

NDBSL UPDATE

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NORTH DALLAS BULLDOG SUPPORT LEAGUE

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ANNUAL MEMBER/ BOARD MEETING:

**SATURDAY JANUARY 12
10 AM -12 PM IN NDHS LIBRARY**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND CAN VOTE
ON NDBSL BUSINESS. WE WILL ALSO BE
ELECTING NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND
OFFICERS. PLEASE BE A PART OF A VITAL
ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS ACADEMIC
AND STUDENT NEEDS AT NORTH DALLAS HIGH
SCHOOL!**



NDBSL PURCHASES NEW REFRIGERATOR FOR HS FOOD PANTRY

North Dallas High School contains a community room that distributes food and other necessities to our homeless students and to their families. The students and families are supported by the school by providing nourishing fresh food as it is needed. Food is donated from local businesses and chain restaurants and stored at the high school. The refrigerator purchased through your donations is full in the photo, but is often empty by day's end. Thanks to Sherri Cleaver (NDBSL Board Secretary) and Rubi Chavez, NDHS' principal's secretary for taking care of our families during the holidays.



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IT'S DUES TIME!

Look for your dues letter coming in this month – dues are only \$10 a year or \$200 for Lifetime Membership. We depend on your generosity to fund needed academic endeavors at North Dallas High School, so if you are behind on dues, owe dues for 2019 or know of someone who would like to join, you can pay online with PayPal at www.ndbsl.org or mail dues to Treasurer Sarah Blaser at the address on our masthead.

Christmas came early to North Dallas High School

Gary Pina/NDHS Booster Club/NDBSL Member

The Dallas ISD school board gave the school a huge present, approving \$46.5 million in renovations at its December meeting. The renovations will include the closing of Haskell Avenue and making it part of the campus, a new 2,000-seat competition gym, and new heating and air conditioning system, said North Dallas Athletic Coordinator Brian Barnett. Details of the renovations and a timeline of when the renovations will start has not been finalized.

"I'm excited. It's a lot of work over the course of the last year," Barnett said. "Ms. [Principal Katherine] Eska was able to make contact with the right people. Some other schools in the district are going through the same improvements but didn't necessarily go about it the way we wanted to go about it.

"We wanted to go through the right channels and tried do it ourselves at first rather than get alumni, parents and all that involved, and go to board meetings. We got in front of the right people, made a pitch, showed them our campus and what our needs were, and that got the ball rolling."

Barnett credits Principal Eska and DISD District 2 trustee Dustin Marshall for bringing about the renovations.

"He helped a great deal. Dustin Marshall was instrumental in working with Ms. Eska," Barnett said. "Our original allotment in that bond was \$8 million. So that allotment increased and a lot of that had to do with Dustin Marshall and his influence on the board."

Marshall said he was "extremely pleased" the board moved up the repairs and improvements, and also increased the bond allocation. "I am extremely pleased that the Dallas ISD Board has agreed to move up North Dallas High School to the next Phase of the 2015 Bond work and that the Bond allocation has moved from ~\$8M to over \$46M," Marshall said in an email. "This will enable the school to undertake some much-needed repairs and improvements to athletic facilities. Under the amazing leadership of Principal Katie Eska, NDHS is undergoing a rapid transformation, and I am proud of the Board for investing behind her leadership. Go Bulldogs!"

Barnett stressed that there won't be any physical changes to the building, except adding a courtyard in the front.

One of the biggest changes is closing off Haskell Avenue between the two campuses. "That section of Haskell will no longer be a street. It will be part of our campus," Barnett said. "The district is buying that one block from the city of Dallas."

And in addition to the 2,000-seat competition gym, Barnett said there will be new coaches' offices, a new weight room, and new training room. Improvements to the interior of the building include a new kitchen, changes to the cafeteria, new floors, new paint, new ceilings, new HVAC (heating and air conditioning), bathrooms remodeled, and getting rid of the lockers.

The upstairs (or girls) gym will be converted into a fine arts room, for the band and dance. And the current band hall will be part of the athletic wing, Barnett said. The current boys' gym will be an auxiliary-type gym and will also be renovated.

The portables and the parking lot in the back of the school will be eliminated for the new gym, Barnett said. Instead, the parking lot next to the freshman center will be extended across Haskell to the current parking lot on the Cole Avenue side.

"We don't have a beginning date," he said. "We're optimistic that they could get started by the end of the school year but we don't know that for sure. I don't know how much preliminary work has been done yet."