



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

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

Regular Meeting May 22, 2006

Student Recognitions

The FISD Board of Trustees recognized many student groups for their outstanding achievements.

Centennial High School honored its first valedictorian and salutatorian for its inaugural graduating class. Yingda Bi, who received five scholarships and will study economics at the University of Texas at Dallas, was named Valedictorian, and Kaely Kantaris was named Salutatorian. Kantaris received three scholarships and will study at the University of Arkansas.

Also recognized was Corey Munns, Varsity boys' Golf member, for placing 9th at state and being named All State in the 4A conference.

Four Centennial High School students were honored for advancing to state UIL competition. They were Luke Gunderson, Norm Qi, Analisa Packham and Michael Brown.

Caleb Whisler, the state VASE Medal winner from Centennial High School, was honored for his art accomplishment.

Narine Kazarova, Centennial High School Varsity Girls' Tennis member, was honored for her tennis achievements of 1st place in district, 1st place in Regionals and 3rd place in State. This was her third year to advance to state.

The Centennial High School Speech and Debate students were honored for their performance this year. Britani Bertrand, Jon Mark Howeth and Spenser Sydow were Texas Forensics State Qualifiers and Sydow was also 2nd in the Lincoln Douglas Debate and 6th in Informative Speaking at the UIL State Meet.

Frisco High School students were also honored, they include:

The Frisco High School Art Department had several award winning students this year. Frisco Independent School District won the coveted Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Celebration Award. Travis Chick and Derick Lowe were honored for their 2005 National Art Honor Society State Slide Registry entries. Logan Fair was honored for winning the State Youth Art Month Texas Flag Design and for being the Texas representative to the National Flag Ceremony in Washington. Blake O'Brien won the State Capitol Youth Art Month Show. Travis Case, Blake O'Brien, Logan Fair, Melissa Stepczyk and Taylor Williams were state VASE medal winners. Travis Case, Ashley Phillips, Blake O'Brien and Monica Serowski, were winners in the Young

American Talent Art Show. Also honored were the participants in the 2006 National Art Honor Society State Slide Registry which included, Joseph Weber for Digital/Computer art, Logan Fair, a blue ribbon winner, Ravi Patel, also a blue ribbon winner, and Ashlyn Greenwood, Jasmine Kim, Allison Mayes, Ravi Patel and Devon Reynolds.

Steven Zhu of Frisco High School was honored for his 2nd place standing in math and his 5th place standing in science at the state UIL competition.

Bob Barber and Eric Stromme, were honored for their Cross Examination Debate at the Texas Forensics Association state competition and Stromme was also honored for being named National Forensic League Qualifier.

Canvass of Votes

The Board officially canvassed the results of the May 13 Election. The voters authorized the issuance of \$798 million in bonds to construct 19 schools, support facilities, and the purchase of school sites, technology, buses, and security equipment.

2026 total votes cast

1465 For

561 Against

72 percent in favor

The names of Cindy DePaolantonio and Buddy Minett stayed on the ballot even though they did not have opponents because the district had a referendum on the ballot. Mrs. DePaolantonio is beginning her third term; Mr. Minett is beginning his second term.

Reorganization of the Board

Buddy Minett and Cindy DePaolantonio took their oath of office and the board reorganized, voting on the existing officers for another year of service – Buddy Minett, president; Richard Beaver, vice president; Laura Ellison, secretary.

Action Items

Consent Agenda – These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; payments to vendors, architects and contractors; budget amendments; preferred approved vendor list; shared services agreement with the Plano Regional Day School for the Deaf; Board Policy EIC (Local) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking; award for two 2007 International 4200 SBA 4X2 trucks; award for student picture contracts; purchase miscellaneous furniture, fixtures, equipment and supplies for Wakeland and Liberty High

Schools and Corbell, Taylor, Sem and Ogle Elementaries; award for fire alarm and suppression systems; investment policy; sole source provider for irrigation controls; three-month lease of moving crates for the relocation of materials and equipment from one campus to another; proposal to relocate thirteen portable buildings; proposal to screen/recoat secondary gym floors; foreign language lab; wireless wide area network; backup retrieval system; network software; virus protection software.

Intradistrict Transfer Appeal

Parents appealed the administrative decision to deny their transfer request to allow their elementary student to remain at Spears even though they live in the Curtsinger attendance zone. Spears is projected to be over 90 percent capacity in the upcoming year. The Board upheld the administrative decision.

Parents appealed the administrative decision to deny their transfer request to allow their high school daughters to remain together at either Frisco High or Wakeland High. The Board upheld the administrative decision.

A parent appealed the administrative decision to deny their transfer request from Centennial to Liberty High School. The board took no action pending more information being gathered.

Clarification of modification to the Gunstream attendance zone

This zone was updated in February to include the neighborhood just east of Coit at the corner of Main. This change will place this area in the Wester feeder system and in Centennial High.

Technology Purchases for 2006-2007

The Board approved the purchase of software for human resources and business services.

Construction Issues

The Board approved the bid of \$400,000 for (well-drilling) for Phase 1 of the HVAC system replacement at Rogers Elementary. This bid was awarded to Earth Tech. These geothermal systems require less maintenance and provide savings of approximately 25 percent annually at our elementary schools on electric utility costs.

The Board approved the bid of \$935,500 for the Throne Hall road project to Carroll Elementary. The bid was awarded to JRJ Paving.

The Board approved the relocation of the practice field at Griffin Middle School to accommodate the construction of a new fire house. The city will reimburse the district for the cost.

2006-2007 Budget Update

Based on current understandings of the new finance plan, Director of Finance Rusty Craig gave a budget update report to the Board for 2006-2007. It appears that we will

take our current M&O tax rate and multiply it by 88.67 percent, which would come to a rate of \$1.17. A district then has discretion to add four cents to their new tax rate. This is not an enrichment tax rate increase but will be needed by many districts to replace programs they had cut due to being at the tax cap. For a district growing as rapidly as FISD, it will be needed for costs associated with opening new schools.

Based on FISD's preliminary taxable values, Mr. Craig estimates maintenance and operations tax revenue at \$130 million. This is considering values at \$10.9 billion at a tax rate of \$1.21 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a collection rate of 98 percent. Other revenue to consider is ag rollback collections, interest income and facility rental income.

Again, based on what the district knows at this point, an additional \$11.7 million should be provided by the state in aid. FISD's recapture payment under the new legislation is estimated at \$14.9 million.

Discussion of future options for location of elementary bilingual program

Dr. Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, discussed that as this program continues to grow in enrollment, staff is continuing to review options for the future. Currently more than 300 students are enrolled in the elementary bilingual program, which is located at Christie Elementary. By splitting the program, FISD could reduce the numbers at Christie and could move at least a classroom per grade level to Bright, which for many of the students is their home campus. This would incur costs in personnel and materials and Dr. Nelson stated that the administration was not ready to make this recommendation at this time. With the district opening six new schools this year - two being high schools - the district is very conscious of monitoring costs at this time. They will continue to monitor/study and may very well need to make this recommendation in the near future.

Staff Highlights

Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Nelson updated the Board that FISD will now offer high school students two options for locations to secure college course credit through the dual enrollment program. Collin County Community College will continue to offer classes and Dallas Baptist University will now be available. Courses that FISD students are able to take for high school and college credit are Economics, American Government, English I, and College Algebra. Many students choose to access these courses in order to graduate high school with college credits, and the lower tuition costs are also an attractive incentive.

Next Board Meeting – June 5, 2006