



# Inside Northside **BOARD**Talk

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**September 26, 2017**

## **Superintendent's Report**

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

- **Two New Schools.** Dr. Woods complimented **Harlan HS Principal Robert Harris** and **Kallison ES Principal Billy Navin** and their staffs on the smooth opening of the District's two newest schools in August.
- **Enrollment Report.** District enrollment is right at 106,000 students. Growth is slowing but continuing. Northside does have students enrolled related to Hurricane Harvey.
- **Go Public Culinary Cook-Off.** Northside participated in the inaugural *Go Public* Back-to-School Cook-Off at the Culinary Institute of America. Dr. Woods joined a team of Harlan HS culinary students and their instructor **David La Boy** in preparing a meal in one hour. Thanks to *Go Public* Executive Director **Lisa Jackson** and Mr. La Boy for their leadership.
- **TSA Officer.** Dr. Woods will serve as Texas School Alliance (TSA) secretary this coming year. The organization is comprised of the largest 36 school districts in the state.
- **Joe Straus Luncheon.** Dr. Woods and trustees attended a San Antonio Chamber luncheon featuring Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. Thanks to the Chamber for hosting and to the Speaker for his focus on issues that matter to the majority of Texans including public education.
- **Twitter Chat.** Dr. Woods hosted the District's first #NISDEdChat of the school year. Thanks to **Dana Bickley**, Elementary Academic Technology Coordinator, and the 340 NISD staff members who participated and shared ideas on Twitter of how they are all #NISDInspired.
- **Dual Credit Task Force.** Dr. Woods represents TASA on a statewide task force exploring dual credit policy on the legislative and local levels. The task force will be making policy recommendations on dual credit statewide ahead of the 2019 Legislative Session and hope to influence some of the interim changes.
- **NEF Gala.** Last week was the annual Northside Education Foundation Gala and recognition of the 2017 Pillars of Character. Thanks to NISD Director of Partnerships **Cassandra Miranda** and the Foundation Board for a wonderful event that raised almost \$200,000 for NEF.
- **Northside Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted the first day of school at **Kallison ES** and **Harlan HS**; the KENS 5 ExCEL Award surprise for **Glenoaks ES** teacher **Rosio Apolinar**; and **Rhodes Transportation** staff who started a backpack/school supply drive to support those affected by hurricanes. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## **Board Members' Report**

- **Trustee Carol Harle** publicly shared her thanks to fellow Trustees for their support of the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) Gala. She recognized the impact that the NEF 2017 Pillars of Character have made in the world around them. Harle acknowledged NISD Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** for the wonderful student performers featured at the NEF Gala. Harle participated in the first meeting of the State Board of Education's Long Range Planning Committee and identified for Trustees the committee's priorities.
- **Trustee Karen Freeman** attended the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring **Joe Straus**, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. She appreciated the comments Straus made in support of public education. Freeman also attended a public education forum hosted by the San Antonio Express-News and was pleased to see so many attendees and their interest in public education.

- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** recognized the success of the NEF Gala and acknowledged the contributions of **Cassandra Miranda**, Director of Partnerships, **James Miculka**, Director of Fine Arts, and **Elizabeth Sanchez-Lopez**, Assistant Director of Fine Arts. She also commended the work of NISD-TV and Technology department staff members working at the event. Chumbley acknowledged **William Raba** and the **Raba family** for their generous support of the NEF and also recognized the long-standing contributions of the Raba family to Northside. Chumbley recognized NISD bus driver **Judy Flores** and the staff at the **Rhodes Transportation Station** for their successful efforts in coordinating a school supply drive for students along the Gulf Coast impacted by Hurricane Harvey.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** commended and recognized the parents throughout the District who have attended the many events hosted at campuses across Northside. He recognized the effectiveness of the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program to encourage involvement by parents, especially fathers, at many campuses. Medina congratulated **Dr. Woods** on being selected as Secretary for the Texas School Alliance. Medina invited Trustees to attend **Jay HS's** second annual National Night Out event on Oct. 3.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** congratulated **Dr. Woods** for serving as the Texas School Alliance Secretary for the coming year. Lopez shared that the NEF Gala was an enormous success and recognized Director of Partnerships **Cassandra Miranda**. He cited the outstanding student performers and acknowledged Director of Fine Arts **James Miculka** and members of the Fine Arts department. Lopez recognized the legacy left by **Jennifer Friedrich**, the late theater director at **Stevens HS**, through the many student performers who she encountered.
- **Trustee Katie Reed** recognized the contributions of former NISD Trustee and campus namesake **Nellie Reddix** who recently passed away. Reed also enjoyed attending the recent San Antonio Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring **Speaker Joe Straus**. Reed congratulated **Glenoaks ES** teacher **Rosio Apolinar** on being named the KENS 5 ExCEL Award recipient.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** has had the opportunity to attend multiple campus events during the first weeks of this school year to speak about advocacy for Northside.

#### Trustees approve administrative appointments:

- **Adriana Garza**, formerly principal at Brauchle ES, was appointed **Director of Leadership Development**.
- **Natalie Gray**, formerly academic dean at Neff MS, was appointed **Director of Professional Learning**.
- **Victor Raga**, formerly principal at Raba ES, was appointed **Director of Bilingual/ESL Education**.
- **Carin Adermann**, formerly principal at Ellison ES, was appointed **Director of Testing and Evaluation**.
- **Elisa McCracken**, formerly instructional support teacher at Central Office, was appointed **Academic Dean** at **Brandeis HS**.
- **Brian Lawrence**, formerly English department coordinator at Marshall HS, was appointed **Vice Principal at Communications Arts HS**.
- **Dr. Marissa Pena**, formerly school improvement specialist at Central Office, was appointed **Vice Principal at Burke ES**.
- **Sandra Estrada**, formerly vice principal at Fisher ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Westwood Terrace ES**.

#### Recognitions

- **Purchasing Department receives honor for fifth year in a row.** For the fifth year in a row, the NISD Purchasing Department has received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) award from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. The annual award is earned by organizations that demonstrate excellence in innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes. Director **George Ayala** and Assistant Director **Jason Bandy** represented the employees of the NISD Purchasing Department who collectively had a hand in achieving this milestone.
- **Outgoing NEIC members recognized.** The Board of Trustees recognized outgoing members of the Northside Educational Improvement Council (NEIC), which includes 19 parents, community members, and business representatives appointed by Board members. In addition, 19 professional staff members and one paraprofessional elected by their peers also serve on the Council. State legislation provided establishment of councils to "involve the professional staff of the District in establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals, objectives, and major district-wide classroom instructional programs."
- **Outgoing SBAC members recognized.** Members of the 2016-17 School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) were formally recognized by the Board for their service and were presented with a certificate of recognition. The SBAC is responsible for reviewing all attendance boundary changes, holding public hearings, and presenting

recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The committee is composed of two patrons from each middle school attendance area in NISD who are parents of elementary, middle, or high school-age students.

### **Board approves facilities items:**

- Trustees approved:
  - Schematic Design for Cafeteria/Kitchen Renovations at **Braun Station ES** as presented by Nextgen Architects.
  - Schematic Design for Bus Canopy at **Mary Hull ES** as presented by Garza Architects, Inc.
  - Schematic Design for Additional Student Canopy at **Linton ES** as presented by Munoz & Company Architects
  - Consultant for **Scobee ES** Bus Canopy – Chesney Morales Partners, Inc.
  - Change Orders – **Fields ES** – deduct remaining contingency (\$108,615.31)

### **NISD seeks class-size waivers for 98 elementary classrooms**

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 98 classrooms 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.

### **Reading and Adoption of Polices**

- First Reading of Local Policies in TASB Policy Update #108
- First Reading and Adoption of Legal Policies in TASB Localized Update #108

### **Torres nominated to the Bexar Appraisal District Board**

Trustees approved a resolution to nominate George Torres, former Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance, to the Bexar Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Each taxing unit may nominate, by resolution, one candidate for each position to be filled on the Board of Directors.

### **Bids for goods approved**

Trustees approved the following bids: Maintenance Supplies & Services; Musical Instruments & Supplies; PE Equipment & Supplies; and ROTC Military Science Equipment & Supplies. Trustees approved the following purchase orders: Intech Southwest Services LLC for desktops, monitors, and laptops for Aue, ES, Jefferson MS, and Driggers ES technology deployments; Imagine Learning Inc. for one-year licenses for Imagine Learning software; Monarch Teaching Technologies Inc. for renewal of author licenses for Vizzle software program; Tyler Technologies Inc. for yearly maintenance and support to Munis Financial Software Solution; Severin Intermediate Holding LLC for renewal contract and license for Gradespeed Maintenance; Education Advanced Inc. for 2017-2018 subscription renewal of TestHound program; eSped.com Inc. for eStar Special Education Student Information Management Subscription Service; Apex Learning Inc. for additional Apex licenses required to support high school credit retrieval programs; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Purchasing Company for scoring Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessments and scoring CogAT and Iowa assessments, paper and online, and testing materials used for student candidates who might qualify for GT programming; Netsync Network Solutions for Cisco Umbrella Cloud 12-month security subscription; eScholar LLC for yearly software support and maintenance renewal for district data warehouse solution; and Organizational Health Diagnostic & Development for individualized reports, materials, survey instruments, resource planning and leadership training. 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](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.)*

- ☞ October 24, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ November 14, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ December 12, 2017, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road