



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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Nov. 15, 2016

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **School Dedication Ceremonies.** Recently, we celebrated the official dedications of Cole and Fields elementary schools. Congratulations to **Cole ES** principal **Tod Kuenning**, **Fields ES** principal **Daeon Harris**, and their staffs, as well as the Communications Department, on excellent ceremonies honoring new school namesakes **Bennie Cole** and **Randy Fields**.
- **State of the County.** Northside was highlighted at the State of the County address by County Judge Nelson Wolff for increases in enrollment in Career and Technology Education courses.
- **Arbor Day at Carnahan ES.** Each year, **Carnahan ES** hosts an Arbor Day tree planting as part of the school's Project ACORN grant funding. The event is attended by teachers, students, and families on a Saturday morning and is organized by Science Academic Support Teacher **Kent Page**.
- **Sports Gym Dedication.** The dedication of the Northside Sports Gym is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 30.
- **Election Day.** Dr. Woods thanked principals and school staff for a smooth Election Day at schools serving as polling sites. Central Office, campus administrators, and NISD Police also provided support.
- **NEF Sporting Clay Tournament.** Last week was the third Northside Education Foundation Sporting Clay Shooting Tournament with almost 150 participants. Thank you to **Cassandra Miranda**, Director of Partnerships, and staff for organizing the fundraising event.
- **Veterans Day Celebrations.** Last Friday, NISD schools commemorated Veterans Day with recognitions and ceremonies including at two playoff football games.
- **Science Fairs.** There are many school science fairs this time of year. Dr. Woods attended the **Stinson MS** Science Fair recently. The **Jay Science and Engineering Academy** Science Fair is Dec. 3 and is one of the largest school science fairs in the state with more than \$500,000 in scholarships awarded to top students.
- **Happy Thanksgiving.** Dr. Woods wished Trustees and staff a Happy Thanksgiving.
- **Northside Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted the **Lewis ES** music program which includes special class times for autistic and ALE students. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Katie Reed** referenced the recent tribute to veterans at the **O'Connor HS** football game and how she appreciated the opportunity to meet and shake the hands of the veterans in attendance. She recognized the **Leon Valley ES** Veterans Day event and acknowledged **Congressman Will Hurd** for attending. She participated on a panel at an Advancing Women in Transportation (WTS) luncheon and was able to speak to Northside's extensive Transportation Department. She also acknowledged **Cole** and **Fields** elementary schools for their great dedications and is now looking forward to the **Colonies North ES** 50th Anniversary.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** passed on his gratitude to both **Cole** and **Fields** elementary schools for their recent dedication events. He spoke about his participation on the Bexar County School Boards Coalition and its recent attendance at the North East ISD Board Meeting.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** recognized all Northside ISD veterans. She acknowledged the Helotes Community Band and their very emotional tribute to veterans. **Kuentz ES** students were a part of this tribute and they were given multiple standing ovations for their performance.

- **Trustee Joseph Medina** recognized the **Cole ES** and **Fields ES** communities for their recent dedication events. Medina referenced the work of the Policy Committee and their ongoing meetings with local legislators to reiterate to them the legislative priorities of the District.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** acknowledged **Stan Laing**, Executive Director of Athletics, for the well-orchestrated tribute to veterans at the **O'Connor HS** football game against Judson.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** attended the **Friends of Northside Libraries** recent "An Evening with the Authors" event and enjoyed hearing from the authors and librarians, especially author and **Rawlinson MS** teacher **Haroon Monis**. She congratulated all NISD band students who participated in competition. She also acknowledged **Trustee Bobby Blount's** role on the Bexar County School Boards Coalition and the recent event hosted at North East ISD.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Chad Bohlken**, formerly assistant principal at Warren HS, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Warren HS**.
- **Robert Alvarado**, formerly history department chair at Stinson MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Folks MS**.

Recognitions

Brauchle ES principal recognized for state award

Adriana Garza, principal at **Brauchle ES**, was honored as the recipient of the Brownlee Leadership Award from the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (TASCD). It is the highest award given by the state association. Garza was honored at the TASCD state conference earlier this month.

Board approves facilities items:

- Exterior/Interior Colors for Administration Upgrades at **Glenoaks ES** as presented by Nextgen Architects.
- Construction Manager-at-Risk for Auditorium Replacement Project – **Holmes HS** – Bartlett Cocke General Contractors
- Trustees approved contractors for:
 - Chiller Replacement and Lighting Upgrades – **Reddix Center** – Gillette Air Conditioning Co, Inc.
 - Portable Relocations – **Holmes HS** – Dodson House Moving

NISD seeks class-size waiver for 1 elementary classroom

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek a class-size waiver for one classroom across the District in kinder to fourth grade. State law mandates a 22:1 ratio of students to teacher in kindergarten through fourth grades. A waiver is required by law should a K-4 class exceed 22:1.

Board approves 2016 Tax Roll

Trustees approved the 2016 Tax Roll as required by the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector. The value of taxable property in Northside is \$48,501,559,737.

Board approves insurance carrier

Trustees approved a one year term policy with Lexington Insurance for Property and Boiler & Machinery Insurance.

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Trinity University for five graduate assistants and two interns for the 2016-2017 school year; Severin Intermediate Holdings, LLC. for a renewal contract and license for Gradespeed Maintenance; and Southwest Academic Solutions for a renewal purchase for hosting and maintenance support for Lexia Core 5. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 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.)*

- ☞ December 13, 2016, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ January 24, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ February 28, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ March 28, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road