



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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*Regular Board Meeting March 3– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

## **Approval of minutes from February 13 Regular Meeting—*Motion Passed***

### **Communications to and from the Board Including Public Comments**

Debbie Gillespie and Renee Ehmke spoke about their experience at the Winter Governance Conference in Corpus Christi, TX. Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Ehmke and John Hoxie attended the event.

One citizen spoke to the board on behalf of the American Legion Board. He shared the mission of the American Legion in Frisco and communicated that they look forward to a strong partnership with Frisco ISD.

**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; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred approved vendor list; roofing service, repair, and maintenance vendor contract extensions; proposal for glass and glazing repair service; remainder of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) start-up budget for Independence High School; remainder of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) start-up budget for four elementary schools opening August 2014; renewal of kindergarten through fifth grade supplemental reading program; purchase of buses for 2014-2015 school year; purchase of instructional materials with instructional materials allotment (IMA) funds. The Board Operating Procedures were pulled.

### **Consider and Act on Delivery Method for Future High School Project—*Motion Passed***

Mr. Richard Wilkinson recommended a motion to approve the construction manager at-risk delivery method for HS #9.

### **Consider and act on Issues Related to May 10 Election**

- Joint election contracts-Collin and Denton County—*Motion Passed*
- Notice of General Election for Board of Trustees Places 4 and 5—*No action was taken* since no challengers filed to run against the incumbents.

### **Discussion Regarding New Graduation Requirements for Class of 2018 and Beyond, as Dictated by House Bill 5 of Texas State Legislature—See Presentation**

Dr. Debra Nelson and Dr. Wes Cunningham presented information about the new Foundation High School Program, which allows students to earn performance acknowledgements and four-credit endorsements in specific subjects.

### **Discussion Regarding Student Travel Guidelines—See Presentation**

Mr. Rick Burnett presented guidelines developed by a committee of representatives from all grade levels, groups and finance, after conducting an evaluation of student travel since November. After the evaluation, guidelines were developed and presented to the Instructional Support Team. The IST provided input in refining the recommended guidelines.



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## **Consider and Act on Personnel Recommendations—*Motion Passed***

**Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources** presented the board with personnel recommendations and resignations.

### New administrative hires for the 2014-2015 school year include:

**Pam Linton**, currently the Executive Director for Secondary in the Human Resources Department of Richardson ISD, has been hired as the new Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in Frisco ISD. Linton has 16 years of administrative experience. In addition to her current role, she held the lead position in the area of elementary hiring for five years. Also, she was previously Executive Director for Elementary Instruction and Operations in RISD. She has been an assistant principal and began her teaching career in 1990 in Austin ISD. Linton's bachelor's degree is from the University of Texas at Austin and her master's degree is from Southwest Texas State University. She has her Superintendent's Certification and is working toward her doctoral degree at Dallas Baptist University. Ms. Linton will replace Dr. Linda Bass who is retiring this summer after 34 years of education, 13 of those in FISD.

**Brenda Youngblood**, currently assistant principal at Fisher Elementary, will be the new principal at Corbell Elementary School. The 23-year veteran educator began her teaching career in 1990 as a first grade teacher in Moulton ISD. She went on to teach in Academy, Kilgore and Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISDs before joining FISD as a first grade teacher in 2002. Youngblood became an assistant principal in 2008 at Gunstream Elementary. Her bachelor's degree is from Texas State University and her master's degree is from Dallas Baptist University.

**Erin Miller**, currently an assistant principal at Frisco High School, will be the associate principal at Lone Star High School.

**Cami Patzkowski**, currently a fourth grade teacher at Carroll Elementary, will be assistant principal at Bright Elementary.

**Wendy Hudson**, currently a coordinator in Professional Development, will be assistant principal at Curtsinger Elementary.

**Jenny McGowan**, currently an instructional coach at Comstock Elementary, will be assistant principal at Rogers Elementary.

**Marcy Corley**, currently an instructional coach at Christie Elementary, will be assistant principal at Spears Elementary.

**Loryn Tobey**, currently an instructional coach at Phillips Elementary, will be assistant principal at Hosp Elementary.

**Rachael Lamar**, currently an instructional coach at Rogers Elementary, will be assistant principal at Newman Elementary.



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**Jenna Gates**, currently the science instructional coach at Frisco High School, will be assistant principal at Frisco High.

**Chakosha Powell**, currently an assistant principal at J.J. Pearce in Richardson ISD, will be a new assistant principal at Independence High School.

**Stephanie Sipes**, currently an assistant principal at Shepton High School in Plano ISD, will be a new assistant principal at Independence High School.

## Staff Reports

### **Communications and Community Relations**

**Shana Wortham** reminded the board that it is Kindergarten Round Up time again, with everyone working to get the word out about pre-registering kindergarten students for next year. Round up dates are April 7-11. Considering FISD has more than 3,700 kindergarten students this year, it is important to get as many of next year's students preregistered as possible in order to prepare and hire teachers. You will see the event promoted on select buses, marquees, on the website and in the e-news and in social media. The District will also communicate to HOAs and other key communicators for this age group, such as preschools and pediatrician offices.

### **Student Services**

**Mr. Rick Burnett** updated the board on the Career Fair and Exposition. On Thursday, February 10, Collin College hosted a Career Fair and Exposition, jointly sponsored by FISD and Collin College. Over 100 tables were set up with representatives from a wide range of professions and careers there to meet and greet students from FISD and Collin College. An estimated 1200 FISD students, many of them from middle schools, were able to attend. Dr. Larry Lewis was the primary lead for the organization and planning of the event along with the Collin College staff. In addition, Centennial Medical Center partnered with in the endeavor by sponsoring breakfast and lunch for the presenters.

*Next Board of Trustees Meeting—April 14, 7:30pm*