



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 25, 2021

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Legislative Update.** Dr. Woods provided an update on the current legislative session and specific proposed bills with potential impact to public schools.
- **Governor's Executive Order Forbidding Mask Mandates.** The District will encourage the use of masks during summer school programming as many students are unvaccinated.
- **Congratulations.** Dr. Woods congratulated **Dr. Carol Harle** and **Karen Freeman** on their reelection to the Board of Trustees and **Corinne Saldana** on her election to the Board. Dr. Harle was sworn in by **Judge Sid Harle** at an event last week at **Marshall Law and Medical Services**.
- **Trinity Prize/District Educators of the Year.** Dr. Woods, Dr. Harle, and Trustee Reed visited the seven District Educator of the Year winners at their schools to present their trophies and certificates. Dr. Woods also attended an event at Trinity University that honored **Gustavo Trevino**, teacher at Neff MS, as the District's recipient of the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching.
- **Head Start/Early Head Start.** The District hopes to soon work in collaboration with Family Services to expand early childhood services for Northside families.
- **Health Clinic.** The District is in communication with the University Health System in the planned opening of a health clinic on recently acquired property adjacent to **Jones MS**. The clinic would address the needs of students in the community.
- **FFA Awards/Steve Chumbley Retirement.** Dr. Woods attended the annual FFA Awards Ceremony at **O'Connor HS**. At the event, he had the opportunity to speak and honor student recipients and to also congratulate staff member **Steve Chumbley** on his retirement.
- **Video Moment.** The Video Moment highlighted a Trustee Tribute to outgoing Board Member Katie Reed.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Katie Reed** expressed gratitude for the time she has been able to serve on the NISD Board of Trustees. She expressed that it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve in the position and she has had the opportunity to work with five District superintendents.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** enjoyed seeing the many individuals in attendance at the meeting and acknowledged former Trustee **Lynn Britton** and retired Executive Director of Secondary Instruction and NISD namesake **Dr. Sara McAndrew** who were both present. She congratulated Trustees **Harle** and **Freeman** on their reelection to the Board and **Corinne Saldana** on her election. Chumbley thanked Judge **Sid Harle** for being on hand to swear in the elected Trustees. Chumbley acknowledged the NISD Human Resources and Communications departments for hosting the annual Recognition and Retirement event which she was able to attend. She congratulated three NISD employees recognized at the event for their years of service – **James Miculka**, Director of Fine Arts; **Steve Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Administration; and **Jackie Horras**, Director of Secondary Human Resources. Chumbley recognized **Linda Burk**, Principal of **Health Careers HS**, on her retirement. Chumbley thanked Dr. Woods for the kind words he shared at the recent **O'Connor HS** FFA Awards Ceremony.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** thanked **Katie Reed** for her service to NISD and for representing the District at the local and state level. Freeman welcomed newly elected trustee **Corinne Saldana**.

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** thanked **Katie Reed** for her service on the Board. Lopez attended a recent event hosted by Bexar County Commissioner **Rebecca Clay-Flores** who heard concerns shared by local area school districts. He also complimented the Fine Arts Department on their staff awards program.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized **Dr. Woods** and **Naomi Miller**, Director of Governmental Relations, for their leadership and representation of NISD students during the current legislative session. Medina recognized District teachers and administrators for finding creative ways to recognize students and build excitement for the next school year. He thanked **Mrs. Reed** for her service on the Board.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** congratulated students at **Franklin ES** on placing third at a recent FIRST LEGO League competition. Blount informed Trustees of a summer event hosted by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members. He also reminded Trustees that the Bexar County School Boards Coalition book highlighting local school districts is now available.

Recognitions

- **National Academic Decathlon**
The **Health Careers HS** Academic Decathlon team placed first in the United States Academic Decathlon Medium Schools National Online Competition. Academic Decathlon is a ten event scholastic competition for teams of nine high school students who compete at the Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity levels, based on their GPA. The theme this year was The Cold War.
- **One Act Play State Champions**
Taft HS theatre students won the 6A UIL State One Act Play competition with a production of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime.” Last week, they were also notified that they won the UIL Theatre Teams Championship. This is an honor for the theater program with the most points awarded in One Act Play and Theatrical Design combined. This makes the Taft HS Theater Department the “winningest” theater department in all of 6A – a first for Northside ISD.
- **Texas Educator of the Year**
Nicole McEvoy, science teacher at Bernal MS, was named Texas Educator of the Year by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.
- **Texas Administrator of the Year**
Robert Harris, principal at Harlan HS, was named Texas Administrator of the Year by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.

Trustees take oath of office

Karen Freeman, District 7, was re-elected for an additional four-year term. **Corinne Saldaña**, District 5, was elected for a four-year term. Both were sworn in by Judge Sid Harle.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Adriana Garza**, formerly Director of Leadership Development, was appointed **Executive Director of Elementary Administration**.
- **Valerie Sisk**, formerly principal at Warren HS, was appointed **Executive Director of Secondary Administration**.
- **Carrie Squyres**, formerly principal at Hoffmann ES, was appointed **Director of Academic Technology**.
- **Enrique Jimenez**, formerly Assistant Director of MEP at San Antonio ISD, was appointed **Director of Engineering Services**.
- **Kirsten Velasquez**, formerly vice principal at Krueger ES, was appointed **Principal at Krueger ES**.
- **Jay Sumpter**, formerly principal at Jay HS, was appointed **Principal at Health Careers HS**.
- **Ada Bohlken**, formerly principal at Holmes HS, was appointed **Principal at Sotomayor HS**.
- **Kimberly Twedt**, formerly academic dean at Rawlinson MS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Aue ES**.
- **Amanda Munoz**, formerly administrative intern at Cable ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Powell ES**.
- **Carrie Gray**, formerly administrative intern at Glenoaks ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Scobee ES**.
- **Adrian Gonzales**, formerly assistant principal at Warren HS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Marshall Law and Medical Services**.
- **Lori Persyn**, formerly academic dean at North East ISD, was appointed **Academic Dean at Hector Garcia MS**.
- **Shannon Zavala**, formerly administrative intern at Jones MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jordan MS**.
- **Christina Lozano**, formerly assistant principal at Rayburn MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Rudder MS**.
- **Joe H. Bishop**, formerly academic dean at Harlandale ISD, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Zachry MS**.

- **Jarek Lancaster**, formerly Health Department Coordinator at Warren HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Brandeis HS**.

Trustees approved the following appointment at the April 13 Called Board Meeting:

- **Jackie Horras**, formerly Principal at O'Connor HS, was appointed **Director of Secondary Human Resources**.

Trustees approve school day SAT and PSAT

Northside has implemented the SAT Suite of Assessments (PSAT/NMSQT, SAT) since the 2014-2015 school year. It is estimated that approximately 8,000 juniors and approximately 7,400 seniors will participate in the 2021-2022 SAT school day allowing them to take the SAT college entrance exam free of charge. In addition, approximately 8,000 juniors and approximately 8,400 sophomores will participate in the 2021-2022 PSAT/NMSQT free of charge.

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation, Fine Arts Upgrade, and Mechanical Upgrades at **Elrod ES** – D.L. Bandy Constructors, Inc.
- Contractor for Electrical Improvements – Various Campuses – 2021 Construction Related Portables – Consolidated Electric Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Playground Shade Structures – Various Elementary Schools – R. L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
- Contractor for 2021 Pre-K Expansion Phase III – SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for Asbestos Abatement – **Zachry MS** – Bexar Environmental, Inc.
- Contractor for Asbestos Abatement – **Stevenson MS** – Alamo 1
- Master Plan for **Colonies North ES** as presented by Nextgen Architects Inc.
- Change Orders
 - **Zachry MS** – Electrical, Fire Alarm, Lighting & MDF/IDF Upgrades return of contingency (\$83,128.31) (credit)
 - **Rudder MS** – Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovation return of contingency and allowances (\$80,700.00) (credit)
 - **Wernli ES** – Return of contingency and allowances (\$89,098.42) (credit)
 - **Marshall HS** – Library Upgrades return of contingency and allowances (\$112,559.84) (credit)

Reorganization of Board Officers

Trustees will revisit officer positions at a coming meeting when all Trustees are present. Trustees will also 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 a later meeting.

NISD seeks attendance waivers

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek a virtual instruction waiver at **Passmore ES** and missed school day waivers for **Elrod ES**, **Kallison ES**, and **Connally MS**. Passmore was affected by a power outage brought about because of fire sprinkler malfunction. The other schools experienced power outages brought about by severe thunderstorms.

Board approves resolutions

- **Resolution to adjust Local Policy CB**
TEA guidance on the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund application process references required public notice for all federal grant applications before the district submits an application to TEA. To meet this requirement, a district may provide a summary of the application and plan for the use of funds as an information item at a board meeting or by other means of public notice. TASB recommends a resolution be adopted by districts that wish to adjust board policy to address how the district will satisfy the notice requirements for federal grants and awards and approval of required grant plans.
- **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.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Food & Grocery Items for Child Nutrition and Custodial Equipment. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: The University of Texas at Austin for UT OnRamps professional learning and developmental trainings; the City of San Antonio for Alamodome security event services for the 2021 NISD graduation ceremonies; and the

City of San Antonio for Alamodome event services for the 2021 NISD graduation ceremonies. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department 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 15, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- 📅 June 29, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- 📅 July 27, 2021, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center
- 📅 August 3, 2021, 6 p.m., Location TBD
- 📅 August 17, 2021, 6 p.m., Location TBD
- 📅 August 24, 2021, 6 p.m., Location TBD