at Glenoaks ES, was appointed **Principal at Glenoaks ES**.
- **Melissa Spiekerman**, formerly vice principal at Boldt ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Blattman ES**.
- **Richard Martinez**, formerly administrative intern at Glenoaks ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Fields ES**.
- **Thomas Johnson**, formerly assistant principal at O’Connor HS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Agriculture Magnet HS**.
- **Guadalupe Esparza**, formerly student success advisor at Harlan HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Harlan HS**.
- **Desiree Fehner**, formerly English department coordinator at Warren HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Warren HS**.

Attendance zone reviewed for newest elementary school

Trustees heard the boundary proposal for the **Tomlinson ES** attendance zone prior to the Sept. 30 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) meeting. The SBAC, assisted by staff, will review the staff proposals, study relevant data, conduct a public hearing, analyze information as required by policy, and make formal recommendations to the Board concerning attendance zones. Elementary schools involved in the proposal are **Kallison** and **Scarborough**. Tomlinson ES will open in 2021 and is funded by School Bond 2018.

Board approves Asynchronous Instructional Plan

Due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 emergency, Districts are required to submit an asynchronous learning plan to Texas Education Agency (TEA) by Oct. 1 for review and approval to earn ADA funding. The plan is submitted via an online application and has three parts: attestations regarding the instructional schedule, materials design, student progress, and implementation; open responses describing differences in grade levels, implementation, and supports for families; and a final attestation during which the superintendent and board attest to the plan being implemented as described.

Board approves hybrid instruction waiver for grades 9-12

If a waiver is submitted, TEA will allow districts in grades 9-12 to establish a less-than-daily on-campus attendance schedule as the sole offering for students in one or more high schools in order to reduce the number of individuals on a campus at any one time and increase the total number of students served in an on-campus setting. A hybrid schedule has been designed that identifies students who will attend on alternating days at NISD high schools.

Trustees sign Declaration of Respect

Annually, the District has held a Districtwide Declaration of Respect Day for students K-12 and staff to promote anti-bullying in our schools. Oct. 9 is the Districtwide Signing Day. Counselors have been equipped with training, materials, and lessons for classroom presentations that teach necessary skills to students to promote a safe, respectful, and healthy school climate. Members of the Board of Trustees signed their own Declaration of Respect, as a show of support for the program spearheaded by the NISD Guidance & Counseling Department led by Director **Mary Libby**. Dr. Woods signed on behalf of staff.

Resolutions

Trustees discussed and voted to extend resolutions concerning Modified Operations due to COVID-19, Employee Pay during School Closure or Modified Operations due to COVID-19, and Provision of Child Care and Supervision during Modified Operations due to COVID-19.

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Roof Replacement and Repair – **Elrod, Fernandez, Myers, and Ward** elementary schools – L.D. Tebben Company
- Exterior Colors for Building Replacement at **Westwood Terrace ES** as developed by Marmon Mok Architecture

- Exterior/Interior Colors for Administration Replacement and Cafeteria Upgrades at **Neff MS** as developed by Garza Architects
- Exterior/Interior Colors for Building Package Expansion at **Health Careers HS** as developed by Kaarlsen Noonan Rittimann Garcia Architecture
- Exterior/Interior Colors for Fine Arts Upgrades at **Rayburn MS** as developed by Marmon Mok Architecture
- Interior Colors for **Marshall Law & Medical Services Magnet HS** as developed by Pfluger Associates Architects
- Master Plan for **Powell ES**
- Schematic Design for ALE Upgrades at **Glass ES** as developed by Huckabee Architects
- Change Orders:
 - **Clark HS** – Clock System Upgrades & Fume Hood Replacements/Controllers for Fume Hoods – \$72,055 (add)
 - **Holmes HS** – Athletic Fields – Additional Parking Lot Lighting – \$75,190 (add)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Maintenance Supplies & Services; PE Equipment & Supplies; and Pool Chemicals. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Tiger Sanitation for sanitation services for schools located within the City of Leon Valley; C-6 Disposal System Inc. for sanitation services for schools located within the City of Helotes; Communities In Schools of San Antonio for the annual renewal of professional services; Gartner Inc. for annual renewal of technology consulting services provided by the Gartner Consulting Services team; Imagine Learning, Inc. for annual renewal of Imagine Learning software; Daily and Wells Communications, Inc. for two-way radio devices and server; CDW-G for PrinterLogic printer management system; Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC. for twenty 14-passenger school buses. 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.)

- ☞ Oct. 6, 2020, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- ☞ Oct. 27, 2020, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- ☞ Nov. 17, 2020, Time and Location TBD
- ☞ Dec. 15, 2020, Time and Location TBD