



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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*Regular Board Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

**Approval of Minutes from December 8 Regular Meeting and December 1 Special Meeting—*Motion Passed***

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

Two citizens spoke about Frisco ISD zoning, one about school board recognition and one on the topic of cell phone towers.

**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; approval of cooperative purchasing organizations utilized by Frisco ISD for fiscal year 2013-2014; recommendation for 2015-2016 Fine Arts start-up budget for Reedy High School; application for expedited state waiver for late arrival day; purchase of library automation system; new and newly revised job description/evaluation forms; personnel recommendations. —*Motion Passed*

**Consider and Act on Land Resolution—*Motion Passed***

## **Discussion Regarding Preliminary Design of High School #10—See Presentation**

**Mr. Trey Laird** presented information to the board.

## **Consider and Act on Delivery Method for High School #10 —*Motion Passed***

Mr. Richard Wilkinson recommended construction manager at risk delivery method for HS #10.

## **Consider and Act on Construction Manager at Risk for Summer Projects —*Motion Passed***

**Mr. Richard Wilkinson** asked the board to approve Balfour Beatty Construction as the construction manager at risk for summer projects.

## **Consider and act on construction manager at risk for Middle School #16 —*Motion Passed***

**Mr. Richard Wilkinson** asked the board to approve CORE Construction as the construction manager at risk for middle school #16.

**Consider and Act on Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Election Sites—*Motion Passed, see memo of understanding (between Frisco ISD and City of Frisco)***

## **Consider and Act on 2015 Legislative Priorities—*Motion Passed***

*See Legislative Priorities Attachment* – The bullets under the priority categories will continue to be tweaked and back-up/support documents will be created.

## **Staff Report**

### **Student Services**

Mr. Kenny Chandler shared that Alcatel-Lucent provided a half-day program on November 13, 2014 to the students at the Student Opportunity Center. The program was similar in nature to the Mindbender Academy offered during the summer for Frisco ISD middle school students to increase awareness and interest in



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science, technology, engineering and math vocations. Specifically, the Student Opportunity Center students attended presentations and hands-on activities led by engineers from the company centered on coding and electronic design.

The camp was inspired by a meeting between Principal Sue Kirk and Frisco Education Foundation President Peter Burns, an employee of Alcatel-Lucent, who secured grant funding for the effort from the Alcatel-Lucent Foundation. Mr. Burns and other Alcatel-Lucent employees coordinated the program and training. Nearly 40 students involved in the school's Academic Academy took part in one of two interactive sessions introducing them to the world of computer programming and circuitry.

Many students who struggle academically do not get the opportunity to take as many course electives as some of their peers. The hope was to spark that curiosity and encourage students to look at course offerings and career fields related to science, technology, engineering and math. Seventy-six percent of the students that attended the camp indicated that they will now consider careers in science, technology, engineering, art and math! Due to the success of the workshop, the Student Opportunity Center will be considering the addition of a Coding Class to their Friday Activity Schedule.

Several more Frisco ISD students have now experienced and are interested in a whole other field of study due to the district's partnership with Alcatel-Lucent.

*Next Regular Meeting: February 9, 2014*