



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 27, 2021

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Legislative/Federal Funding Update.** Dr. Woods reported that District staff continue to monitor the current legislative session.
- **Special events.** We have moved to doing a variety of hybrid meetings and celebrations. It's been great being back in-person at these events. Special thanks to the Communications and Media teams for all their work in making these successful. Events have included Robotics competition, H-E-B Texas Loves Teachers drive-through event at Farris Stadium, Jones and Zachry Magnet Schools induction ceremonies, the 50th anniversary of Passmore ES, and the Solar Cars competition.
- **Instructional models for 2021-2022.** District staff will be presenting work around the proposed learning models for next year. The plan has been drafted after many hours of work on the part of staff. More information will be shared with the larger NISD community very soon.
- **Katie Reed Tribute.** We will be celebrating 31 years of Katie Reed's contribution as a trustee to the NISD community on Thursday, April 29. The event will be streamed live at nisd.net/live.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Katie Reed** acknowledged **Monica Faulkenbery**, Assistant Director of Communications, for her article featuring NISD counselor **Melissa Allen-Jones** and her registered therapy dog, Mylie. Their work addresses the needs of special education students as a related service and was featured in TASB's Texas Lone Star Magazine. Reed was honored to assist on the search committee for the Dean of the College of Education at UTSA. Reed enjoyed a recent visit to **Colonies North ES**.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** acknowledged H-E-B for kicking off their Texas Loves Teachers tour with a district-wide event honoring and celebrating District teachers. Harle referenced several District events that she felt were very successful including the **Jones MS** 50th Anniversary, the annual Solar Cars competition, the Be Well, Stay Well employee wellness event, and the Northside Partnership and Gratitude Awards event.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** thanked Bobby Blount for his continued work with the annual Solar Cars competition. She has enjoyed seeing so many events and activities featuring students being shared on Twitter. In particular, she congratulated the members of the **Ross MS** mariachi group and its director. Chumbley congratulated the **O'Connor HS** FFA which has 8 teams advancing to state competition.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** provided an update regarding upcoming TASB sessions open to Trustees. She congratulated Aldine ISD Trustee **Dr. Viola Garcia** on being named President of the National School Boards Association (NSBA).
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** congratulated the **Taft HS** theatre group headed to state One Act Play competition in Waxahachie. The group is one of the top 8 productions in the state in the 6A Division.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** reminded everyone that the last day of Early Voting was April 27 with Election Day being May 1. He encouraged individuals to exercise their civic duty by voting. Medina has been delighted to see so many participants in the many campus celebrations taking place both in person and virtually. He thanks staff – teachers, administrators, bus drivers, custodians – for their help in making these events a success. He encouraged families to take advantage of the family-safe, drive-in movie nights hosted by the Northside Education Foundation (NEF). These events will be held May 18-20 and May 27-29 at Six Flags. For more information, visit nisd.net/community/nef.

- **Trustee Bobby Blount** shared that the Bexar County School Boards Coalition book, Public Education in the San Antonio Area, has been published and will be available soon. Blount yielded time to **Sylvester Vasquez**, current Southwest ISD School Board President, and **Gary Inmon**, former board member of Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD. Vasquez and Inmon, both past presidents of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), offered praise and gratitude to Katie Reed for her 31 years of service to NISD.

Recognitions

- **CPS Energy Check Presentation**
CPS Energy presented a check for \$76,038.10 to NISD for the District's participation in CPS' Demand Response program. The Demand Response program is CPS' program that pays commercial users who voluntarily reduce the amount of electricity used during a conservation event.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Andrea Tena**, formerly Assistant Director of Purchasing, was appointed **Director of Purchasing**.
- **Adam Jackson**, formerly Project Manager of Technology Acquisitions, was appointed **Director of Technology Acquisitions and Project Management**.
- **Ericka Olivarez**, formerly Leadership Development Specialist, was appointed **Principal at CAST Teach High School**.
- **Kevin Vanlanham**, formerly Assistant Principal at Jordan MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Rudder Middle School**.
- **Richard De La Garza**, formerly Assistant Principal at Zachry MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Zachry Middle School**.
- **John Decker**, formerly Assistant Principal at Rudder MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Northside Alternative Middle School**.
- **Sara Mireles**, formerly Administrative Intern at Glenn ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Burke Elementary School**.
- **Kimberly Contreras-Tamez**, formerly Vice Principal at Scobee ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Cole Elementary School**.
- **Jennifer Reat**, formerly Special Education Coordinator at Briscoe MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Hatchett Elementary School**.
- **Jessica Lundquist**, formerly Math Specialist at Meadow Village ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Meadow Village Elementary School**.
- **James Dominguez**, formerly Administrative Intern at Mead ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Tomlinson Elementary School**.
- **Veronica F. Poblano**, formerly Academic Dean at Hector Garcia MS, was appointed **Academic Dean at Vale Middle School**.
- **Christina Lora**, formerly Administrative Intern at Ross MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Ross Middle School**.
- **Brandy Bergeron**, formerly Administrative Intern at Pease MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Straus Middle School**.

Trustees approve Instructional Models for 2021-2022

Trustees heard a presentation from Dr. Janis Jordan, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, about the proposed instructional models for the 2021-2022 school year. The District is planning on and expecting for the majority of students to be in-person learners next year. The learning models do include virtual learning but will be offered to only a small number of students who meet specific eligibility criteria. Additional information will be posted soon at nisd.net.

Trustees approve Campus-Based Growth & Improvement Units

Trustees approved the addition of 102.82 campus-based staffing units for 2021-2022 to accommodate the addition of two new schools, elementary STEM-lab expansion, and other District initiatives.

Board approves facilities items:

- Master Plan and Schematic Design for **Mary Hull ES**

- Contractor for Football Field Upgrades for **Connally, Jones, Pease, Neff, Rawlinson, Vale, and Zachry** middle schools – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for Plumbing Upgrades for **Esparza ES** – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for 2019 Hail Damage Roof Replacement for **Leon Springs ES** and **May ES** – Port Enterprises, Ltd.
- Contractor for 2019 Hail Damage Roof Restoration and Replacement for **Aue ES** and **Ellison ES** – Topside Contracting, LLC.
- Interior graphic designs at **Straus MS** and **Passmore ES**
- Master plan and schematic design for **Mary Hull ES**
- Change Orders
 - **Glenoaks ES** – Library and Classroom building return of contingency – (\$149,458.50) (credit)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids for full service kitchen small wares, classroom furniture, industrial supplies and services; and athletic equipment and supplies. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Seesaw Learning, Inc for software subscription. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department at 210-397-8700.

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c/o NISD
5900 Evers Road
San Antonio, TX 78238

You may email them at info@nisd.net.

For additional information, call 210-397-8770.

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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.)

- May 11, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- May 25, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- June 15, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- June 22, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center