



Inside Northside

BOARDTalk

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

June 27, 2017

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brian Woods reported to the Board:

- **Graduation.** Earlier this month, NISD conducted 12 graduation ceremonies where more than 6,700 seniors graduated. The Class of 2017 earned \$120 million in scholarships and 27,898 in dual credit hours. Dr. Woods congratulated the graduates and their families and thanked the Board, Administration staff, and high school principals and their staffs for a great graduation season. The Class of 2016, for which the most recent data is available, set an all-time high for graduation rate at 94.9 percent.
- **Expo of Engaged Learning.** More than 100 schools participated in the Kelly Smith Expo of Engaged Learning at the Northside Sports Gym last month. Thanks to **Lori Jones**, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services; **Doug Shudde**, Director of Academic Technology, and hundreds of NISD students and teachers for their efforts.
- **Brennan Softball.** Congratulations to the **Brennan HS** softball team for making it to the state semifinals earlier this month. It was their first appearance in the state tournament. Coach is **Rudy De La Garza**.
- **Legislative Update/Special Session.** Legislators will be convening in a special legislative session in mid-July as called by the Governor. One of the issues on the agenda is the issue of teacher pay even though the Governor has been clear that the state will not be providing any additional funding to school districts.
- **Education Panel.** Dr. Woods recently participated in a panel discussion of education leaders for the San Antonio chapter of the League of Women Voters.
- **Bond 2018 Update.** Facilities staff, led by Assistant Superintendent for Facilities & Operations **Leroy San Miguel**, have been reviewing district infrastructure needs in preparation for the possible recommendation of a school bond in 2018.
- **TASA Summer Conference Panel.** Dr. Woods was honored to represent Go Public on a Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) panel in Austin.
- **Northside Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted recent **Clark HS** graduate Molli Kleintz. A chance encounter at St. Mary's University led to an audition and music scholarship that will allow her to explore her self-taught passion for music in college. To view the video, go to www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD.

Board Members' Report

- **Trustee Katie Reed** recognized the great participation by Trustees at the District's recent graduations. Reed also participated in the Summer Leadership Institute held in San Antonio and hosted by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).
- **Trustee Carol Harle** facilitated a small student group at the Servant Leader Summit hosted and organized by Executive Director of Athletics **Stan Laing** and his department staff. She also recognized those who took part in the Engagement Academy, a week-long professional development initiative offered for Northside teachers.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** reminded patrons that the [Summer Feeding Program](#) is still offering free breakfast and lunch at multiple District campuses. He also complimented all students and staff who are attending or working the many summer programs offered in Northside.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** cited a record number of attendees at the recent Summer Leadership Institute hosted by TASB. She also commented it was an honor to hand out diplomas to students at the District's graduations.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** presented at the TASB Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth.

- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** attended and facilitated a small student group at the recent Servant Leader Summit hosted by the NISD Athletics department. She recognized two event speakers: **Cliff Dugosh**, a NISD graduate, and **Michael Loudermilk**, a former NISD coach. She attended the recent League of Women Voters panel presentation and commented that Dr. Woods was an outstanding representative for the District and for public education. She also recognized two retiring District employees: **Scott Zolinski** and **Hector Rodriguez**.

Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Martha Cortinas-Fernandez**, formerly vice principal at Taft HS, was appointed **Principal** at **Taft HS**.
- **Rosanna Guajardo**, formerly reading specialist at Brauchle ES, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Howsman ES**.
- **Scott Hennon**, formerly administrative intern at McDermott ES, was appointed **Vice Principal** at **Michael ES**.
- **Jason Havrda**, formerly assistant principal at Jones MS, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Jones MS**.
- **James Mears**, formerly hearing officer at Pupil Personnel Department, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Holmes HS**.
- **Nicholas Longoria**, formerly administrative intern at Pease MS, was appointed **Assistant Principal** at **Connally MS**.

Recognitions

Trustees recognized the following achievements:

- **Delsin Sanders**, a recent **O'Connor HS** graduate, was presented the Northside Citizenship Award for his life-saving efforts at the 5K Run/Walk for Autism held in April at O'Connor. The Air Force JROTC cadet jumped into action during a medical emergency and performed CPR on a woman with no pulse, until paramedics arrived and revived her using an AED. The Citizenship Award is the highest award presented by NISD and is awarded to those who embody the Pillars of Character, who have had a positive impact on the community, and whose actions go above and beyond.
- **Warren HS Assistant Principal Venissia Villarreal** and students **Albert Duran** and **Clarissa Milner** were recognized for their efforts in the development and passage of Texas Senate Bill 1152. The "Student to Soldier" bill allows a district to excuse a student who is 17 years of age or older for up to four days for the entirety of their high school career from attending school to pursue enlistment in a branch of the U.S. armed services or Texas National Guard. Previously students fulfilling appointments for enlistment were penalized with unexcused absences. Duran and Milner testified before the Texas Senate Veterans Affairs and Border Security Committee on SB 1152 which is now law.

Trustees approve Growth & Improvement Budget for 2017-2018

Trustees approved a growth and improvement plan that increases the District's staff by an additional 186 positions to accommodate the opening of **Kallison ES**, **Harlan HS**, and the new Child Nutrition Warehouse, and startup costs for **Mora ES**. The total G&I budget is \$16,080,605.

Trustees and Superintendent sign Code of Ethics

The seven elected Trustees and the Superintendent publicly signed the 2017-2018 Code of Ethics symbolizing their commitment to serve always in the best interests of the school district. The Code of Ethics is prominently displayed in the Board Room and is available on the [Board of Trustees website](#).

Trustees approve Board Committee assignments

Trustees approved chairs and members of various Board Committees. Committees and their Chairs are:

- Academics – Carol Harle
- Finance – Gerald Lopez
- Technology – Joseph Medina
- Building – Katie Reed
- Policy and Intergovernmental Relations – Karen Freeman

Board approves facilities items:

- Trustees approved:
 - Change Orders
 - HVAC Systems Replacement – **Clark HS** – Buyout Savings (\$995,729)

- o **Cole ES** – Buyout Savings (\$61,049.31)
- Contractor for 2016 Hail Damage Portables Roof Replacement – Samuel Dean Sheet Metal, Inc.
- Consultants for various engineering-related projects

Readings and adoptions of policies

- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy DC
- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy FFA
- Ratification of Local Policy FC
- Ratification of Local Policy FDB
- First Reading of Local Policy BQA
- First Reading of Local Policy DCB
- First Reading of Local Policy DCE
- First Reading of Local Policy DK

Bids for goods approved

Trustees approved the following bids: Custodial Supplies; Chain Link Fence Material & Installation; HVAC Controls Systems Repair & Maintenance; Basketball & Soccer Equipment; COBRA and Cafeteria Plan Services; Casualty Insurance Third Party Administrator; and Casualty Insurance Program. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Intech Southwest Services LLC for 100 HP ProBooks for Business Careers HS; Longhorn Bus Sales LLC for three 47-passenger buses, 10 53-passenger buses and 30 71-passenger buses; Vista Higher Learning Inc. for materials used in the classroom in the 2017-2018 school year; Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP Inc for 15 14-passenger mini activity buses; Goodheart-Willcox Co Inc. for materials used in the classroom in the 2017-2018 school year; Educaide Software for renewal of district subscription of Problem-Attic School software; West Safety Services Inc. for the School Messenger Notification System annual subscription; GTS Technology Solutions Inc. for IPTV System Equipment and Services for the District IPTV Project; Apple Computer Inc. for 4,700 student iPads for third-fifth grade Interactive Solution Project; Intech Southwest Services LLC for 1,175 LocknCharge storage cabinets for the third-fifth grade Interactive Solution Project; Netsync Network Solutions for spare switches to replace and service existing infrastructure throughout the District; Intech Southwest Services LLC for spare modules to replace and service existing infrastructure throughout the District; Critical Start LLC for Cylance Enterprise Security Endpoint Protection throughout the District; GovConnection Inc. for Bitdefender Gravity Business Enterprise Security Endpoint Protection throughout the District; Intech Southwest Services LLC for 88 HP ProDesk 600 Desktops and Monitors for Braun Station ES deployment; Intech Southwest Services LLC for 112 HP ProBook 645 G3 Laptops for Braun Station ES deployment; Dell Marketing LP for 231 Dell Color Network Printers as part of the Windows 10 conversion project. For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 397-8700.

You may mail correspondence to:

Trustees
c/o NISD
5900 Evers Road
San Antonio, TX 78238

You may email them at info@nisd.net.

For additional information, call 210-397-8500.

Board of Trustees

M'Lissa M. Chumbley, President, District 3
Carol Harle, Ph.D., Vice President, District 6
Gerald B. Lopez, Secretary, District 2
Joseph H. Medina, Trustee, District 1
Robert Blount, Jr., Trustee, District 4
Katie N. Reed, Trustee, District 5
Karen Freeman, Trustee, District 7

Administration

Superintendent Brian T. Woods, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent for Administration Ray Galindo
Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Janis Jordan, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance David Rastellini
Executive Director of Communications Barry Perez

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.)*

- ☞ July 25, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ August 1, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ August 15, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ August 22, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ September 26, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Road