



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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Regular Board Meeting March 21 – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room

Approval of Minutes from February 4 Joint Meeting with City of Frisco and February 8 Regular Meeting—*Motion Passed*

The board honored students in a special recognition prior to the board meeting. The following groups were honored for their dedication and hard work (individual resolutions can be found in the Boardbook):

Centennial High School

Band
Choir
Orchestra
Wrestling

Heritage High School

Band
Orchestra
Swimming
Wrestling

Liberty HS

Perfect SAT Score
Band
Orchestra
Wrestling
Swimming/Diving
Girls Varsity Basketball

Frisco High School

Band
Orchestra
Swimming/Diving
Wrestling

Lone Star High School

Band
Swimming
Wrestling

Independence High School

Orchestra
Swimming

Reedy High School

Band
Choir
Swimming

Wakeland High School

Perfect ACT Score
Orchestra
Swimming
Wrestling

Find more information about student recognitions [here](#)

Celebration of Learning

The Board heard from students and staff at Hosp Elementary as part of the Celebration of Learning portion of the meeting. Principal Aaron Else discussed how the school celebrates diversity through a Multicultural Minute at school assemblies and then introduced students dressed in clothing typical of their home country. Students addressed the Board in their family's



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native language before translating in English and sharing information about their culture and traditions.

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; energy management controls for upcoming projects; library and custodial furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) startup budget for schools opening in August 2016; recommendation to approve 2016-2017 furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) start-up budget for schools opening in August 2016— a) Nelson Middle School

b) Lebanon Trail High School; purchase of smallwares and supplies for cafes at new campuses; purchase of cafe' computer systems for 2016-2017 new and refresh schools; purchase of wireless access points for 2016-2017 new and refresh schools; purchase of professional library eBooks; instructional materials allotment (IMA) and TEKS certification, 2016-2017; 2016 Limited English Proficiency (LEP) summer school schedule for incoming kindergarten and first grade bilingual/ESL students –*Motion Passed*

Discussion Regarding Preliminary Budget Outlook for 2016-17 School Year

See Presentation in Boardbook Find more information [here](#)

Consider and act on GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) for Phase 2 of Lone Star High School addition—Motion Passed

This addition completes the transition to 2,100 student capacity. This gets all of our high schools to the 2100 capacity.

Act on Athletic Facilities Renovations Summer Projects

2014 capital project planning included replacement of turf and resurfacing tracks and tennis courts as required to maintain safety and functionality. The base bid is \$772,973 from Hellas Construction. —**Motion Passed**

Act on Summer HVAC project Change Order #1—Motion Passed

The recommendation was made to approve the Summer HVAC project Change Order #1 in the amount of \$723,072.00 with Lee Lewis Construction.

Act on Risk Management and Insurance Consulting Services—Motion Passed

A proposal was submitted in response to RFP 465-2016-02-21 for Risk Management and Insurance Consulting Services. The response that provided the best value to the District was



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submitted by Roach Howard Smith & Barton. This agreement will secure insurance consulting services for a five-year term. The cost is \$15,000-\$20,000 annually based on services rendered.

Consider and Act on Approval of Joint Election Agreement between the City of Frisco and Frisco ISD—Motion Passed

Frisco ISD and the City of Frisco contract with Collin and Denton County to perform various duties and responsibilities on their behalf for a joint election. The order and county election contracts for the May 7, 2016 Board of Trustees, Place 1, 2 and 3 was approved at the February 8th Board meeting. The City of Frisco approved their order of the May election February 16th.

Discussion Regarding a Presentation by Dr. Gary Nye, Director of Assessment and Accountability See Presentation in Boardbook Find more information [here](#)

Consider and Act on Personnel Recommendations—Motion Passed

In the area of personnel, contracts were extended for the Superintendent, Instructional Support Team, Chief Financial Officer, Principals, Area Directors, Directors, Assistant Directors and Campus Athletic Coordinators.

The Board also approved the hiring of principals for three new schools opening this fall:

Susie Graham, currently principal at Bright Elementary, will open Vaughn Elementary. Graham has been principal of Bright for 10 years. She began her career in Frisco ISD in 1994 as a first grade teacher. She became an assistant principal in 2000 and helped open Bright in this leadership role in 2001. She also served as a principal in Jasper ISD for three years before returning to FISD. Her bachelor's and master's degrees are from Stephen F. Austin University.

Ashley Miller, currently assistant principal at Sem Elementary, has been named principal of Miller Elementary. Miller has more than a decade of teaching and administrative experience in Richardson, Lewisville and Frisco ISDs. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of North Texas and her master's degree is from Concordia University. She was named Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Region 10 Assistant Principal of the Year in spring 2015.



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Mitzi Garner, currently assistant principal at Trent Middle School, has been named principal of Nelson Middle School. Garner joined Frisco ISD in 2014 as an assistant principal at Wester Middle School. She previously worked in McKinney ISD as a middle school math teacher and department chair/instructional specialist, secondary math curriculum coordinator for the district and high school assistant principal. Her bachelor's degree is from San Diego State University and she has two master's degrees – one in Curriculum and Instruction from California State University Dominguez Hills and one in Educational Administration from Concordia University.

As the hiring season approaches, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Pamela Linton also shared information with the Board regarding professional learning opportunities that were held recently for all hiring managers regarding strategies for staff selection. In those trainings, staff members emphasized best practices for interview preparation, legalities related to the screening process, FISD's focus on staff diversity and effective recruitment strategies, including social media, among other topics.

Communication to and from the Board

Board Member Debbie Gillespie read a proclamation from Mayor Hillock of Little Elm celebrating public schools.

One citizen spoke about issues concerning cell towers.

Staff Reports

Curriculum and Instruction

Katie Kordel updated the board on Academic Decathlon. *See below.*

Destination Imagination (DI) Fourteen Frisco ISD DI teams have qualified to compete at the state level. State Academic Decathlon Results Seven Frisco ISD high school teams, Wakeland, Liberty, Frisco, Lone Star, Centennial, Heritage, and Independence, qualified to compete in the Texas Academic Decathlon State Tournament. We had three of our high schools place in the top 10 at state. Wakeland High School (3rd place) Centennial (5th place) Liberty High School (8th place)

Geography Bee Six Frisco ISD middle school students have qualified for the State Geography Bee which will be held in April.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) 55 Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students qualified for Nationals in Nashville, TN.

Business Professionals of America (BPA) 77 Business Professionals of America (BPA) students qualified for the state competition.



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Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) 97 Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) participants qualified for the state competition.

Science Fair 175 Frisco ISD students competed at the Dallas Regional Science Fair. One Frisco ISD student qualified for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Two Frisco ISD students received Grand Prizes. Fourteen FISD students placed in their category. Sixteen students have advanced to compete at the state level in the Exxon Mobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

Support Services

Doug Zambiasi informed the board about an award that the Frisco ISD transportation department received. March 12, 2016 Frisco ISD competed in the National Transporting Students with Disabilities (TSD) Special Needs Safety Roadeo in Louisville, Kentucky. Cherie Daniels and Chris Lowery participated in the competition and were crowned first place for their knowledge and skills. Judging included an open book test, pre-check inspection, driving and backing a bus, loading, unloading and securing students in wheelchairs, as well as, performance during an emergency and managing challenging student behavior.

Communications and Community Relations

Shana Wortham also updated the board about an award that Frisco ISD employees won for the newly designed district website at the TSPRA (Texas School Public Relations Association) annual conference. FISD received a Gold Star Award and Best of Category for websites in districts with more than 30,000 students. Some of the feedback we received included a good responsive design, good colors, good visuals, clean design and they liked the Departments A-Z page. Kudos to Jaime McCracken, Joshua Durham and Meghan Cone for their work and their continued efforts.

Next Board Meeting: April 11