



Inside Northside

# BOARDTalk

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

**February 27, 2018**

## Superintendent's Report

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

- **School Safety.** The recent school shooting tragedy in Florida brings the issue of safety to the forefront of everyone's mind. NISD is reviewing all facets of student safety to ensure that the District is as prepared as possible for any circumstance.
- **Gerlach Livestock Show & Sale.** The 45<sup>th</sup> Walter Gerlach Livestock Show & Sale was a great success with more than \$1 million in auction sales dedicated to scholarships. Thanks to the community for their amazing support of this tradition.
- **Regional and State Swimming and Diving.** Numerous swimmers and divers represented NISD at recent regional and state competition. Students representing six of our high schools advanced to state. [A list of state qualifiers can be found on the NISD website.](#)
- **First LEGO League (FLL) Regional Championship.** This weekend NISD will be well represented at Regional robotics competition. Eighteen teams representing 16 elementary schools and 11 teams representing seven middle schools have qualified to compete. [A list of teams can be found on the NISD website.](#)
- **PTA Founders Day.** The annual PTA Founders Day event was held earlier this month at **Warren HS**. Thanks to Principal **Valerie Sisk**, NISD Fine Arts staff, and the NISD Council of PTAs for their roles in the evening's success.
- **Mid-Year Graduation.** Also earlier this month was the first graduation ceremony of 2018, Mid-Year Graduation. The Custodial Department's "Learn and Earn" program encourages and supports custodians as they work toward their GED. **Glenoaks ES** custodian **Jon Shoemake** walked the stage after earning his GED through this program.
- **Special Olympics.** This week is the annual Special Olympics Track and Field Meet at Gus Stadium. More than 1,500 athletes will compete representing 103 schools.
- **State Academic Decathlon.** Two NISD schools participated in the State Academic Decathlon Meet last weekend – **Marshall** and **Warren** high schools – and students won several medals. Congratulations to the teams and sponsors.
- **This Week's Events.** It's another busy week in Northside with the **Evers ES** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday evening and **Los Leones Student Arts Festival** and **Regional Robotics** on Saturday.
- **Bond Presentations.** Community presentations for School Bond 2018 will begin after Spring Break.
- **Video Moment.** The Northside Video Moment highlighted foldable microscopes at **Ross MS**, budding journalists at **Boone ES**, and 2Words Character Development presentations for high school athletes. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD](http://www.youtube.com/NorthsideISD).

## Board Members' Report

- **Trustee M'Lissa Chumbley** attended the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. and had the opportunity to meet with Texas legislators, including Congressman **Will Hurd**. Chumbley announced that the Gerlach Livestock Show & Sale broke \$1 million in auction sales with proceeds benefitting students. She thanked O'Connor HS Agriculture Director **Steve Chumbley**, O'Connor HS Agriculture teachers, the NISD business community, and parent volunteers.
- **Trustee Joseph Medina** provided an update on the **Northside Education Foundation's** (NEF) annual campaign and mentioned that NEF has awarded \$95,000 in innovation grants this school year. Medina also reminded Trustees that NEF is ranked among the nation's top 50 Foundations.

- **Trustee Katie Reed** was impressed by the numerous authors who spoke to participants at the LibraryPalooza event. Reed attended the Mexican American School Board Members Association (MASBA) conference and attended multiple sessions that spoke to relevant topics impacting school boards across the nation.
- **Trustee Bobby Blount** recognized Dr. Woods for his work in organizing a site visit to **Holmes HS** as part of the MASBA conference. Blount reminded Trustees of the Heroes for Health event scheduled for March 8 where countless local heroes will be honored at over 280 elementary campuses throughout Bexar County.
- **Trustee Gerald Lopez** also attended the MASBA conference and enjoyed several site visits that included **Holmes HS** as well as campuses in Harlandale and Southwest ISDs. Lopez commended the staff and students of **McDermott ES** on their recent 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Lopez recognized McDermott student **Humberto Sanchez** for his impressive job serving as Master of Ceremonies.
- **Trustee Carol Harle** attended many events across the District, including LibraryPalooza, **Beard ES** Festival of Nations, and the **Leon Springs ES** annual Boot Scoot event. Harle recognized students from **Clark HS** for winning an Agricultural Mechanics Award for their welding skills. Harle attended the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) annual conference and commended students from **Mireles ES** for their performance at this event. She also attended an event hosted by the San Antonio City Council that addressed the issue of property taxes and decreased public education funding from the state. Harle thanked Dr. Woods for his participation at this event. Harle recognized **O'Connor HS** graduate **Justin Olsen** for competing in the recent winter Olympics.

#### **Trustees approve administrative appointments:**

- **Michelle Alongi**, formerly vice principal at Scobee ES, was appointed **Principal at Galm ES**.
- **Anthony Persyn**, formerly vice principal at Northside Alternative Middle School, was appointed **Principal at Northside Alternative Middle School**.
- **Guadalupe Veliz**, formerly administrative intern at Westwood Terrace ES, was appointed **Vice Principal at Kallison ES**.
- **Michael Alicea**, formerly administrative intern at Northside Alternative High School, was appointed **Assistant Principal at Northside Alternative High School**.

At the Feb. 13 Called Board Meeting Trustees approved the following appointment:

- **Michelle Craig**, formerly assistant principal at Brennan HS, was appointed **Academic Dean at Brennan HS**.

#### **Recognitions**

##### **Clark HS Spanish Teacher recognized for receiving College Board Award**

**Salvatore Reginaldo**, a Spanish teacher at **Clark HS**, was named the 2018 College Board Southwestern Region award winner. He was selected based on his commitment to his students and his diligent work with The College Board, and was presented the award in mid-February during The College Board's Southwestern Regional Forum ceremony in Dallas.

##### **Trustees hold Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report**

NISD's Academic Performance Report was presented by **Dr. Janis Jordan**, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and a public hearing was held, as required by Texas law. All school districts are required to publish an annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), district accreditation status, student enrollment and academic performance, PEIMS Financial Standards Report, campus performance objectives (unanimously approved as submitted), a report of violent or criminal incidents, and information received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for each high school campus. The report is available online on the NISD website and will be available for public review on each campus in the District via the campus websites. Copies of specific reports will be available upon request through the Communications Department.

##### **Trustees approve \$483,240 of High School Allotment funds to subsidize AP exams for students**

To support the District goal to increase the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses and exams, the Board of Trustees approved the use of approximately \$483,240 of District-level High School Allotment funds to subsidize student exam fees. NISD projects that 14,300 tests will be administered to NISD students.

##### **Trustees approve submission of grant proposal**

Trustees gave approval for the submission of a grant proposal to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for a 2018-19 Services to Students with Autism Grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide innovative services to students with autism in a school-wide program for students between the ages of three and nine. The grant would include a strong staff development

component, and UTSA would train educators in assessment and intervention. Applicants must include robust plans for parent and stakeholder engagement.

### **Board approves Budget Amendment #2**

The Board approved Budget Amendment #2 which reflects a net decrease in expenditures of \$1,269,714 and a net increase in revenues of \$18,716,128 in the General Fund. The significant adjustments result from roof damage advances from the 2016 hail storm and payroll cost alignments. This amendment does not include amendments to the Debt Service Fund or the Child Nutrition Fund. These funds will not require amendments until the scheduled Final Budget Amendment #3 in August 2018, according to Deputy Superintendent for Business & Finance **David Rastellini**.

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

- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Brauchle ES** – Baron Long Construction, Ltd.
- Contractor for PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – **Hector Garcia MS** – Flo-Aire Service, Inc.
- Contractor for Paving Upgrades – **McDermott ES** – ADCO Master Builders, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Linton ES** – Comfort-Air Engineering, Inc.
- Contractor for Mechanical Upgrades – **Taft HS** – and PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – **Stinson and Rayburn** middle schools and **Taft HS** – Baron-Long Construction, Ltd.
- Contractor for Fencing Upgrades – **Northwest Crossing** and **Westwood Terrace** elementary schools and **Marshall HS** – Clearfield Construction, LLC
- Contractor for PE/Athletics Dressing/Locker Room AC Installation – **Brennan HS** – R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
- Contractor for Paving and Drainage Upgrades – **Northside Alternative HS** and **Burke ES** – CGC General Contractors, Inc.
- Contractor for Portable Relocations – various campuses – Dodson House Moving
- Contractor for Additional Student Canopy – **Linton ES** – Pronto Sandblasting & Coating & Oil Field Services Co., Inc.
- Change Order – **Child Nutrition Center** – Return of Unused Contingency – (\$52,099.19)
- Schematic Design for Building Replacement at **Rayburn MS** as presented by MarmonMok Architecture
- Schematic Design for Display Area at **Paul Taylor Field House** as presented by Garza Bomberger & Associates

### **NISD seeks class-size waivers for 14 elementary classrooms**

Trustees gave approval for the District to seek class-size waivers for 14 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.

### **Readings and Adoptions of policy**

- Second Reading and Adoption of Local Policy Revisions in TASB Policy Update #109

### **Bids for goods approved**

Trustees approved the following bids: Band Uniforms for Marshall HS; Band Uniforms for Stevens HS; Classroom Furniture; Science Supplies & Equipment; Audio, Video & DVD Software; and Library Books and Reference Materials.

Trustees approved the following purchase orders: College Entrance Examination Board for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test College Readiness Exams for Grades 10-11; 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Restaurant Equipment & Supply for four Convection Steamers for the cafeterias at Evers and Steubing elementary schools and Jordan and Zachry middle schools; and Education Service Center Region 20 for Title 1 Non-Public Commitments (Equitable Service Amounts). For more information, contact Purchasing Director **George Ayala** at 210-397-8700.

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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.)*

- ☞ March 27, 2018, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 10, 2018, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ April 24, 2018, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road
- ☞ May 15, 2018, 7 p.m., Board Room, 5900 Evers Road