



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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*Regular Board Meeting May 12– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

## **Oath of Office**

Anne McCausland and Debbie Gillespie were certified and took the oath of office. As no one filed to run against them, the Board of Trustees election was cancelled. John Classe was appointed to the board by board members to serve until the next election in May 2015 and was sworn in as well. Mr. Classe was appointed to the seat by the Board of Trustees after the resignation of Dan Mossakowski.

## **Consider and Act On Reorganization of the Board of Trustees**

The Board approved officers as follows:

Ann McCausland—President

John Hoxie—Vice President

Debbie Gillespie—Secretary

## **Staff Recognition**

Mr. Matt Kimball introduced Smith Elementary students and sponsor for their Destination Imagination team. The Smith team participated in the Globals competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, and placed first out of 1400 schools in the elementary division. The coach, Sunita Patel, along with students Kyle Bowser, Genevieve Dutra, Maggie McGrath, Deven Patel, and Caden Senn were honored by the Board of Trustees.

## **Staff Recognition**

**Dana Reid**, Assistant Principal at Wester Middle School, was awarded the Assistant Principal of the Year Award by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).

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

A citizen and a student addressed the board concerning transportation concerns in their community.

## **Approval of minutes from May 12 Regular Meeting, May 19 Special Meeting, and June 2 Special Meeting—*Motion Passed***

**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; award for preferred approved vendors; qualifications for vendors for construction services a) surveying and civil engineering; b) geotechnical and construction materials testing; c) HVAC testing and balancing services; budget amendments; capital requests for 2014-2015 for vehicles and large equipment; recommendation for energy controls for Middle School #15; cooling tower system for Clark Middle School; change order for Spears parking lot project for partial geothermal conversion; contract for Child Nutrition Program broad-line grocery supplies; contract with external demographer for 2014-2015; extension of marketing services contract; approval of vendor to renew and maintain network access licenses; approval of vendor to provide network equipment; second year lease payment for multifunction printers; vendor to provide streaming media equipment; purchase of instructional materials with Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) funds; authorization to donate textbooks going out of adoption; board committee assignments for 2014-2015. *The Board tabled temporary middle school transportation for Stafford and Pioneer Heritage Middle Schools for 2014-2015 school year.*



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## **Discussion Regarding 2014-2015 Budget and the Proposed Tax Rate, including opportunity for Citizen Input—*See Presentation***

Chief Financial Officer **Dr. Rick Bankston** presented on the final operating budget which reflected an increase from \$344.3 million to \$389.9 million compared to last year. This budget included the costs of opening 5 new campuses (including approximately \$16M for new personnel), an estimated 3% of midpoint increase in employee compensation, approximately \$3.4M in requested funds beyond the initial allocation, approximately \$3.3M allocated for the District's contribution to the Teacher Retirement System, and approximately \$2.1M for capital outlay expenses. The projected budget also includes allocations of \$4.1M for additional classroom teachers and \$3 M allocated for additional departmental personnel to address growth in the district. The District expects to add about 3,650 new students next school year, an increase of 7.9 percent, bringing total enrollment up to nearly 50,000 students. The tax rate proposed to fund the budget remains the same. No citizens had questions or input.

## **Consider and Act on 2014-2015 Budget—*Motion Passed***

### **Consider and act on proposed Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax rate of \$1.04 and Proposed Interest and Sinking (I&S) Tax Rate of \$0.42 for a Total Tax Rate of \$1.46 for 2014-2015**

The tax rate was unchanged from the 2013-2014 school year.

### **Consider and Act on Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) for Fine Arts Addition at Centennial High School—*Motion Passed***

*Reeder General Contractors*

Construction cost - \$685,000

2014 bond program cost projection \$700,000

Contingency included in \$790,000 proposal

### **Consider and Act on Construction Manager (CM) At Risk for CTE Addition—*Motion Passed***

Cadence McShane was recommended to the Board of Trustees and chosen as the CM.

### **Consider and act on recommendation for Frisco Economic Development Corporation Board Representative**

Departing board member Dan Mossakowski currently serves on the EDC board and has elected to finish out his term until September of 2014. The new board member approved to take over for Mr. Mossakowski will be Bryan Dodson.

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

**Pam Linton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**, presented the board with personnel recommendations and resignations.



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

At Monday night's regular School Board meeting, Frisco ISD trustees named several individuals to leadership positions.

**Clarence Williams and Dr. Angela Romney** have been named Area Directors of Secondary Instruction in the Curriculum and Instruction Department. They are replacing **Katie Kordel and Kenny Chandler**, who have accepted the roles of Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Executive Director of Student Services, respectively.

**Williams**, currently principal of Wakeland High School, joined FISD in 2009 as an assistant principal at Heritage High School. The next year he became associate principal at Wakeland and principal in 2013. Prior to joining FISD, he was an administrator in Richardson ISD. His bachelor's degree is from Northwestern State University and his master's is from Texas A&M-Commerce.

**Romney**, currently principal of Wester Middle School, joined FISD in 2006 as an assistant principal and became principal in 2007. Prior to joining Frisco ISD, she was an administrator, teacher and coach in Utah, Kuwait and Arkansas. Her bachelor's degree is from Brigham Young University, her master's from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and her doctorate is from Dallas Baptist University. The following administrative hires were also approved:

**Richard Oldham**, currently assistant fine arts director, has been named Director of Fine Arts. He is replacing **Jim McDaniels** who retired earlier this year. Oldham served as assistant fine arts director for two years, assistant principal in FISD for five years and visual arts teacher for nine years. Oldham has also served for five years as the public art manager for the City of Frisco and is still active with the Frisco Public Art Board. His bachelor's degree is from Oklahoma State University and his master's degree is from the University of North Texas.

**Sheila Gardner**, currently the K-12 Health and PE Coordinator in Lewisville ISD, has been hired as Director of Coordinated School Health. Gardner has worked in education-related fields for 17 years. Prior to taking the coordinator role in 2008, she taught physical education and has previously taught home economics. Among professional highlights, she has created collaborative partnerships in the community, secured grant funding and managed and promoted district health and wellness programs specific to Coordinated School Health to ensure effective implementation of health education, physical education, nutrition services, health services, counseling services, staff wellness promotions and family and community involvement. Her degree is from Montana State University and she is a certified master trainer for Action Based Learning.

**Dr. Gary Nye**, currently principal of Hunt Middle School, has been selected as Director of Accountability and Assessment. Nye has been in education since 1998. He taught middle school science in Fort Worth and Plano and was an Administrative Intern/Dean of Students before joining FISD in 2006 as an assistant principal at Wester Middle School. He opened Hunt in 2010. His bachelor's degree is from Emporia State University in Kansas and his master's and doctoral degrees are from the University of North Texas. He holds his superintendent's certification as well.

**Katherine (Kasey) Maas**, currently an elementary school principal in Colorado, has been named to replace **Matt Kimball** as principal of Smith Elementary School. Mr. Kimball has taken the position of Executive



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Director of Schools in San Angelo ISD. Maas has 12 years of administrative experience and is coming to Frisco ISD from an elementary principalship in Douglas County School District in Denver, Colorado, a position she has held for six years. She has also been an assistant principal in Douglas County and Katy and Spring Branch ISDs in Texas. She was a classroom teacher and literacy coach in Spring Branch for seven years. Maas holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston.

**Grace McDowell**, currently assistant principal at Fowler Middle School, has been hired as assistant athletic director. McDowell has been an educator since 1992 and joined FISD in 2002. During her career, she has taught science, health and physical education at the middle and high school levels and has coached basketball, track, volleyball and softball. Her administrative experience includes serving as assistant athletic coordinator at Liberty High School from 2006-2010 prior to becoming an assistant principal at Fowler. McDowell has a bachelor's degree from Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas, and master's degrees from the University of Houston and Lamar University.

**Troy Hart**, currently a teacher at Griffin Middle School, has been named assistant principal at Pioneer Heritage Middle School. His bachelor's degree is from the University of North Texas and his master's degree is from Texas Woman's University.

**Stacy Cameron**, currently librarian at Pioneer Heritage Middle School, has been hired as Coordinator of Library and Media Services. She has 13 years of experience in education including leadership of the District-level library services program at her previous district. She has been a campus librarian at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. Her bachelor's degree is from Texas A&M University and her master's is from Texas Woman's University.

**Lorie Squalls**, currently an assistant principal in Coppell ISD, has been hired as Coordinator of Professional Development to replace Wendy Hudson who is moving to an assistant principal position. She has 14 years of experience. Her bachelor's degree is from University of Texas Southwestern and her master's degree is from the University of Phoenix.

**Kathy Tolbert, R.N.**, will now be the Coordinator of Nursing Services. She was previously co-coordinator with Ellen Fogle, a part-time employee, who has retired.

Any job openings created by these hires are expected to be filled by the end of the month.

## Staff Report

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

**Dr. Debra Nelson** updated the board about the collaboration between Frisco ISD and the Heritage and Railroad Museums. The Curriculum and Instruction department in Frisco ISD continues the exciting work of collaborating with the Heritage and Railroad Museum to educate our students.

### **Support Services**

**Doug Zambiasi** reminded the board that Frisco ISD will host immunization clinics this summer to assist new and returning students who may be missing required vaccines for the 2014-2015 school year. State law requires children to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases to attend school in Texas. These clinics will be held on July 11, July 18 and July 21-24 between 9-2 daily at the FISD Career and Technical Education Center, 9889 Wade Boulevard, Frisco, TX, 75035.



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*Next Regular Meeting: August 11, 2014*