



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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August 24, 2021

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Convocation.** Dr. Woods thanked the Communications and Fine Arts department teams for their work starting off the school year with Convocation. While there was only one this year, with the majority of staff watching by live stream, Dr. Woods thought it was a great show and really highlighted the District theme of NISD Reunited, illustrated the work that is to come this year, and offered a hopeful start to the academic year. Dr. Woods also thanked the members of the Board for their inspiring words to staff.
- **Masks.** Dr. Woods provided an update to the Board on the legal situation around the authority to mandate face coverings in schools.
- **Start of School Year.** Dr. Woods visited three new schools on the first day of school – **Tomlinson ES, Straus MS, and Zachry Magnet School**. The District continues to believe that in-person instruction remains the best learning setting for students. Parents are reminded to notify their child's campus in the event their child requires quarantine.
- **Budget Finalization.** After a year of essentially no proposed budget increases, Dr. Woods is pleased to be getting back to some of the academic initiatives the District began pre-COVID. That includes full day PreK and STEM Labs in our elementary schools. The District is also budgeting for the opening of three new schools/programs for this year and for Sotomayor HS which opens in the fall of 2022. In addition, the District was able to give a very well-deserved increase in pay to all employees. In spite of these programmatic improvements and new campuses, the District is proud to recommend a budget that, through the mechanisms set up in HB3, actually lowers the tax rate in Northside ISD. Dr. Woods thanked the Board for the many months of study on the budget and thanked **Director of Budget Esperanza Rios, Assistant Superintendent for Budget & Finance Tiffany Contreras, and Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance Rene Barajas**.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** commented on the success of the annual Convocation event citing the strong student talent that was showcased. He commended Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** and Executive Director of Communications **Barry Perez**, the Fine Arts and Communications departments, as well as the student, teacher, and parent performers featured in the event.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** commended Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing** and his staff for a successful Servant Leader Summit. She enjoyed visiting **Jay HS** and **Jay Science and Engineering Academy** on the first day of school. Harle also commented how much she enjoyed the Convocation event.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** expressed gratitude to Stan Laing and the Athletics Department for hosting the annual Servant Leader Summit. She commended Principal **Faustino Ortega** and the **Ross MS** community for their successful Block Walk welcoming back students. Saldana enjoyed Convocation saying the students performed beautifully. She visited **Thornton ES** and **Rudder MS** on the first day of school. Following an invitation from **Holmes HS** Principal **Cynthia Barrera**, Saldana participated in a pinning ceremony honoring campus staff.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** honored Marshall HS alumni and longtime NISD supporter **William Raba** following his death. Freeman shared her condolences to the Raba family.

At the Aug. 17 Board Meeting, Trustees approved the following administrative appointments:

- **Moises Ochoa**, formerly academic dean at Luna MS, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Luna MS**.
- **Kimberly McClintic**, formerly administrative intern at Carnahan ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Carson ES**.
- **Jennifer G. De La Rosa**, formerly teacher at McAndrew ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **McAndrew ES**.
- **Jessica De Los Reyes**, formerly special education coordinator at Fisher ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Steubing ES**.
- **Bernadette Gonzales**, formerly program coordinator at Jay HS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Warren HS**.
- **Theresa Heim**, formerly associate principal at Hector Garcia MS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Neff MS**.
- **Paulette Jennifer Torres**, formerly student success advisor at Harlan HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Brennan HS**.
- **Cheryl Parra**, formerly special education campus coordinator at Harlan HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Harlan HS**.
- **Christopher Burnett**, formerly program coordinator at Jay Science and Engineering Academy, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Marshall HS**.
- **Amanda Thornton**, formerly student success advisor at O'Connor HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **O'Connor HS**.
- **Monica Ramirez**, formerly special education campus coordinator at Connally MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Connally MS**.
- **Marian Johnson**, formerly administrative intern at Hobby MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Hobby MS**.

Board approves facilities items:

- Schematic Design for Clinic at **Jones MS** as developed by Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Schematic Design for **“Village at WestPointe North Area” elementary school** as developed by Garza/Bomberger & Associates, Inc.
- Schematic Design for Building Replacement at **Glass ES** as developed by Nextgen Architects
- Interior Colors for Cafeteria/Gym Upgrades and Door Hardware at **Powell ES** as developed by Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Exterior Colors for Addition/Renovation at **Zachry Magnet School** as developed by Pfluger Architects, Inc.
- Exterior/Interior Colors for Athletic Upgrades at **Stevenson MS** as developed by Nextgen Architects
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – **Marshall Law and Medical Services** – Dodson House Moving
- Change Orders
 - **Luna MS** – Science Lab Addition/Renovation – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$62,090) (credit)
 - **Adams Hill ES** – Administration Upgrades – Return of contingency and allowances – (\$95,022) (credit)
 - **Hobby MS** – Science Renovation – Unforeseen Conditions – Replacement of exterior brick (CO #1) – \$242,323 (add) and Betterment – Renovation of existing restrooms (CO #2) – \$199,311 (add)

NISD School Board adopts a \$1.2 billion budget for 2021-2022 and approves tax rate

Trustees approved a budget of \$1.2 billion and tax rate for the 2021-22 school year. Trustees adopted a total tax rate of \$1.2613 per \$100 of assessed valuation that is 2.44 cents lower than last year's rate. The rates adopted were \$0.9258 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.3355 for Interest and Sinking (I&S). This the eleventh year in a row the I&S rate has been \$0.3355.

2022-2023 NISD official calendar approved

The Board of Trustees approved the District calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Multiple options for the calendar were shared and discussed with the Northside Educational Improvement Council (NEIC) and the Academics Committee of the Board. The calendar will be posted on the NISD website.

School Boundary Advisory Committee members approved

The Board of Trustees approved the following members of the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) for 2021-2022. The SBAC will assist in the development of proposed boundaries for Sotomayor HS.

Morgan Phelps
Dorie Budde, LMSW

Candy Baumann
Kristi Wishert

Lauren Purdy
Celina Skeen

Joanna Rodriguez
Scott Krick

Susie Moke
Amanda Sullivan
Stephanie Reyes
Ahbani Houston
Autumn Clegg
Carissa Fetic

Teresa Sosse
Jessica Rangel
Saul Arvizu
Robert Ayala
Fernando Garcia
Jessica Rivera

James Harold
Brittney Paez
Annette Ramirez
Dolores Cardenas
Brandi Howard
Melanie Gallardo

Brian Zender
Melissa Rodriguez
Amanda Siprian
Kirt Faulkner
Ana Rucker

School Health Advisory Council members approved

The Board of Trustees approved the following members of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for 2021-2022. The SHAC assists the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the District's health education instruction. A majority of the members must be parents of students enrolled in the district and not employed by the district.

Monica Aguirre
Becca Hurliman
Amy Newman
Patty Ramos
Erica Sosa
Daniel Walker

Richard Crabb
Sarah Knoeckel
DeAnna Stansberry
Kimberly Ridgley
William St. Charles
Thomas Wherry

Lisa Delgado
Jennifer Krueger
Carol Pett
Buck Russel
Joe Tedesco
Barbara White

Argelia Deneen
Danielle Leon
Rob Phelps
Kristen Solis
Risa Trevino

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Concert/Guard/Dance/Spirit Uniforms & Accessories; Bleacher Inspection Services; Technology Staff Augmentation; Instrument Repairs; Curriculum & Instructional Supplies; Teacher Candidate Assessment Tool; Auction Services; and Painting Work – IDQ. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Institute for Multi-Sensory Education, LLC for the purchase of Orton-Gillingham (OG) curriculum and training platform software; AVID Center for the AVID membership fees for secondary and elementary campuses; and Toolkit Technologies Inc. for the purchase of CTE work tables at Brandeis HS, Brennan HS, Harlan HS, and Warren HS. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department at 210-397-8700.

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Carol Harle, Ph.D., *Trustee, District 6*

Administration

Superintendent Brian T. Woods, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent for Administration Ray Galindo
Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Janis Jordan, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance Rene Barajas, Ph.D.
Executive Director of Communications Barry Perez

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. 28, 2021, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ Oct. 26, 2021, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ Nov. 16, 2021, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road