



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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Superintendent's Report (Click [HERE](#) to view video of the Superintendent's full comments.)

Dr. Craft highlighted a series of milestones and events that showcase the vibrant culture and academic excellence of our district. They included:

- **Student artists honored:** Brandeis High School students Kimberly Campbell and Daniela Vargas were recognized for taking first and second place, respectively, in the 20th Congressional Art District competition. In honor of their achievements, both students will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., and will have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol.
- **Video Moment.** Raba Elementary School may be far from a pond or lake, but did you know they have a Fishing Club? The program launched with 10 fourth-grade participants and has grown, and even garnered some social media attention from a lure manufacturer, leading to an invitation to showcase their collaborations and casting skills at the San Antonio Rodeo Youth Day. [Click here to learn more about this after-school program](#) that is netting lots of fun and attention

Board Members' Report (Comments below are summarized. Click [HERE](#) to view video of the Trustees' full comments.)

- **Trustee David Salcido** attended the Rising Star's production of *Matilda*, Jr.
- **Trustee Sonia Jasso** noted her excitement regarding the gains shown in the district's preliminary STAAR results. She also shared that she enjoyed attending the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), where she presented alongside fellow Trustee Zapata and San Antonio City Councilman Ric Galvan.
- **Trustee Laura Zapata** shared that she attended the initial Citizens Bond Committee (CBC) meeting and noted the positive energy among the participants. She also recognized the students, teachers, and district leaders for their efforts regarding the preliminary STAAR scores, which showed progress across the district.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** commended the district's Fine Arts staff and student performers involved in the Rising Stars production of *Matilda*, Jr., noting the high quality of the singing, dancing, acting, and student artwork displayed at the event. Additionally, she thanked fellow Trustees for attending TASB's Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) and recognized Trustees Jasso and Zapata for presenting at the conference. Finally, Harle acknowledged the district's successful graduation ceremonies, stating that seeing the graduates was the highlight of the events.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** thanked community members and staff for participating in the initial Citizens Bond Committee (CBC) meeting. She noted that she looks forward to receiving the committee's feedback as the Board evaluates a potential Bond and VATRE election for November. The next CBC meeting is scheduled for July 14.

Recognitions

- **Darion Ramos, Zachry Magnet, Outstanding Civic Leadership.** Darion Ramos, an upcoming 8th grader at Zachry Magnet, took matters into his hands to advocate for traffic-calming measures in his neighborhood, demonstrating a commitment to making his community safer for everyone. He was recognized at City Hall by Councilman Ric Galvan for his initiative.

Trustees approve administrative appointments and assignments:

- **Crystal Garcia**, formerly Academic Dean at Harlandale ISD, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Meadow Village ES**.
- **David Loreda**, formerly Assistant Principal at South San ISD, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Locke Hill ES**.
- **Kristen Walling**, formerly Assistant Principal from Corpus Christi, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Forester ES**.

- **Christopher Giles**, formerly a music teacher at Mireles ES, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Steubing ES**
- **Christina Lakey**, formerly associate principal at Krueger ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Krueger ES**
- **Erika Gilmore**, formerly associate principal at Colonies North ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Aue ES**
- **Tammy Reyna**, formerly associate principal at Lieck ES, was appointed **Principal** at **Ott ES**
- **Nicolas Garcia**, formerly a family engagement manager at the City of San Antonio, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Neff MS**.
- **Carrie Moix**, formerly Academic Dean at Luna MS, was appointed **Principal** at **Luna MS**.
- **Denise Pina**, formerly Campus Program Coordinator at Marshall LMS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Brennan HS**.
- **Hilary Pilaczynski**, formerly Assistant Principal at Stevenson MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **O'Connor HS**.
- **Fernando Nieto**, formerly Assistant Principal at Marshall HS, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Brandeis HS**.
- **Lorenzo Saldana**, formerly Assistant Principal at Brennan HS, was appointed **Associate Principal** at **Holmgreen Center**.
- **Krystal Abney**, formerly Associate Principal at Health Careers HS, was appointed **Principal** at **NSITE**.
- **Brenda Gallardo**, formerly Principal at Franklin ES, was appointed **Executive Director** of **Elementary Administration**.
- **Rachel Brisco**, formerly Associate Principal at Cole ES, was assigned as Associate Principal at Colonies North ES.
- **Gabriella Trevino**, formerly Associate Principal at Timberwilde ES, was assigned as **Principal** at **Timberwilde ES**.
- **Lindsay Kent**, formerly Associate Principal at Helotes/McAndrew ES, was assigned as **Principal** at **Franklin ES**.
- **Priscilla Sigala**, formerly an Administrative Intern at Ross MS, was assigned as **Assistant Principal** at **Stevenson MS**.

Trustees hear SHAC Annual Report

SHAC Chair **John Carollo** presented the end-of-year report from the 2025-2026 NISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to the trustees. The SHAC is a group of individuals appointed by the school district who represent various segments of the community and provide recommendations to the District on coordinated school health programming and its impact on student health and learning.

Trustees hear budget update for fiscal year 2026-27

The Board heard an update on budget planning for the next school year. The discussion included the projected results of operations for FY27 with and without a VATRE consideration.

Trustees discussed 2026-2027 Contingent Compensation Package

Trustees heard about a proposed compensation package contingent on passage of a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE) in November 2026. The plan would include a 2% general pay increase for all employees, selected pay adjustments and proposed stipend adjustments to better align to market rates as recommended in a recent TASB salary and stipend study. The estimated total cost of the proposed plan is \$35 million.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids, awards, and recognition items: dairy products for Child Nutrition; fresh produce for Child Nutrition; fence material and services; Curriculum and Instructional supplies districtwide; district web design, development, and implementation services; and multi-sport athletic uniforms and branded team wear. 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 6 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 before the start of the meeting.

Upcoming School Board Meeting(s): *(See posted agendas on the website as dates, locations, and/or times may change.)*

- July 1, 2026, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Called Board Meeting)
- July 7, 2026, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Called Board Meeting)
- July 28, 2026, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)
- Aug. 11, 2026, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Called Board Meeting)
- Aug. 25, 2026, 6 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (Regular Board Meeting)