



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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*Regular Board Meeting, August, 8 – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of items that the board considers routine and approves under one motion. The items approved were: tax office reports, vendors, architects, and contractors; preferred vendor list; 2011 Certified Appraisal Roll; preferred approved vendor list; purchase of instructional materials for new centralized special education classrooms; application for expedited state waiver for early release day; adoption of FISD 2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct; FISD board representation at 2011 TASB Delegate Assembly; board committee assignments for 2011-2012; trained appraiser for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2011-2012; temporary middle school transportation for Stafford Middle School for 2011-2012 school year; vendor supply Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system.

## **Finalize topics for planning and teambuilding and establish date and time**

The Board will work to secure Debbie Estes as the facilitator for this state mandated team building session, which will take place from 4-7 prior to an upcoming board meeting.

## **Discuss options for board of trustees' elections relating to new legislation**

Dr. Reedy led a discussion on options for our board of trustees election in May of next year in light of new legislation that no longer requires county elections administrators to coordinate voting in May of even numbered years. The new legislation created an overlap in election cycles of primary and local races in even numbered years. This in turn creates challenges for county election offices to provide enough staff and machines to run both elections.

Districts do have the option to move their elections to the uniform election date in November or to possibly change their terms of office to hold elections in May of odd numbered years only. To hold elections in odd years only, the district would need to change the length of terms as well as how the terms are staggered. Odd year elections are not desirable for a host of reasons, one of which includes our ability to draw willing candidates to run for longer terms of office. November elections run the risk of local candidates getting lost on a long and partisan November ballot and November is not a good time of year to add a new board member when the school year is well underway.

FISD, along with other Collin County cities and school districts, will continue to work with the Commissioners' Court and elections office to come up with a solution to continue voting in May of both odd and even years. The Denton County Elections Administrator has already assured the district that they will be able to coordinate voting for our Denton County voters in May of every year.

## **Discuss regular tracking and reporting of proposed 2011-2012 budgeted cost savings as presented in budget preparation documents—See PowerPoint**

## **Discuss updated options for design of High School #7—See PowerPoint**

The board looked at various design considerations. Also, the board discussed layout options for the athletic and fine arts areas, along with parking access.

## **Consider and act on personnel recommendations—*Motion Passed***

**Next regular meeting:** September 12