



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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Regular Board Meeting February 10 – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room

Student Recognition

Band and Orchestra students from all six high schools were honored by the Board of Trustees for their all-state appearances last month. See resolutions

Liberty HS student Trent Sandland was honored by the Board of Trustees for the highest possible score on the ACT college readiness exam. See resolution

Approval of minutes from January 13 Regular Meeting—*Motion Passed*

Communications to and from the Board Including Public Comments

Two citizens addressed the board – one regarding bussing and another regarding the bond.

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; job order contract extension; approval of band instrument repair vendors for Fine Arts department; approve 2014-2015 furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) start-up budget for schools opening August 2014—a) Four elementary schools b) Independence High School; approve 2014-2015 start up budget for schools opening August 2014—a) Four elementary schools b) Independence High School; application for expedited state waiver for late arrival day; support for Frisco ISD participation in Texas High Performance School Consortium; network equipment purchase for schools scheduled to open in August 2014; inter-local agreement with City of McKinney for FISD fiber right-of-way.

Consider and Act on Resolution to Purchase Land for Future High School Site—*Motion Passed*

Mr Richard Wilkinson recommended a resolution to purchase land for future high school site, as discussed in closed session (TX Government Code 551, Subchapters D and E, Section 551.072).

Consider and Act on Order Calling Board of Trustees Election—*Motion Passed*

Order of Election for the May 10 Board of Trustees election

Consider and Act on Order Calling a Bond Election—*Motion Passed*

A recommendation was made to approve the Bond Order of Election for the May 10 election in the amount of \$775 million as recommended by the FISD citizen bond committee. [See Presentation and Story](#)

Consider and Act on Personnel Recommendations—*Motion Passed*

Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources presented the board with personnel recommendations and resignations. See below for principals and IHS Athletic Director.

Newman Elementary will be led by Sherri Wakeland, currently principal at Shawnee Trail Elementary. Sherri is a 26-year veteran educator, teaching in both Coppell and Frisco ISDs. She was the assistant principal at Rogers Elementary for three years prior to opening Shawnee Trail Elementary as principal in 2000. This is her 20th year in FISD. Her bachelor's degree is from Stephen F. Austin University and her master's degree is from the University of North Texas.



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Shawnee Trail Elementary will be led by Pam Schaeffer, currently assistant principal at Rogers Elementary. Schaeffer is a 27-year veteran educator, joining FISD in 2008 as a classroom teacher. She was also an accelerated reading instructor and an Elementary ELAR Literacy Facilitator before she became assistant principal at Rogers Elementary in 2012. She previously taught in Terrell and Crandall ISDs and worked as a curriculum specialist in Crandall. Her bachelor's degree is from Sam Houston State University and her master's degree is from Concordia University.

McSpedden Elementary will be led by Heather Meek, currently assistant principal at Phillips Elementary. Meek has been in education for 17 years. She joined FISD in 2004 as a special education teacher. She was an Educational Diagnostician from 2007-2011 and then became the assistant principal at Borchardt Elementary in 2011. She helped open Phillips Elementary in that role in 2012. She previously taught in New Mexico and Plano ISD. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of New Mexico and her master's degree is from Texas Woman's University.

Scott Elementary will be led by Paige Brewer, currently assistant principal at Bright Elementary School. Brewer has been an educator for 20 years, beginning her career in FISD in 1994 as a classroom teacher. From 2002-2010 she was an instructional math/literacy facilitator in the curriculum department before joining Bright Elementary as the assistant principal. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of North Texas and she holds master's degrees from Texas A&M Commerce and Lamar University.

Hosp Elementary will be led by Aaron Else, currently assistant principal at Nichols Elementary. Else has been an educator for 14 years, joining FISD as a teacher in 2007. He became an assistant principal in 2008 at Sem Elementary and helped open Nichols in 2012. He previously taught in Plano ISD. His bachelor's degree is from Minnesota State University and his master's degree is from the University of North Texas.

In other personnel matters, Kyle Story was named as the **campus athletic coordinator/head football coach for Independence High School**. Story has 26 years experience in education and has been the athletic director/head football coach in Decatur since 1999. He previously taught and coached in many area districts including McKinney, Denison, Wylie, Irving and Grapevine Colleyville. His bachelor's degree is from the University of North Texas.

There were many strong candidates for these positions and the FISD Administration is proud to announce these leaders and looks forward to working with them in their new roles.

Public Hearing on 2012-2013 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)—See Presentation
Dr. Debra Nelson and Dr. Linda Bass presented this information to the board.



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Staff Reports

Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Debra Nelson shared information on FISD Academic Decathlon teams. Frisco ISD students recently successfully competed in regional Academic Decathlon competitions on January 24-25. Frisco ISD came away with a significant number of individual and team medals. The overall team rankings for the medium size schools are as follows:

1st Place-Centennial HS

2nd Place-Wakeland High School

3rd Place-Liberty High School

Lone Star High School competed in the small schools tournament and took 1st place!

All of these high schools will be participating in the state competition in San Antonio, which will take place February 21-23.

Communications and Community Relations

Shana Wortham informed the board about the upcoming parent survey. This is done every three years.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting—March 3, 7:30pm