



# 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 April 10, 2006**

### **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; preferred approved vendor list; fifth grade environmental education camp contracts for the 2006-2007 school year; purchase of secondary math manipulatives; change order #2 at Wakeland High School for sanitary sewer to be reimbursed by adjacent developer; change order #1 deduct for Fowler Middle School; approval of Frisco ISD Wellness Policy; four-year copier lease with Xerox.

### **Intradistrict Transfer Appeal**

Parents appealed the administrative decision to deny their transfer request to allow their 11<sup>th</sup> grade student to attend WHS from FHS so that the student could attend school with the younger sibling who will be a freshman. The Board upheld the administrative denial.

### **Modification to the Isbell/Ogle attendance zones for the '06-'07 school year involving areas currently unpopulated**

In looking at the updated projections for this area, it felt that the best decision would be to keep the area south of Main Street and east of Custer in Isbell. This places the projections for Ogle at 548 for 2006 and 779 for 2007 and for Isbell at 665 for 2006 and 750 for 2007. It is hoped that this may help delay the opening of an additional elementary school until 2008. The enrollment numbers will be monitored closely and if the early student numbers are high, this will be reviewed and a recommendation may come forward to proceed with another elementary for 2007 in that area.

### **Technology Purchases for 2006-2007**

The Board approved the purchase of computers and printers from Dell.

They also approved the purchase of projectors from M&A Technology for FHS.

Trustees also approved new software services for security; the install at the new schools will be done by McKinney Security.

### **Construction Issues**

*Career and Technology Education Plan and Construction Timeline*

The Career and Technology Center is planned to open 2008. This will provide instruction in these programs at a centralized location for juniors and seniors and save money on expensive equipment that will not have to be replicated at each campus. The Ag Science/Manufacturing classes that involve building/construction trades skills, small engine repair, metal fabrication, etc., are continuing to gain interest among students. Many enjoy working with their hands or may want to develop these skills for life or part-time or full-time employment. Centennial students currently come to FHS for this course. The board approved additions at the FHS site to help accommodate other students next year from WHS and LHS, as well. Before committing to move ahead with the construction of a similar site at CHS that would meet the needs of the high schools on that side of the district, the Board wanted more information on how many students are waiting to take the course and how well this concept works with scheduling and transportation next year with multiple high schools using one site.

### *Digital Marquees*

Staff brought forward a recommendation to begin converting the schools' marquees to digital units. Schools and parents have asked for this as an improved communication tool, as well as a way to use time more efficiently, reduce opportunity for vandalism, etc. Due to the cost of the units, the Board only approved the high school use of the digital marquees at this time, with the middle schools being considered next year and the elementary schools in the following year. New schools will get the marquees, however, with construction funds. Corporate sponsorships will be pursued as will the possibility of shared costs with the campus and their parent groups.

### **Other Construction Issues**

The Board approved the construction manager at-risk method to be used for the CATE Center.

They also approved that a fourth elementary be added as an alternate on the bid for elementary #3 in case it is decided in August that it is needed for 2007.

Capital projects were approved for the summer, including replacing of the HVAC system at Rogers which is 20 years old. This will take two summers to complete.

A change order for Gillespie Drive at the Taylor site was also approved.

**Next Board Meeting – May 22, 2006**