

NISD Board of Trustees

Board Notes



Feb. 19, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation by Cheryl Brady.

B. Pledges of Allegiance led by students from Raguet Elementary School.



Raguet Elementary fourth- and fifth-grade student council members led the pledges Thursday during the NISD Board of Trustees meeting. Shown are (back row, from left) – Student Council Sponsor Jack Adams, Xyric Stange, Cooper Padelford, Major Carthel, Carmon Greer, Brenna Early and Madalyn McKelvey; (front row) Nicolas Santos, Dash May, Aaron Whitman, Jay Casey, Arya May, Renee Sealy, Jaxon Hollins and Student Council Sponsor Deidre Merseal.

2. RECOGNITION

A. National CTE Month – Les Linebarger

NISD Director of Career and Technical Education Shawn Lucena provided a presentation on CTE programs available at Nacogdoches High School.

B. Bus Driver of the Year – Les Linebarger

NISD bus driver Chris Grant was recognized by the board for receiving the Bus Driver of the Year award from the district's workers compensation insurance provider.



C. Transportation Safety Excellence: Honoring bus driver Eugenio Garcia – Les Linebarger

Bus driver Eugenio Garcia was recognized for his actions on Oct. 15, 2025. While transporting a student home, Mr. Garcia, realizing an 18-wheeler was coming along the right side of the bus, stopped the student from stepping off into the path of the truck. Mr. Garcia's actions that day prevented a potentially tragic situation from taking place.



3. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Board entered executive session at 5:13 p.m.

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board returned to open session at 5:52p.m.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

B. Superintendent Announcements – Grey Burton

Eight of our Dragon swimmers are in Austin right at this moment preparing for tomorrow's Class 5A state swimming and diving meet. We have two relay teams competing – the boys 200 medley relay of James Wright, Grant Copen, Cy Scroggins and Owen Allen and the girls 200 medley relay of Jocelyne Lopez, Kyra Blackmon, Livia Whitaker and Devyn Whitaker. Also, Livia Whitaker swims individually in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke and Grant Copen is in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke. A year ago, Livia finished fifth at state in the 100-yard butterfly, and Grant was 12th in the 100-yard breaststroke... so I know they've got plans on improving on those performances. The preliminaries get underway at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow and the finals are at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. And I look forward to us having our state qualifiers visit at next month's board meeting.

McMichael Middle School's 8th-grade Lady Dragon basketball team capped off an outstanding season earlier this month by winning the district championship. The team finished the year with an impressive 8-1 record. The Lady Dragon 7th-graders finished as runner up in district. Great job!

Raguet Elementary fifth-grader Hazel Hairston's artwork titled "Leopard Me Cake" has been selected for the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition. Hazel's work will be showcased along with those of other Pre-K through 12-grade students from across the state at the Bullock Texas State History Museum during the month of March. The exhibit will be featured on the Bullock Museum's website next month. In recent years, Nacogdoches ISD has had a number of art students have their works displayed as part of Youth Art Month, and Hazel is carrying on that tradition. Congratulations!

Superintendent report continued...

Last month, we held an interest meeting here with churches and organizations in Nacogdoches, inviting them to join a partnership with CarePortal, an initiative that mobilizes churches and providers in our community to provide care for children in crisis. The school district can act as the facilitator to link up students and their families with churches in town who can fulfill the needs that are vitally important and will ultimately assist student success. From there, CarePortal and the churches take over, providing the help that's needed. Make no mistake, we have students – and families – in our district that need help... spend any time on one of our campuses and you learn that in a hurry. Through our social workers and counselors, Nacogdoches ISD can promote these connections and help tend to the needs as they arise. There's a lot of interest in making this work... and this is an opportunity to provide some much needed assistance for our students. I'm excited about what will happen as we move forward into this spring.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was on hand to address the board.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public hearing regarding the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for 2024-25 academic year – Ashley Boyett

- 1. Presentation of Report
- 2. Opportunity for board/public comments

8. REPORTS

A. Business office reports – Ben Eberlan

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board meeting minutes
 - 1. Jan. 22, 2026 – Regular meeting minutes
- B. Donations under \$2,500
- C. Donations over \$2,500
- D. Budget admendments
- E. Investment report

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

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

A. Action Resulting From Executive/Closed Session

There was no action from executive/closed session.

B. Consideration of board action on purchase of Amplify English Language Arts grades 6-8 for the 2026-27 school year – Dr. JoLynn Corley

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the purchase of Amplify English Language Arts Grades 6-8 for the 2026-27 academic year. The motion was seconded by **Leabeth Abt**. The motion was approved.

C. Consideration of board action on federally funded vendors: Professional development, coaching and consultation – Dr. JoLynn Corley

Mindy Winslow made a motion to approve the updated list of federally funded vendors for professional development, coaching and consultation as presented. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

D. Consideration of board action on federally funded vendors: Instructional materials – Dr. JoLynn Corley

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

E. Consideration of board action on certification of provision of instructional materials 2026-27 – Dr. JoLynn Corley

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the certification of instructional materials for the 2026-27 academic year as presented. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

F. Consideration of board action on approval to submit the district's plan to address uncertified teachers as permitted by Texas Education Code 21.0032 (a-1) – Charles Zemanek

Mindy Winslow made a motion to approve the district plan to address uncertified teachers and authorize the superintendent to submit the request for a delay of teacher certification requirements for foundation curriculum courses to the Texas Education Agency in accordance with Texas Education Code §21.0032(a-1). The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

Discussion/Action agenda continued...

G. Consideration of and adoption of a resolution authorizing employee pay during severe winter weather (Jan. 26-27, 2026) – Grey Burton

Leabeth Abt made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing employee pay during severe winter weather for Jan. 26-27, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by **James Ervin**. The motion was approved.

H. Consideration of and board action on the 2026-27 academic calendar – Grey Burton

Mindy Winslow made a motion to approve the 2026-27 academic calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

I. Consideration of and board action on resolution regarding Senate Bill 11 – period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text – Michael Martin

James Ervin made a motion to not adopt the resolution regarding Senate Bill 11 – period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text. The motion was seconded by **Cheryl Brady**. The motion was approved.

J. Consideration of and board action purchase of intercom systems additions from Universal Time Equipment Co. – Michael Martin

Cheryl Brady made a motion to approve the purchase from Universal Time Equipment Co. in the amount of \$236,803, as presented. The motion was seconded by **Mindy Winslow**. The motion was approved.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.