



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

December 14, 2021

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Harvest of Hope.** Northside ISD was recently honored with special recognition as a Hunger Fighter of the Year by the San Antonio Food Bank at their Harvest of Hope event.
- **Bond Committee Progress.** The Citizens' Bond Committee concluded their work after the past 6 weeks of studying a potential bond election. Committee leads will meet later this week to finalize a recommendation.
- **Jay Science and Engineering Academy Science Fair.** Earlier this month, the John Jay Science & Engineering Academy held its 20th Science & Engineering Fair and Research Symposium. Over 200 community members, including college students, professionals, and NISD staff served as judges for this event. The Grand Prize winners walked away with a total of over \$800 in cash prizes and \$600,000 in scholarships to the University of the Incarnate Word and St. Mary's University.
- **Magnet Fairs.** This month two Magnet Fairs were held to give eighth graders and their families an opportunity to learn about our high school magnet programs from students, teachers, and administrators. Applications for the 2022-23 school year are open until Jan. 14.
- **Holiday Concerts and Performances.** This month, hundreds of Fine Arts students have been featured in holiday concerts and performances at our elementary, middle, and high schools. Thank you to the **Jefferson MS** choir, led by director **Vicke King**, for performing at tonight's meeting.
- **Linda Magee**, Executive Assistant for the Superintendent and Board of Trustees, has announced her retirement effective at the end of January.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** thanked the **Jefferson MS** choir and its director **Vicke King** for their holiday performance. Lopez congratulated retired NISD Assistant Superintendent for Student, Family, and Community Services **Don Schmidt** for his dedication and service to the District. Lopez attended the District's Winter Spectacular and commended Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** and all the performers, especially those participating from adaptive classes. Lopez commended the efforts of the San Antonio Police Officers Association for their recent toy drive. He thanked **Linda Magee** for everything she has done for the Board and for the District.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** acknowledged **Linda Magee** on her pending retirement. She recognized those responsible for the success of the District's recent Magnet Fairs.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** recognized and congratulated the **Brandeis HS** State Champion volleyball team and coaches.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** congratulated the District's schools and students as they navigate through finals. Harle also congratulated the Fine Arts staff across the District and attended recent theatre performances at **Taft** and **Warren** high schools. Harle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She thanked **Linda Magee** for her decades of service to NISD.
- **Trustee Corinne Saldana** thanked **Linda Magee** for her help during her first year as a Trustee. She congratulated the **Brandeis HS** volleyball team on winning the State Championship and the **Brennan HS** football team for their successful season.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** attended the **Holmes HS** athletic luncheon and acknowledged Principal **Cynthia Barrera**, Athletic Coordinator **Juan Morales**, Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing**, and Superintendent Woods for their involvement. Chumbley acknowledged the organization **Girls on the Run Bexar County** for their promotion

of good deeds in the form of a calendar. Chumbley appreciates seeing all of the amazing events happening across the District and highlighted on social media. She recognized the **Brennan HS** football team on their season along with all the student athletes and coaches for how they represent Northside ISD.

Recognitions

- **Texas Foreign Language Association Teacher of the Year**
William Lee, a Latin teacher at **Clark HS**, was named the Texas Foreign Language Association Teacher of the Year. He now represents Texas at the Southwest Region Conference.
- **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**
Fatima Aboueisha, science teacher at **Brandeis HS**, was selected as a state finalist in the 2021 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in the Science secondary teacher division.
- **UIL 6A Volleyball State Champions**
The **Brandeis HS volleyball team** won the program's first UIL state championship on Nov. 20. It has been 18 years since an NISD team won a state championship.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Jeremy Day**, formerly associate principal at Beard, was appointed **Principal at Beard ES**.
- **Georgette Carrasco**, formerly associate principal at Cody ES, was appointed **Principal at Cody ES**.
- **Roxanne Olvera**, formerly associate principal at Ott ES, was appointed **Associate Principal at Cable ES**.
- **Patricia Gutierrez**, formerly academic dean at Marshall HS, was appointed **Associate Principal at Marshall HS**.
- **Amanda Banda**, formerly campus program coordinator at Communications Arts HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Brandeis HS**.
- **Alejandro Anderson**, formerly administrative intern at Holmes HS, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Holmes HS**.

NISD seeks low attendance waivers

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek low attendance waivers at **Marshall** and **Jay** high schools. Both schools had low attendance days this fall.

Readings of policy

- First Reading of Local Policy DGBA
- First Reading of Local Policy GF
- First Reading of Local Policy FNG

Board approves facilities items:

- Contractor for Boiler Replacement – **Braun Station ES** – L. C. Mosel Company
- Contractor for Clinic – **Jones MS** – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for Clock System and Mechanical Upgrades – **Hobby MS** – D.L. Bandy Constructors, Inc.
- Contractor for Energy Controls and Mechanical Upgrades – **Myers ES** – CRI Electric, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical and Plumbing Upgrades – Maintenance Mainland – Flo-Aire Service
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – Dodson House Moving, LLC
- Change Orders – **Sotomayor HS**
 - Buyout savings (Amendment #3) – (\$400,472.00) (credit)
 - Return of allowances (Amendment #3) – (\$75,675.00) (credit)

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Vehicles - Model 2022; Industrial Shop Supplies & Materials; Maintenance Tools & Equipment; Hardware & Building Supplies; Apparel Items; and Water Quality & Detention Pond Service & Inspection. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: TPR Education LLC dba The Princeton Review for the purchase of Princeton Review SAT prep classes for all juniors for test readiness; Exemplars, Inc. for the purchase of online K-5 supplemental resources that provide a broad range of performance tasks and teacher tools to build problem-solving proficiency in alignment with the Math TEKS; and Mind Research Institute for the purchase of professional development and use of the software ST Math to focus on monitoring and supporting Pre-Kindergarten students and enhancing instructional practices. 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.)*

- 📅 Jan. 11, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 Jan. 25, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- 📅 Feb. 22, 2022, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road