



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

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Regular Meeting, November 13, 2006

Pledges of Allegiance

Frisco High School FFA member Leslie Amos led the pledges.

Information

Members of the Frisco High School FFA PR team gave a presentation on the National FFA organization and what it means in FISD. They used the theme of puzzle pieces to demonstrate how FFA fits in all aspects of life.

In the photo are team members Leslie Amos, junior, Keith Salmon, Junior, Teacher Nita Bankson, Ally Crutcher, sophomore, and Jessica Steelman, senior.

The National FFA Organization sponsors Leadership Development Events or LDEs each year. For the public relations contest the topic was for students to present to a school board about their FFA program and assume that the board has no prior knowledge of FFA. The team competed at Texas A&M Commerce and won first. To prepare for the presentation developed a ten question survey for the board and Dr. Reedy regarding what they knew about agriculture.



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; award for preferred approved vendor list; deductive change order for Ogle Elementary; deductive change order for Sem Elementary; sale of 1991 vehicle; additional parking at Clark Middle School; purchases of non-food products for child nutrition; contracted services for

fixed asset management program; secondary mathematics textbook adoption committee for 2006-2007; TEA waiver limiting the number of foreign exchange students (Our current waiver expires at the end of the school year. We are requesting a new 3-year waiver, but we are expanding the number of foreign exchange students that we accept to 18. This increase is due to the addition of two new high schools. Our District Improvement Team approved this waiver on November 9, 2006.); clarifying change to Board Policy FDA (Local) Admissions: Interdistrict Transfers; newly trained appraiser for Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) for the 2006-2007 school year; newly developed evaluation instrument for the Director of Fine Arts position.

Report on after-school programming using private providers

Sally Turner gave a presentation on the status of the current after-school programs provided through contracts with AlphaBest and the YMCA. The YMCA has been working with the district since 1985 to provide after school programming and AlphaBest or its counterpart has been involved in provided after-school care since 1997. Both are licensed childcare providers. Consistently, about 12-14 percent of our K-5 grade students participate in these two programs; that is currently 1,959 students. Originally the YMCA was a more recreational option, but both now provide a schedule that begins with attendance accounting and a snack and moves into literacy/story time, homework support, academic reinforcement, arts and humanities, health/wellness/fitness, mathematics, social competence/conflict resolution. Several districts run their own programs for financial reasons. At this time, FISD will look to develop a Request for Proposal for the provision of the programs, with a percentage coming back to the district to help cover the costs of utilities, maintenance of the buildings, etc. Currently, the two programs do not pay to use the schools. The RFP will go out in January, with a decision to potentially be made in March. This process will give other potential providers the opportunity to present what they could offer in the way of a strong after-school program.

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 will also be extended 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. Although two options were presented to the Board, the preferred 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 9th and 10th 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.

Additionally, program issues were discussed. At this time, the elementary bilingual program is housed at Christie Elementary School. The school is not overcrowded at this time and has room to continue to house the program. The district has looked at splitting the program between Christie and possibly Bright Elementary, which is projected to have an enrollment close to capacity next year. Due to Christie having space and the cost estimates of splitting the program, the district is not recommending a change for this next school year.

The proposed zone maps and zone descriptions can be found at www.friscoisd.org. Questions and comments can be forwarded to Dennis Brent, FISD internal demographer, at brentd@friscoisd.org or 469-633-6207. He will compile all input and the Board will receive weekly updates of citizen comments.

Construction Issues

Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance, reminded the Board of the different delivery methods that are available to districts in constructing schools and also discussed the need for an additional maintenance and construction services facility that would be on CHS property, across from the current Service Center on Rolater. The Board approved using Core Construction for the building of the manufacturing lab at CHS which would

serve students in the eastern area of the district. They also approved the construction manager-at-risk method for construction delivery for the next two high schools and the construction manager-agent delivery method for the second phase of the HVAC system at Rogers. The Board also approved additional display case construction for academic recognition at FHS and CHS.

Event Updates

October 28 – Gary Burns Frisco Fun Run – raised \$111,000 for the Frisco Education Foundation

November 10 – Chili Challenge – raised \$9,000 for the Foundation toward the Sue Stafford Scholarship Fund

November 11 – Community Parade, 10 a.m. Main Street.

Thanks to all for their participation in saluting our troops!

Next Board Meeting – December 11, 2006