



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

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**March 22, 2016**

## Superintendent's Report

### **Dr. Brian T. Woods reported to the Board:**

- **Go Public events.** There were two recent successful Go Public events – a fundraiser and Heroes for Health Day. Thank you to Trustee Bobby Blount.
- **Los Leones.** The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Los Leones Student Arts Festival was held last month at **Marshall HS**. Thank you to the Fine Arts Department staff for their leadership of this huge and successful event.
- **LibraryPalooza.** The teen author fest was held last month at **Brandeis HS**. Thank you to NISD librarians for their support of the annual event that attracted an overflow crowd.
- **Educators of the Year.** Earlier this month, NISD hosted two nights of Educator of the Year celebrations at **Brennan HS**. Congratulations to all the campus and District honorees. Thanks to the Communications and Grants departments for their support of the events.
- **Robotics.** Several schools participated in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Regional Robotics Competition at the Convention Center. Twelve elementary schools competed as part of the FIRST LEGO League division.
- **Bond Refunding.** Thank you to the Business & Finance Department staff, led by Deputy Superintendent **David Rastellini**, for successful bond refunding before Spring Break. Interest costs were under three percent and net present value savings to the District were over \$16.7 million.
- **Easter Break.** NISD schools and offices will be closed this Friday, March 25.
- **The Year of Swim.** Aquatics Director **Scott Zolinski** and **Kristin Libardoni** presented a framed display of medals and pennants from various recent aquatics events to the Trustees to thank them for their support of the Year of Swimming at the Northside Swim Center which has put NISD and San Antonio on the world stage for swimming and diving.
- **Northside Video Moments.** Two Northside Video Moments highlighted Heroes for Health Day and NISD's H-E-B Award State Finalists. On Heroes for Health Day, real life heroes visited 300 San Antonio area schools to talk about the importance of staying active and healthy. Mayor Ivy Taylor was among the speakers at **Carson ES**. The Video Moment also highlighted the four educators selected as finalists in the 2016 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. To view the videos, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Karen Freeman** reported that she was a guest lecturer at **Dr. Mary Usrey's** class at UTSA and thoroughly enjoyed the interactions with students from throughout San Antonio. She also participated in the Heroes for Health Day activities at **Helotes ES** and thanked Trustee **Bobby Blount** for his leadership of that event.
- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** recalled the initial designs of the Northside Swim Center and praised the facility now known as a world-class destination aquatics facility. She praised the Los Leones Student Arts Festival and its move to **Marshall HS** which proved to be a great venue and praised **Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez**, Fine Arts assistant director. She shared that she and her son witnessed the come from behind win of the recent Texas Aggies NCAA basketball game. She recognized her own "educator of the year," **Jane Ivers**, her former teacher at Marshall HS.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** thanked members of the law enforcement and firefighter communities for their support of Heroes for Health Day and praised the NISD awardees of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members as well as the success of the Northside Swim Center. Blount also said that Go Public continues to grow with the addition of Floresville ISD as the newest member.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized the efforts of students at the Destination Imagination competition and wished success to athletes in upcoming events and middle school students in UIL contests.

- **Trustee Dr. Carol Harle** praised NISD's efforts to roll out the red carpet for its H-E-B Award winners, calling it a first-class effort. She reminded students that a busy week awaits them after the Easter Break with STAAR tests being administered.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** recognized the efforts of **Construction Careers Academy** students for their support of Habitat for Humanity where first-time prospective homeowners can own their own homes. He also praised LibraryPalooza and the Friends of Northside Libraries that stage this very successful event. He thanked **Bobby Blount** for his leadership role in Heroes for Health Day and praised the students and teachers involved in the Los Leones Student Arts Festival.

### Board approves administrative appointments

- **Frank Bayardo**, formerly Executive Director of Facilities & Operations at Mansfield ISD, was appointed **Director of Maintenance & Operations**.
- **Wendy Tiemann**, formerly principal at Nimitz ES in Kerrville ISD, was appointed **Principal at Timberwilde ES**.
- **Andrew Morris**, formerly vice principal at **Valley Hi ES**, was appointed **Principal at Valley Hi ES**.
- **Christina Sanchez**, formerly administrative intern at **Neff MS**, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Jefferson MS**.
- **Gregory Wright**, formerly administrative intern at **Reddix Center**, was appointed **Vice Principal at Glass ES**.

### Recognitions: *Trustees recognized the following achievements:*

- **Dana Gilbert-Perry**, **Vale MS** principal, was honored as the Texas Administrator of the Year by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.
- **Amber Darden**, teacher at **Jones MS**, was honored as Texas Educator of the Year by the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members.

### Harlan HS attendance zone proposal reviewed; Proposal calls for around 1,600 students to move

Northside's 11th comprehensive high school, **John Marshall Harlan HS**, will open in August 2017 with around 1,600 students in grades nine through 11 in a proposal that was presented to Trustees. Harlan HS will relieve overcrowding at **Taft, O'Connor** and **Brennan** high schools. The School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) will host a Public Hearing at 7 p.m. May 5 at Taft HS. Final approval for the attendance zone is expected at the May 24 Board Meeting. The proposed zone will be posted on the Harlan HS website [nisd.net/schools/info/025](http://nisd.net/schools/info/025).

### Summer School 2016 will be held at Stevens HS; Halle named Summer School Principal Many other programs offered throughout NISD

- **Stevens HS** will be the location for Northside ISD's tuition-based Summer School this year. Stevens HS Assistant Principal **Richard Halle** will lead the High School Summer School.
- Tuition-based summer school for high school students is available for students to accelerate the accumulation of credits or to retrieve a lost credit. At the middle school level, students are eligible if they fail two or three core academic courses and would otherwise be retained. At the elementary level, students in K-4 will be eligible for summer school if they are being retained. First grade students who are being recommended to be placed in second grade will have the opportunity to attend summer school as a bridge to the learning expected in second grade. Accelerated Instruction (AI) Summer Schools were approved and are mandated by the state for students who fail one or more End of Course (EOC) and/or STAAR tests.
- Also included are summer enrichment programs offered at various sites across the District. Summer enrichment programs are sponsored and funded by the following departments: State Compensatory Education, Title 1, Special Education, Fine Arts, GT, Bilingual/ESL, and Adult and Community Education.
- Information about all the summer school opportunities will be posted on the NISD Summer School website soon.

### Board approves facilities items:

- Trustees approved contractors for:
  - Roof Repair and Replacement – **Cable ES** – Cram Roofing Co., Inc.
  - Roof Repair and Replacement – **Linton ES** – ATC Contractors, Inc.
  - Roof Repair and Replacement – **Villarreal ES** – Samuel Dean Sheet Metal, Inc.
  - Paving and Drainage Upgrades – **Hobby** and **Luna** middle schools – Clearfield Construction, LLC
  - Playground Upgrades – **Langley, Leon Springs, Ott, Wanke, and Ward** elementary schools – R.L. Rohde General Contracting, Inc.
  - School Flashers – **Cole** and **Fields** elementary schools – Saeco Electric & Utility, Ltd.
- Trustees approved the Story Telling Design for **Esparza ES** as presented by O'Connell Robertson & Associates.
- The following change orders were approved:

- **Holmes, Taft, Warren, and Jay** high school Football Field Upgrades – deduct Jay HS field upgrades from contract – credit of \$606,160
- **Holmes, Taft, Warren, and Jay** high school Football Field Upgrades – savings and contingency – credit of \$250,519.16
- **Fields ES** – temporary sewer storage – \$165,472
- **Cole ES** – project modifications; grading and fencing – \$144,461
- Trustees approved consultant appointments for construction and capital improvements:
  - **“Grosenbacher area” elementary school** – Noonan Rittimann Architects, LLC and Terracon Consultants, Inc. (geotechnical)

### Board approves move to lease private fiber network

Trustees approved a recommendation presented by **Lori Jones**, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services, to award a contract to Conterra to lease a private Northside dark fiber network which would provide increased network speed (10GB) at all NISD schools. Currently NISD leases wide area network (WAN) service from AT&T.

### Board approves Budget Amendment #2

The Board approved Budget Amendment #2 which reflects a net increase in expenditures of \$782,561 and a net increase in revenues of \$62,762 in the General Fund. This amendment does not include amendments to the Child Nutrition Fund and the Debt Service Fund. These funds will not require amendments until the scheduled Final Budget Amendment #3 in August 2016, according to Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance **David Rastellini**.

### Policy changes approved

- Trustees heard the first reading and adopted the following legal policies:
  - TASB Localized Update #103
- Trustees heard the first reading of the following local policy changes:
  - TASB Policy Update #103

### Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: HVAC Chiller Service, Warehouse Equipment for Child Nutrition, and Football/Volleyball/Tennis Equipment. Trustees approved the following purchase order: Cengage Learning for Gale eBook package for high schools, middle schools, elementary/intermediate schools and magnet schools. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 397-8700.

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You may email them at [info@nisd.net](mailto:info@nisd.net).

For additional information, call 210-397-8500.

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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](http://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.)

- ☞ April 12, 2016, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 26, 2016, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ May 24, 2016, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road