

# NISD Board of Trustees

## Board Notes



March 26, 2026

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation by Cheryl Brady.
- B. Pledges of Allegiance led Margie Chumbley Academy for Success.

### 2. RECOGNITION

- A. NHS senior Zariyya Swindle – Les Linebarger  
Nacogdoches Lady Dragons basketball player Zariyya Swindle was recognized for reaching the 1,000 points level during her career with the NHS basketball team. Swindle, who graduates in May, finished with 1,132 points.



Zariyya Swindle (center) is shown with Nacogdoches High School coaches Harold Scroggins and Tammara Marion.

**B. NHS Swim Team State Qualifiers – Les Linebarger**

Les Linebarger introduced NHS swimming coach Carrie Scroggins and the 2026 state qualifiers Livia Whitaker, Grant Copen, Jocelyne Lopez, Kyra Blackmon, Devyn Whitaker, James Wright, Cy Scroggins and Owen Allen.



**(Back row, from left) Charlie Pitts, Zach Morrill, James Wright, Grant Copen, Owen Allen, Cy Scroggins, Coach Carrie Scroggins and Coach Derek Theiss; (front row) Brooklyn Stidham, Kyra Blackmon, Devyn Whitaker, Pepper Hill, Jocelyne Lopez and Livia Whitaker.**

**C. Social Worker Month – Dr. Evelyn Saucedo**

Dr. Saucedo introduced NISD’s team of social workers and made a presentation highlighting the group’s work across the district.



**(From left) Carmy Palomo, Santos Oliveros, Temesha Santana, Kiesha McClendon, Peggy Carson, Ruby Ramon, Kim Pineda, Jamika Shivers, Stacey Rollins and Dr. Evelyn Saucedo.**

### **3. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION**

Board entered executive session at 5:26 p.m.

### **4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board returned to open session at 5:57 p.m.

### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **B. Superintendent Announcements – Grey Burton**

Nacogdoches ISD held an evacuation and reunification drill last week for Raguet Elementary. It was an opportunity for us to see what that looks like... if we had to evacuate a campus and then reunite students with their parents at another location. A big thank you to Susan De La Rosa, NISD's Director of Safety and Security, and NISD Police Chief Joel Barton for putting all this together, as well as the army of volunteers from NISD departments who played a role. There are any number of reasons we might have to evacuate a campus – and while everyone automatically thinks of the worst case scenario – it's much more likely to be related to weather, or utilities, or electrical issues. In fact, in recent years, we have had to move students from campuses to another location for parent pick up because a campus lost electricity and another lost access to water. Regardless, the exercise from last week provides us with a lot of information we can use to plan for these events.

On Monday, nine NISD students were recognized by the Nacogdoches Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their work on essays and artwork related to this year's themes. From Fredonia Early Childhood Center, four Pre-K students – Amerlee Zarate, Willow Younger, Ava Mims and Eva Aguirre were local, state and national winners in the Pre-K banner contest. From Nacogdoches High School, senior Armaan Rajani was selected as a scholarship winner as part of DAR's Good Citizen contest. From McMichael Middle School, eighth-grader Robert Lee was a winner in the American History Essay Contest. From Brooks-Quinn-Jones Elementary, Poppy Meaux from Brooks-Quinn-Jones Elementary won local and state contests in the Third Grade Short Story competition. From Raguet Elementary, fifth-graders Sadie Larson and Rebecca Knepp won the fifth-grade banner contest. These students did a great job, and we're grateful the DAR recognized them for their work.

Nacogdoches High School's One-Act Play with its production of "Picnic on the Battlefield" was at the bi-district competition this week. The Dragons advanced through the zone contest while we were on spring break, then advanced from the district competition held March 17 and qualified for bi-district at Melissa High School

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in North Texas on Tuesday and Wednesday. "Picnic on the Battlefield" features nameless adversaries on a nameless battlefield where war is cast as the ultimate absurdity. NHS last performed "Picnic on the Battlefield" four years ago, in 2022. Congratulations to our theater program!

Four Nacogdoches High School art students scored 4 out of 4 at the Texas Art Educators Association contest held last month at Pine Tree High School. The students earned medals for their submissions to the regional competition. Alicia Dowell, Avonlea Grimes, Isabelle Turnham and Luigy Garcia earned top scores. Their works will be on display at NISD's Fine Arts Showcase Saturday, April 11, at Nacogdoches High School. In fact, all of the district's fine arts programs will be featured that day. All performances will take place in the NHS auditorium, and visual arts displays will be set up in the NHS main commons. There will be more information coming soon about this, so please keep an eye on our website and social media channels.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amy Whitaker addressed the Board of Trustees about the need for a natatorium for the Nacogdoches ISD swim program.

**7. REPORTS**

A. Business office reports – Ben Eberlan

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Board meeting minutes
  - 1. Feb. 19, 2026 – Regular meeting minutes
- B. Donations under \$2,500
- C. Donations over \$2,500
- D. Budget admendments
- E. Investment report

**Mindy Winslow** made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by **Leabeth Abt**. The motion was approved.

## 9. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

### A. Action Resulting From Executive/Closed Session

1. Consideration of and board action on the superintendent's recommendation of professional personnel.

**This item was tabled.**

### B. Consideration of and board action on the superintendent's recommendation to hire an athletic director/head football coach – Superintendent Grey Burton

**James Ervin** made a motion to name Emmanuel "Jay" Brown as athletic director and head football coach. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

### C. Consideration of board action on the notice of election for the May 2, 2026, board of trustees election for positions At-large, District 2 and District 3 – Grey Burton

**Cheryl Brady** made a motion to approve the notice of election for the May 2, 2026, board of trustees election as presented. The motion was seconded by **Mindy Winslow**. The motion was approved.

### D. Consideration of and board action on the election services contract for the May 2, 2026, board of trustees election – Grey Burton

**T.C. Grohman** made a motion to approve the election services contract as presented. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

### E. Consideration of and board action on federally funded vendors for instructional materials – Dr. JoLynn Corley

**Mindy Winslow** made a motion to approve the list of federally funded vendors for instructional materials as presented. The motion was seconded by **Leabeth Abt**. The motion was approved.

### F. Consideration of board action on the purchase of school supplies from Educational Products Inc. for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. JoLynn Corley

**Leabeth Abt** made a motion to approve the purchase of school supplies from Educational Products Inc. for the 2026-27 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

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G. Consideration of and board action on the purchase of Amplify mCLASS Math and Reading for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. JoLynn Corley

**Cheryl Brady** made a motion to approve the purchase of Amplify mCLASS Math and Reading for the 2026-27 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

H. Consideration of and board action on the purchase of Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. JoLynn Corley

**James Ervin** made a motion to approve purchase of Bluebonnet Learning Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

I. Consideration of and board action on the additional purchase of services from Thrive Learning Services LLC – Julianne Davis

**Mindy Winslow** made a motion to approve the additional purchase of services from Thrive Learning Services as presented. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

**11. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.