



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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November 16, 2021

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Bond Committee Progress.** The Citizens' Bond Committee has met over the past three weeks working to discuss a potential bond election. Their work will continue for the next few weeks.
- **Straus MS Dedication.** Earlier this month was the dedication of Straus MS. Thank you to Principal **Dana Gilbert-Perry**, Straus MS teachers and staff, and the Communications and Fine Arts departments for their leadership of this event.
- **NISD High School Bowling.** Last week was the beginning of the NISD high school bowling season.
- **Playoff Progress.** This Friday night, **Brandeis HS** volleyball will play in the UIL state semifinals in Garland. It is the program's first state tournament. On Saturday, **Brennan HS** and **Taft HS** football will play in Round 2 of the football playoffs.
- **Veterans Day events.** Last Thursday, many schools commemorated Veterans Day with recognitions and ceremonies. Dr. Woods attended a drive-thru parade at **Krueger ES**.
- **Happy Thanksgiving.** Dr. Woods wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video highlighted the "Choose Northside" testimonial video series which shines the spotlight on different aspects of and programs offered in the District.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** shared appreciation for the members of the District's Citizens' Bond Committee and their service to NISD. He also thanked District staff for organizing the committee process.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** congratulated Principal **Vicki Kilpatrick** and the staff at **Rhodes ES** on hosting a successful book character parade which she attended.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** attended the **Krueger ES** Veterans Day event and experienced a very touching moment when a deployed soldier was able to participate in the event via a mobile device. The event featured the school's fourth grade choir and a group from the **O'Connor HS** band. Freeman congratulated former Trustee **Katie Reed** on being nominated to the UT Chancellor's Executive Committee. Freeman referenced specific comments made by Former Texas Speaker of the House **Joe Straus** in his speech at the official dedication event of **Straus MS**.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** congratulated all NISD students who are working to rebuild various campus programs. He praised all District bus drivers who work hard to get students to and from school safely. Medina wished a safe and well-deserved Thanksgiving break to all students and staff.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** attended the **Scarborough ES** Veterans Day ceremony and praised the campus for a job well done.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** congratulated **Ellison ES** for hosting a Career Day at which she spoke along with Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing**. Harle described the Straus MS dedication event as a great experience and praised the phenomenal student performances. Harle attended the **Leon Springs ES** Veterans Day event where students honored veterans in their families. She thanked those campuses throughout the District who hosted similar Veterans Day events. Harle acknowledged the work of Communities In Schools (CIS) and shared appreciation on being awarded the organization's All in for Kids Award. She acknowledged the other CIS award recipients: **Ashley Miller**, community leader; Judge **Peter Sakai**, Civil Servant; and USAA, corporation.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** thanked NISD schools for their efforts to honor veterans in Veterans Day events held across the District. She acknowledged **Holmes HS** Athletic Director **Juan Morales** and Principal **Cynthia Barrera** for

taking time to support another local athletic team by providing access to their campus field. Chumbley acknowledged that, despite the recent climate of negativity towards public schools and teachers, NISD Trustees truly appreciate District staff for all they do.

Recognitions

- **Jacque Porter Classroom Teacher of the Year, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children**
Laura Dittmar, a Special Education Early Childhood teacher at **Nichols ES**, was named the Jacque Porter Classroom Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC). Every year, TXAEYC honors individuals who made extraordinary contributions to the field of early care and education in Texas through their awards program. Honorees are recognized at their annual conference.
- **Texas Art Education Association High School Educator of the Year**
Mandy Clarson, art teacher at **Harlan HS**, was named the High School Educator of the Year by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEC). She is recognized for her hard work, dedication, and advocacy for art education locally and at the state level.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Kittiya Johnson**, formerly principal at Cody ES, was appointed **Director of Human Resources for Classified/Auxiliary/Substitute Employees**.
- **Jennifer Platt**, formerly reading specialist at Fernandez ES, was appointed **Associate Principal at Scarborough ES**.
- **Candace Maldonado**, formerly associate principal at Cable ES, was appointed **Associate Principal at Valley Hi ES**.
- **Susan Schottler**, formerly administrative intern at Rudder MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Bernal MS**.

Trustees approve revised 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Trustees approved a revised 2021-2022 academic calendar to include the addition of five Teacher Planning Time/Student Early Dismissal Days during the second semester. Although teachers are not delivering instruction both in-person and remotely, the increased preparation needed to address learning loss necessitates more planning time. More information will be shared on the NISD website and by campus principals.

Budget Amendment approved

Trustees approved Budget Amendment #1 for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Amendments included a small upward adjustment to General Fund revenue as well as an increase to General Fund expenditures of \$12.1 million, largely comprised of campus and purchase order carry forward funds. No amendments were made to the Child Nutrition or Debt Services funds. The amendment was presented by Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance **Rene Barajas**.

Board approves 2021 Tax Roll

Trustees approved the 2021 Tax Roll. The reported value of taxable property in Northside is \$67,762,342,257.

Trustees approve Instructional Materials Committee

Trustees approved members of the 2021-2022 Official District Instructional Materials Committee. The committee will consist of one teacher representative from each subject area under consideration and their work will be facilitated by the appropriate director or instructional specialist.

Reading and adoption of policy

- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy EIAA

Board approves facilities items:

- Master Plan for **Stevens HS/CAST Teach** as developed by Pfluger Architects
- Contractor for Energy Controls, Clock System, Lighting and Mechanical Upgrades – **Oak Hills Terrace ES** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for Lighting Upgrades – **Pease MS** and **Locke Hill ES** – Central Electric Ent. & Co.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Leon Springs ES** – Flo-Aire Service
- Contractor for Park Trail – **Passmore ES** – SBM General Contractor, LLC
- Contractor for School Flashers – **Sotomayor HS** – Saeco Electric & Utility, Ltd.

- Contractor for Science Fume Hood Replacements – **Jay HS** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Change Order
 - **Sotomayor HS** – Return of allowances (Amendment #2) – (\$269,553.00) (credit)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Electronic Repair Parts; and School Bus GPS System, Student Tracking, & Parent Application. 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.)*

- 📅 Dec. 14, 2021, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 Jan. 11, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 Jan. 25, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road