



# Inside Northside **BOARD** *Talk*

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**Dec. 15, 2009**

## **Superintendent's Report**

### ***Dr. John Folks reported to the Board:***

- The six Citizens' Bond Committee meetings have been completed. Now a smaller steering committee will take the recommendations that the committee presented and develop those recommendations to bring to the Board. The recommendations will be discussed at the Jan. 13 called Board meeting. We appreciate all the citizens and staff for their time and input.
- It is the holiday season and most schools are having holiday concerts. In addition to all the great Fine Arts programs, Northside ISD is one a few districts that has a strings program at the elementary school level. We are extremely proud to have strings at all of our 65 elementary schools.
- The NEF annual meeting was held Monday, Dec. 14, at Red McCombs Toyota. The event was well attended and kudos to the Partnerships Department for their efforts.
- H1N1 vaccinations continue, and by the end of this week vaccines will be completed at all middle schools, Health Careers HS and some special schools. What is surprising is the student participation, which is running at about 35 percent. To date, out of 20,947 students at these schools, the District has vaccinated 7,471 students.
- The naming celebration of the George Block Aquatics Center will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 5 p.m. with the program starting around 5:30 p.m.
- Schools and offices will be closed for winter break beginning next week, and returning on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010.
- Jay HS Culinary Arts students were asked to attend a special Holiday Cooking Show on the KENS 5 morning show, "Great Day SA," which airs at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- The **Northside Video Moment** shared the story of the Mail Call program at **Lewis ES**. The unique program, developed by Art Teacher Lila Owens, invites students who have a deployed parent to create hand-made holiday cards. The cards are then sent overseas, along with a note from Principal Lynda DeMasco. The video can be viewed at <http://www.nisd.net/video/LewisMailCall.wmv>.

## **O'Connor library named in honor of Larry Martin**

Trustees voted to name the library at **O'Connor HS** in honor of former Principal **Larry Martin**, who retired Nov. 30 after 38 years in education. Of those 38 years, 31 were spent in NISD as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, vice principal, and principal at several NISD schools in addition to O'Connor: **Clark HS**, **Stinson MS**, and **Zachry MS**.

## **Trustees announce administrative appointment**

The Board of Trustees made the following appointment:

- **Susan Allain**, currently academic dean at **Connally MS**, was named principal of **Zachry MS**.

## **Research firm hired to evaluate effectiveness of NISD programs**

Trustees approved a yearlong membership agreement with Hanover Research Council to evaluate the effectiveness of several NISD programs and to help the District determine best practices. The contract will be paid for in part with federal stimulus funding.

## **Contract approved for UTSA football team to practice at Farris Stadium**

Trustees approved a contract that allows the UTSA football team to use Farris Stadium from Sunday through Thursday, August through April. According to the terms of the contract, UTSA will pay NISD to use the facility and will construct additional locker facilities. UTSA also will reimburse NISD for any costs associated with the use of the stadium, such as utilities, custodial staff, NISD Police, etc. In return, NISD will be allowed use of UTSA's convocation center for eight athletic events per year. The contract ends April 2013.

## Facilities items approved

Trustees voted to approve:

- Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for **Lieck ES** for \$19,578,860

Trustees voted to approve the following change orders:

- **Brennan HS** – credit of \$500,000 for buyout savings and credit of \$58,237 for kitchen equipment
- **Briscoe MS** – credit of \$400,000 for buyout savings
- **Langley ES** – credit of \$308,656 for buyout savings
- **Kuentz ES** – credit of \$101,396 for buyout savings and credit of \$140,039 for contingency allowance closeout
- **Behlau ES** – credit of \$ 58,934 for deceleration lane
- **Holmes HS** – increase of \$29,490 for above ceiling code compliance

Trustees approved the following schematic designs:

- **Howsman ES** – kitchen addition/renovation
- **Villarreal ES** – kitchen addition/renovation
- **Ross MS** – kitchen addition/renovation
- **Zachry MS** – kitchen addition/renovation
- **Adams Hill ES** – additional classrooms/lab space

## Policy changes

The Board of Trustees heard the first reading on the following policy changes:

- EIF Local – Academic Achievement Graduation
- GA Local – ADA Title II Compliance Coordinator
- FEE Local – Leaving Campus During Lunch Time
- BDD Local – Board Internal Organization (Attorney)
- FL Local – Student Records
- BED Local – Board Meetings (Public Participation)
- FDB Local – Admissions (Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments)
- CW Local – New Facilities

## Resolution supporting Northside ISD PTA approved

Trustees passed a resolution in support of Northside ISD Council of PTAs.

## Bids and purchase orders for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids and proposals: Hardware & Building Supplies, Classroom Furniture, Apparel & Award Items, Vehicles-Model 2010, AV Products & Accessories, Medical Equipment & Supplies, Two-Way Radio Communication Equipment/Supplies/Installation, Industrial Shop Supplies & Materials, and Golf Equipment & Supplies. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Cynthia H. Dellenback for training for Infrastructure Services Staff in the area of communications & management; Phonak Inc. LLC for FM equipment that is specifically designed to work with personal amplification to provide an improved signal to noise ratio in the classroom for students with an auditory impairment (Stimulus IDEA); Creative Mathematics for elementary site-based training; Marilyn Burns Ed Association Corporation for Secondary Math Site Based Training (Stimulus Title I); and Scholastic, Inc. for "Do the Math", a research based math intervention program to help students who are struggling with elementary mathematics (Stimulus IDEA and Stimulus Title I). For more information about these bids, contact Purchasing Director **Eric Walls** at 397-8701.

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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 web site, nisd.net. Citizens who wish to address the Board may sign up to speak just prior to the beginning of the meeting.

### **Next School Board Meeting(s):** *(See posted agendas on web site; dates, locations, and/or times may change.)*

- ☞ January 13, 2010, 7 p.m. Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ January 19, 2010, 6 p.m., Northside Activity Center, 7001 Culebra Road (Note: Change of Board meeting date from Jan. 26)
- ☞ February 9, 2010, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ February 16, 2010, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road (tentative)
- ☞ February 23, 2010, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road