



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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

Student Recognition

LHS Student **Minsoo Kim** was honored for a perfect score of 36 on the ACT test.

CHS Student **Esther Burnett** was honored for placing in the Texas State Solo-Ensemble contest in Piano.

The following WHS students were honored for placing in the Texas State Solo-Ensemble contest:

Soloists-**Caleb Hern** (Clarinet), **Myles King** (Tuba), **Tyler Plowman** (Clarinet), **Garrett Scott** (Keyboard Percussion)

Ensemble-**Christopher Allen** (Clarinet), **Riley Dennison** (Clarinet), **Caleb Hern** (Clarinet), **Tyler Plowman** (Clarinet)

Recognition of Outgoing Frisco Education Foundation Board Members

Allison Miller and **Peter Burns** honored the following outgoing board members for their years of service and dedication to the students and staff of Frisco ISD through the Frisco Education Foundation:

Gary Carley

Dr. Marie Walters

Dru Newman

Marc Kirkland

Communications to and from the Board Including Public Comments

One citizen spoke about the cell phone tower placement at Cobb MS.

Frisco ISD Council of PTA President addressed the board to discuss the new school year.

One student spoke to the board about the Frisco Storytelling Festival and shared a story.

Approval of minutes from August 11 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; water reuse agreement for Reedy High School; delivery method for Elementary School #38; purchase of instructional materials with Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) funds; additions to renewal of student information, finance, and payroll system software, maintenance, and support agreement for 2014-2015; Policy Update 100, affecting (LOCAL) policies— a) CKE (LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management - Security Personnel, b) CPC(LOCAL): Office Management - Records Management, c) CRD(LOCAL): Insurance and Annuities Management - Health and Life Insurance, d) DCB(LOCAL): Employment Practices - Term Contracts, e) DCD(LOCAL): Employment Practices - At-Will Employment, f) DCE(LOCAL): Employment Practices - Other Types of Contracts, g) FDA(LOCAL): Admissions - Interdistrict Transfers, h) FL(LOCAL): Student Records, i) GKB(LOCAL): Community Relations - Advertising and Fundraising in the Schools; records management officer resolution; waiver resolution for classes exceeding the state recommended 22:1; trained appraisers for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2014-2015 school year; personnel recommendations; Memorandum of Understanding between Frisco ISD and Frisco Education Foundation. *The waiver resolution for classes exceeding 22:1 was removed and approved separately.*



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Consider and act on Board Operating Procedures—*Motion Passed*

Annually the board operating procedures are reviewed by the Board of Trustees. The procedures were discussed at the August retreat.

Report on District Assessment and Accountability—*See Presentation*

Dr. Gary Nye and Katie Kordel presented an overview of the new accountability and assessment system.

Report on Beginning of School Year Enrollment—*See Presentation*

Richard Wilkinson presented a summary of enrollment information from the first weeks of school.

Consider and Act on Recommendation for Construction Manager at Risk for Elementary School #38—*Motion Passed*

Richard Wilkinson recommended a motion to approve CORE Construction as at risk manager for Elementary School #38.

Consider and Act on Initial Guaranteed Maximum Price (IGMP) for Elementary School #38—*Motion Passed*

Richard Wilkinson recommended a motion to approve the initial guaranteed maximum price (IGMP) of \$20,598,270 for Elementary School #38.

Consider and act on Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (FGMP) for High School #9—*Motion Passed*

Richard Wilkinson recommended a motion to approve the final guaranteed maximum price for High School #9 of \$81,424,617 provided by Lee Lewis Construction.

Discussion Regarding Energy Efficiencies and Practices Currently Utilized by FISD—*See Presentation*

District architects presented information about energy efficiency.

Consider and Act on Naming High School #9—*Motion Passed*

Shana Wortham recommended a motion to name High School #9 Lebanon High School.

Lebanon High School – located at the corner of Lebanon and Ohio Drive

Long before there was Frisco, there was Lebanon.

The Lebanon community predates Frisco by about 50 years. It grew as settlers moved to Texas looking for land and opportunity. It straddled the old Shawnee Trail, also known as the Preston Ridge or Preston Trail, just as Lebanon Road crosses Preston Road and Ohio Drive today.

Originally, the native tribes of the area hunted and got water in the area. Then cattle drives would take hours to pass through what became known as Lebanon. It was a place to stop and rest, get a meal, and refresh along the drive. Later, as more farmers settled the land, the community would boast of its own cotton gin, dry goods store, churches, taverns, a post office, a shoe cobbler and three ladies had their own business selling hats and accessories.

After the railroad was established north of Lebanon at what is now Frisco, many Lebanon residents rolled their homes and businesses on logs pulled by steam engines the three miles to the new town.

The large white gingerbread house at the corner of Fifth Street and Main that now houses Randy's Steakhouse was moved from Lebanon to Frisco by the Campbell family.

Others such as the Clarks, the Noel Smith family, the Rasors, the Bolins, Marions, Kerleys, Haggards, Bristows, Hoopers, Duncans, Wades and Christies chose to stay in the area. Though many businesses moved away, Lebanon School continued. The families of the area sent their children Lebanon School until it closed in 1947. The children of the Lebanon community became Frisco ISD students and have



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contributed much to the success of FISD over the years.

Memories of Lebanon may be found throughout Frisco. The road itself keeps the memory of Lebanon alive. Located at the Frisco Heritage Center is the Crozier-Covington House that once stood off of Preston Road to the west and the chapel in the center was the Lebanon Baptist Church where many older Frisco residents attended for years. The new modern Lebanon Baptist Church also keeps the community's name alive.

This high school sits in the heart of what was once Lebanon. It stands as an acknowledgement to those who once lived and farmed in this community and who have contributed greatly to the Frisco and Frisco ISD of today.

Consider and Act on Naming Middle School #15—Motion Passed

Shana Wortham recommended a motion to name Middle School #15 for Charlie Pearson.

Pearson Middle School – located near Stonebrook Parkway and Teel

Charles Bishop Pearson served as a member of the Frisco ISD Board of Trustees from 1960-1972. He quickly became board president in his first year, a position he held for 10 years.

Charlie or C.B., as he is known to many, was born in Frisco area in a house located where Centennial High School now stands. He began his education at Frisco, but he finished his secondary education in Plano where his sharecropper parents moved when looking for work during the Great Depression. After graduating from high school, he began a degree in agriculture at Texas A&M College (now University) and served as a member of the Corps of Cadets. His education, however, was interrupted by WWII.

In 1943, Mr. Pearson left A&M and received a commission as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He trained as an artillery spotter for the Navy, and was one of the first men ashore when Marines landed on Okinawa. After the island was secured, his superiors selected him to lead the first contingent of Marines to sail into Tokyo Bay to validate the Japanese surrender. After hostilities were terminated, he was assigned to the Chinese theater before his return home for discharge.

Pearson completed his degree in Agriculture Science from Texas A&M College in 1946. After graduation, he returned to the Frisco area to farm and was recruited to teach Vocational Agriculture at Frisco High School. He married Emily Anne Kennedy in 1947. In 1958 the family, which now included four daughters, moved from Plano to west Frisco to start a dairy.

Upon return to Frisco, the Pearsons became active at the First Baptist Church and Mr. Pearson taught Sunday school classes. He was quickly elected to the Frisco School Board. He is known for successfully leading the board and voters to make important decisions to expand and improve the small school district. These included passing a bond to build Z.T. Acker Elementary, supporting a school band program, and the vote to desegregate. All four Pearson daughters graduated from Frisco High School. In 1979 the Pearsons' youngest daughter Libby, a graduate of Texas A&M University, died in an accident. As a result the family established a scholarship in her honor for Frisco graduates who would attend Texas A&M University. For 33 years, the Libby Louise Pearson Scholarship has been awarded to a deserving student at Frisco High School. The Pearsons retired from actively running the dairy in 1987, but remained active in the community, volunteering at First Baptist Frisco and then Stonebriar Community Church. They also traveled the world, working with missionaries on six continents helping the poor and assisting in construction projects. The Frisco Chamber of Commerce named Pearson the Silver Citizen of the Year in 2011. When he turned 90 in 2012, over 150 friends and community leaders attended a reception in his home where they thanked him for his many years of service to the community and Frisco ISD. He still maintains an active interest in the schools and in the operations of the District and the successes of its students.

Consider and Act on Naming Elementary School #38—Motion Passed

Shana Wortham recommended a motion to name Elementary School #38 for Armetha Norris.

Armetha Norris Elementary School – located on Independence Parkway across from and south of IHS

Armetha Norris was a respected parent and nurse when she approached the Frisco ISD School Board proposing a District health and school nurse program during the late 1970s. At that time Frisco schools



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had no written health policy and no school nurse.

Superintendent Justin Wakeland and the school board took her proposal to heart and hired her to develop a school nurse system and a school health program in 1978. The program she developed established an immunization program, a records keeping system, a school health policy manual, vision and hearing testing for students, health rooms in each school, skin and head lice testing and education, a referral program for children with health problems, blood pressure testing for employees, a migrant children's health program, support of health and science teachers, and a nurse volunteer program. That program is the foundation of the current school health and nursing program.

Armetha and her husband, Bob, an educator with Dallas ISD, moved to Frisco in 1961. They brought up three children here, became active members of the First United Methodist Church of Frisco and PTA. She was involved in diabetes and hypertension community education early on, helping develop a screening program in Little Elm. All three of their children graduated from Frisco ISD and daughter, Cheryl Staats, followed in her mother's footsteps to become a school nurse.

Mrs. Norris graduated from Dallas Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1950 and she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology in 1967 and her Masters of Science in Community Health Nursing in 1978, both from Texas Woman's University. As she brought up her family, she also worked as a nurse at the now-defunct Collin Memorial Hospital and helped as needed in the offices of Dr. D.G. Harrell in Dallas and Dr. Erwin G. Pink of Frisco. She was employed by Dallas ISD as a nurse for seven years before being hired by Frisco ISD.

Mrs. Norris led the FISD School Health program for seven years. During that time she also served as Secretary of the District's Community Education Advisory Council and was a member of the board of the Collin County Red Cross.

Mrs. Norris is a life-time member of PTA and was once nominated for School Nurse of the Year with the National Association of School Nurses.

Consider and Act on Naming Middle School #16—Motion Passed

Shana Wortham recommended a motion to name middle school #16 Lawler Middle School.

Lawler Middle School – located at the southeast corner of Coit Road and County Road 68

Native Texans, the Lawler family has served their state and nation since the first World War.

Theodocia Frances Hammock married William Robert Lawler in 1920 in Hillsboro, Texas. The West Texas farm girl attended Baylor College and majored in music before meeting Robert following his return from serving as a machine gunner in WWI. They had four children, William Robert, Jr., Atta Nadine, Roger, and Laverne. William Lawler worked in the oil fields in East Texas and farmed when he could.

William Jr. joined the Navy just before Pearl Harbor, serving on the USS Mobile during World War II. Roger joined the Navy in 1946, and after submarine school he served on the USS Chub, WW329 based in Pearl Harbor. He was honorably discharged in December 1947. He then attended North Texas Agricultural College in Arlington and joined the US Marine Corps Reserves, before being called to active duty in 1950. He then served in the USMC Squadron, VMF 214, the Black Sheep F4U Corsair squadron on the carrier USS Sicily, doing close air support off Pusan, South Korea. Later, his squadron was in the Inchon invasion, where they operated in South and North Korea on captured airfields until nearing the Chosin Reservoir. His commander on the USS Sicily was Captain James Thatch, who in WWII invented the "thatch weave" to defeat the faster Japanese Zero airplanes, saving hundreds of US pilots. After the US was forced out of North Korea, he applied for flight school, took the test and passed the physical, but because he was a reservist and had two years prior USN, he chose to return to college and was given an honorable discharge.

Mr. Lawler worked for United Airlines and then NACA, the predecessor of NASA. After about a year with NACA, where he was under Leonard Fairfield at Moffett Field putting NACA's first telemetering system in service (this was the beginning of communications to missiles and eventually satellites), he returned to Dallas in 1960 to begin his business career. He bought his first farm in Frisco at Coit Road and SH 121 in 1963 and moved there in 1969.

In 2014, Mr. Lawler donated \$1,000,000 to the Frisco Education Foundation, the largest single donation since its inception in 1999. That endowment will benefit graduating seniors for years to come who have an interest in an agricultural related field. This school is built on land he owned adjacent to his original



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farm and home place in Frisco.

Staff Report

Communications and Community Relations Report

Shana Wortham shared new school dedication dates/times with the board.

- James Reeder Newman Elementary School - Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m. at 12333 Briar Ridge Road.
- Pete and Gracie Hosp Elementary School - Sunday, September 14, 4 p.m. at 5050 Lone Star Ranch Parkway.
- Janice Stahly Scott Elementary School - Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m. at 10550 Millbend Drive, McKinney.
- T.H. "Sonny" and Joanne McSpedden Elementary School - Sunday, October 5, 4 p.m. at 14140 Countrybrook Drive.

Student Services Report

Kenny Chandler told the board about the 2nd Annual One Voice Back to School Bash on August 23rd, which was sponsored by Centennial Medical Center and LaVision. The event was a success with approximately 600 parents and students in attendance. Representatives from Curriculum and Instruction, Child Nutrition, Coordinated School Health departments, plus 36 agencies, programs and services were available to attendees. Everyone enjoyed the donated hot dogs, sodas and cupcakes. Centennial Medical Center donated 75 backpacks with school supplies. Pink Tea Rose Interest Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated provided 125 backpacks with school supplies along with numerous volunteers to assist in setting up the event. Additionally, they will provide a mentoring program to FISD high school girls and boys on the second Saturday of each month that will run concurrently with our Student and Parent Empowerment Program.

Next Regular Meeting: October 13, 2014