



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

Board Members: Richard Beaver - Cindy DePaolantonio - Laura Ellison - Renee Ehmke - Dan Mossakowski - Buddy Minett - Brenda Polk

## Regular Meeting, December 11, 2006

### Pledges of Allegiance

Wakeland High School freshman Kenneth Hall led the audience in the pledges. He is a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

### Information

Members of the Frisco High School girls' cross country team were recognized for their outstanding efforts this year under the coaching of Sam Reiter and boys' coach Andrew Steele. The following team members worked hard and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in District, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regionals, 10<sup>th</sup> at State:

*Christina Harris*

*Dana Swann*

*Lauren Flores*

*Taylor Long*

*Katie Long*

*Mallory McKay*

*Kristen Matulis*

*Jessica Rodriguez*

*Haley Heppes*

*Maddie Scogna*

*With a very young team losing only one senior, we expect continued great things from them!*

### Action Items

*Consent Agenda* – These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; budget amendment; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred approved vendor list; truck for construction staff; deductive change order for Fowler Middle School; approval of tax office applying attorney fees of 15 percent to business personal property 60 days after it becomes delinquent; awarding of Frisco High School diploma; purchase of 32 DVR units totaling \$36,480.

### 2005-2006 Financial Audit

The Board approved the audit report submitted by Randy Howard of Pingleton and Howard. The district is in sound financial condition with sound accounting procedures in place. The firm did point out improvements needed in how federal funds are coded and expended.

### Presentation on state's new math and science graduation requirements (4X4)

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave an overview of the new graduation plan requiring all high school students in Texas,

beginning with the freshman class of 2007, to take four years each of English, Math, Science and Social Studies. This is an additional math and science requirement for 26 total credits (up from 24) under the Recommended High School Program. The state's intent is to provide a more rigorous high school program to enhance college preparedness.

Currently students are required to take Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry. Options for the fourth course will be pre-calculus, AP Statistics, AP calculus, Math Models (before Algebra II); Independent Study in Math; or concurrent enrollment in approved college courses. A Foundations for college math class is being proposed to meet the fourth year requirement. This would utilize a college textbook. It is felt that it would appeal to the students who want to stay current in their math skills in preparation for college but do not want to take the more rigorous route of calculus or statistics because they do not plan to pursue a major/career that is heavy in the math area.

In the area of science, students are now required to take Biology and then two courses of either Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), Chemistry and/or Physics. Some of the course options for a fourth credit are Earth and Space, Aquatics, Environmental Systems, Medical Microbiology, Pathophysiology, Geology, Anatomy and Physiology, Principles of Technology, Astronomy. The state will also do away with IPC as an option for students in five years.

One of the concerns with the increased requirements is the availability of teachers to teach the advanced math and science courses

### 2007-2008 Attendance Zones proposed

In October each year, FISD receives the updated fall projections and those numbers are used to draw the preliminary zones for review at the November Board meeting. Those proposals are communicated and input is taken from parents. An opportunity for citizen input is provided at the December board meeting as the board moves toward making a final decision on the new boundaries at the January board meeting.

As staff develops the proposed plans, they take into consideration issues of student stability, effective utilization of space, proximity to the school, diversity of the student body and unity in the community. No one factor is more important than another in this process of formulating zones. As FISD grows larger, fewer schools are impacted by rezoning. Only five elementary schools out of 22 will be impacted by zoning changes this year.

**Reba Cobb Carroll Elementary** will open and relieve Pink Elementary School. The new school, located off

Legacy at 4380 Throne Hall Drive, Frisco TX 75034, is projected to enroll 438 students in the fall. Pink's enrollment is projected at 519. The neighborhoods proposed to attend Carroll are Cobb Farm, Estates at Cobb Hill & Village at Cobb Hill, Heather Ridge Estates, Kings Garden, and Shaddock Creek Estates (Ph 5 & 6), along with *rural areas north of Main St. to Eldorado Pkwy. east of Legacy Dr. to the railroad track, and areas north of Panther Creek Pkwy. to FISD/Prosper boundary, and east of Tollway to railroad track.*

**Robertson Elementary in Sunset Point, 2501**

Woodlake Dr., Little Elm, Texas 75068, will relieve Boals Elementary School. Robertson's enrollment is projected at 579 and Boals Elementary at 617. The neighborhoods proposed to attend Robertson are Frisco Ranch, Grayhawk (north of Panther Creek), Marina Vista and Sunset Pointe (in FISD), along with *rural areas north of Panther Creek Pkwy. to US 380, west of Teel Pkwy. over to FISD/Little Elm boundary, and areas west of FM 723 to Witt Rd. (FISD/Little Elm boundary) and south of FM 720 to Kings Rd.* This proposal is the best option for delaying the opening of an additional elementary school for a couple of years.

**Charlie and Charlotte Mooneyham Elementary in**

Heights of Westridge (2301 Eden Dr., McKinney, TX 75070) will relieve Ashley Elementary. Mooneyham is projected to enroll 540 students in the fall of 2007; Ashley is projected to enroll 691 students. Based on current projections, another school will be needed in this area in 2008. The neighborhoods proposed to attend Mooneyham Elementary are Heights of Westridge, Villages at Willow Bay, Winsor Meadows, and *rural areas north of Eldorado Pkwy. to FISD/Prosper boundary, east of Coit to Independence, and north of Westridge Blvd. to Westridge Golf Club.*

**In order to relieve crowding at Shawnee Trail Elementary School, some areas need to be rezoned to Gunstream Elementary School.** The neighborhoods that are being proposed for rezoning to Gunstream are Preston Vineyards IV (*Roundtable south of Castle, #7707 and lower; Camelot east of Sonoma Valley, #10213 and higher*), Parkside Estates and Plantation Estates.

**With Pat and Catherine Fowler Middle School (3801 McDermott Rd. Plano, TX 75025) opening in the fall of 2007, Clark Middle School will be receiving relief, but Wester Middle School is also being impacted to help create the best situation for all three middle schools for the future.** If all of the elementary schools south of 121 were to be zoned to Fowler, it would become too large too quickly, with Clark gaining enrollment very slowly. This would also impact Liberty and Centennial High Schools. The current option is to have Anderson, Borchardt and Taylor elementary schools be zoned for Fowler, and to have Smith, Riddle and most of Shawnee Trail attending Clark Middle School. The only part of Shawnee Trail (under the proposed elementary modifications discussed above) that would still attend Wester Middle School would be Lakes of Preston

Vineyards. *Current neighborhoods now in Shawnee Trail but proposed for Gunstream Elementary for next year that would also stay at Wester as their middle school are Preston Vineyards IV, Parkside Estates and Plantation Estates.* These modifications would allow all three middle schools to grow steadily and have enrollments in the high 800s to high 900s in the 2010-2011 school year. Enrollment projections for Fowler in the fall of 2007 under this plan are at 590, with Clark at 651 and Wester at 778.

Also discussed in the Board meeting was the impact of zoning decisions on Centennial and Liberty High Schools. Riddle is currently in the Liberty High zone. If Riddle stays in the Clark Middle School zone as proposed, the 58 students who are currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades at Liberty may have a one time option to choose whether to stay at Liberty or go to Centennial since Clark Middle School feeds Centennial.

The proposed zone maps and zone descriptions can be found at [www.friscoisd.org](http://www.friscoisd.org). Questions and comments can be forwarded to Dennis Brent, FISD internal demographer, at [brentd@friscoisd.org](mailto:brentd@friscoisd.org) or 469-633-6207. He compiles all input and the Board receives weekly updates of citizen comments. As of the time of the Board meeting, Mr. Brent had heard from 49 families regarding the rezoning options. Eight of those were in the Boals to Robertson area; three were in the Pink to Carroll area; seven were in the Shawnee Trail to Gunstream area; one was in the Ashley to Mooneyham area; three were in the Wester and Clark areas; and 27 were in the Riddle area being considered for staying at Clark. Fourteen parents spoke during the public hearing time of the meeting regarding the topic of rezoning. Staff will continue to evaluate the options and look at all scenarios.

**Construction Issues**

The Board received an initial look at the design of high school #5. The construction managers for the next two high schools were named – Lee Lewis for #5 and Hunt for #6. Charter Builders were approved as the contractors for middle school #8, and Gallagher was named as the construction agent for the second phase of Rogers Elementary's HVAC project for the summer.

**Naming of Future Schools**

The Board approved the recommendation of names for two elementary schools to open in 2008 and the two middle schools opening in 2008. The recommendations for the next two high schools will come forward at a meeting in the near future. See the attached sheet for information on the namesakes for the upcoming schools.

**Next Board Meeting – January 8, 2007**

*January is School Board Appreciation Month  
A reception for current and former Board members will be held prior to the meeting.*