

NISD Board of Trustees

Board Notes



Dec. 18, 2025

[WATCH MEETING](#)



1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation by Mindy Winslow.
- B. Pledges of Allegiance led by students from Fredonia Early Childhood Center.



The student council from Fredonia Early Childhood Center was on hand during Thursday's meeting to lead the pledges of allegiance. Students were chosen by showing exceptional behavior by following Fredonia school commitments. Students shown in the front row are: (from left) Addilyn Dowdy, Julian Sifuentes, Ellie Castillo, Eric Saldana, Joiacim Mendez Iglesias, Ezlyn Peralta, Eder Hernandez, Alek Ibarra, Emmett Stillwell, Julian Bonilla and Lucas Gonzalez; Staff on the back row are: (from left) Assistant Principal Nallely Mejia, Principal Lindsey Turner and Counselor Catie Thornhill.

2. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Board entered closed session at 5:08 p.m.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board returned to open session at 5:25 p.m.

4. INFORMATION

A. Superintendent Announcements – Grey Burton

Students needing tech service on a school-issued device at Nacogdoches High School will likely have the Chromebook repaired by... a fellow student. Six NHS seniors in Practicum of IT, taught by Anna-Lisa Wanack, are spending a couple hours a week working on the Chromebooks of fellow students, servicing both software and hardware problems in a help desk set up in the school's library. The students launched their program a couple months ago after undergoing training provided by Jayce Park, David Gilcrease and Ben Harris from NISD's Technology Department. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Practicum students arrive in the NHS library and grab a stack of the laptop computers waiting on them. They begin matching up the devices with work orders already entered into the district's online ticketing system that assigns computer and technology repairs to staff. And beginning next month, Ms. Wanack is going to expand the program with more IT students. I should also mention that NacSpace donated individual tool kits for the students to use: five of the kits are going to the Practicum of IT class and three are going to robotics. This is a great program... and thanks to NacSpace for the generous donation of tool kits!

Fourteen projects involving 21 Nacogdoches High School seniors and members of the Stephen F. Austin State University STEM Academy displayed their work yesterday during the Science and Engineering Fair held in the Malcolm Rector Center for Advanced Careers & Innovation. Projects exhibited by students involved fields related to Animal Science, Plant Science, Microbiology, Materials Science, Sustainable Materials and Design, Engineering Technology: Statics and Dynamics, Systems Software, and Mathematics. The projects represent the culmination of two years of work and are the students' final assignment as graduating members of the STEM Academy. Let me say this... these projects were accomplished and represent well thought-out reasoning and research conducted by... high school students. It's impressive work, and represents the level of talent and ability we have in Nacogdoches ISD. Our students do great work...

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And along those same lines, we've had a number of fine arts performances this month, obviously Christmas-themed. The same thoughts apply here... our students are so talented. Last week, we saw the Raguet choir perform in this building – and at Rotary, keeping alive a tradition that dates back to 1944 – during our ribbon cutting for this facility, the choir from McMichael performed, and on Monday, the combined bands from Nacogdoches High School and McMichael Middle School held their annual Christmas concert. These are just a few of the events that have taken place, but the performances are so well done. All of this reminds me that, like I've said before, everything we need is in place – talented students and staff – for Nacogdoches ISD to be the flagship school district in East Texas. I know we can do it!

And, finally, here's some more good news for students and staff: Nacogdoches ISD will begin the Christmas break with an early release for students on Friday, Dec. 19. NISD will be closed for Christmas break Monday, Dec. 22, through Friday, Jan. 2. Teachers and staff return on Monday, Jan. 5, for a work day and professional development while students will return to classes on Tuesday, Jan. 6. So, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year!

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one asked to address the board.

6. REPORTS

A. Business office reports – Ben Eberlan

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board meeting minutes

1. Nov. 20, 2025 – Regular meeting minutes

B. Donations under \$2,500

C. Budget amendments

D. Investment report

E. Second reading of TASB Policy Update 126

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

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

A. Action Resulting From Executive/Closed Session – President Farshid Niroumand

There was no action resulting from executive/closed session.

B. Consideration of and board action on the 2026-27 Nacogdoches High School Course Guide and New Courses – Dr. Daya Hill

James Ervin made a motion to approved the 2026-27 Nacogdoches High School course guide, including all recommended new courses. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

C. Consideration of and board action on proposal for the districtwide access control and camera upgrade – Michael Martin

Mindy Winslow made a motion to approve the proposal for districtwide access control and camera upgrade as presented. The motion was seconded by **T.C. Grohman**. The motion was approved.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.