



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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Regular Meeting, February 12, 2007

Pledges of Allegiance

Frisco High School senior Whitney Newman led the audience in the pledges.

Recognitions

The Board recognized the efforts of Centennial and Frisco High School Band students who auditioned and were placed in the All-State Band. More than 10,000 band students in Texas auditioned for the 50-60 slots available. From CHS, Nicholas Orlofsky (Oboe) and Aaron Montoya (Trumpet) were introduced by their teacher Tim Linley and principal Randy Spain. From FHS, senior Whitney Newman, French Horn (made 1st chair at state auditions), and junior Gun Choi, Bass Clarinet, (made 3rd chair) were introduced by their teacher Preston Hazzard and their principal Rick Burnett.

The Board also commended Curtsinger 5th grader Sam Ehmke for his heroic life-saving action on behalf of his friend Nick Bleggi. While at lunch on January 10, Nick began choking on an orange slice. Concerned that his friend was already beginning to lose consciousness, Sam acted quickly and performed the Heimlich maneuver.

Action Items

Consent Agenda – These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; amendment of district's agreement with attorney for the collection of delinquent taxes; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred approved vendor list; maximum class-size waiver (We currently have 19 out of 574 classrooms in K-4 that have more than 22 students in the classroom. In most cases, there are just 23 students in the classroom.); award for purchase of furniture, equipment, and supplies for Robertson, Carroll, and Mooneyham elementaries and Liberty High School; secondary math textbooks; innovative course request (The ISM course designation must be approved annually.); additional funds for network connectivity; purchases of child nutrition equipment for campuses.

Bonds

The Board adopted the bond order and approved the sale of Series 2007 bonds, including the refunding of the callable portion of the outstanding Series 2000 bonds. The total sale and refunding was for \$95 million, with \$70 million of that going toward the following projects: land purchases; the completion of Liberty High, Carroll, Mooneyham and Robertson Elementary schools; portions of high school

number #5 and #6 (design and site work); portions of the CATE building; the beginning of Stafford and Scoggins Middle, Elliott and Tadlock Elementary schools and a future elementary; purchase of buses, technology, security; and maintenance projects, transportation and service center additions.

The rate of 4.40 is very close to the all-time low the district has ever received; by refunding some bonds, the district will save \$2.8 million in interest.

2007-2008 Attendance Zones Approved

The FISD Board of Trustees approved the elementary attendance zones for the 2007-2008 school year and the zone for Fowler Middle School and adjustments to Wester Middle School's zone in January. The Clark Middle School zone was finalized this month.

Because of the location of the Christie Elementary zone, the district administration has always felt that at some point they would consider it as a better fit for attending Centennial High School rather than Frisco High. With the opening of Fowler Middle School south of 121, and most of the Clark Middle School zone attending that new middle school, this gave the district the ability to look at making some adjustments to Wester, Clark and Staley in order to balance enrollments for the next five years. These adjustments will also impact Frisco High and Centennial High School for the future and helps them maintain balanced enrollments until such time that we open future high schools.

Students who live in the Christie zone will now be rezoned from Staley/Frisco High to Clark/Centennial. Students who live in the Christie zone who are already attending Staley can continue at Staley/Frisco High. Eighth graders entering high school must decide on Frisco High or Centennial and stay there. Parental input on this change was favorable.

The new zone maps and zone descriptions are located on the FISD website.

Middle School Enrollment Cap

Last year for the first time the district had to implement an enrollment cap for elementary schools of 860 (13 percent over capacity). Next year, district officials believe there is the potential for Roach and Griffin Middle School to exceed capacity during the year. The district will use the guideline of capping middle school enrollment at 12 percent over capacity (For most middle schools this is 1,120 students – for Staley it is 896 students). If a school were to open over this enrollment amount, that first day enrollment would then be the cap. Within these guidelines, administrators will have flexibility as enrollments dip due to mobility of students.

Board Operating Guidelines

The board subcommittee has developed guidelines for board operations based on the best practices they have gleaned from other districts and in attending meetings. These guidelines are now finalized and will be helpful to not only this board, but future boards.

Naming of High Schools Number #5 and #6

The two names approved by the Board are *Heritage and Lone Star*.

Heritage High School (for the school being built in the northeast quadrant of the district – north of Eldorado and west of Independence near the fire station) – Frisco and the surrounding area has a rich and diverse heritage and the community is committed to preserving our past as a means of protecting and ensuring our future. The early settlements (before Frisco existed) and the importance of education to those settlers, the cattle drives along the trails, the railroad and agricultural all had significant impact on the spirit and formation of what is today Frisco. That pioneer spirit is an integral part of the rapid growth of these communities – a place that is open to change and committed to leaving its mark on the pages of history. Our students are a great part of this new heritage and they are certainly creating a legacy of success for others.

Lone Star (for the high school being built in the northwest quadrant of the district/northeast intersection of Teel and Panther Creek) – We brag that everything is bigger and better in Texas, and there is no star that shines brighter than our Lone Star. The pride of the Lone Star state is evident and the symbolism of the flag dates back to the early Republic of Texas. Pride in our state rivals our pride as members of this great nation and our spirit of patriotism. The vastness of our state symbolizes the bountiful opportunity available to our students in this land of opportunity, and our students are shining stars ready to take off in bright futures.

Heritage High School colors are maroon and gold; Lone Star High School colors are dark blue and silver.

These schools are scheduled to open in 2009 with 9th and 10th graders. Heritage should relieve Liberty High and Lone Star should relieve Wakeland.

Maintenance and Grounds Issues

The Board approved the landscape and mowing contract, awarding it to Dynamist for \$613,000. This company also does work for Plano ISD. The scope of work will include mowing, mulching, spreading chemicals, pruning and weeding. Contracting these services out will allow the in-house Fisd crews to concentrate on athletic fields and will prevent us from having to add staff.

The Board also approved the purchase of a double-man scissor lift.

Construction Projects

The Board approved the bid for the Rogers Elementary HVAC project (second phase) to Gallagher for \$1.9 million. This geothermal system installation is costing more than at the new schools due to having to work in a compressed timeline and within an existing facility.

The Board also approved the competitive sealed proposal for Scoggins Middle School. The contractor will be Hisaw at a cost of \$20 million.

Summer projects were also approved at a cost of \$744,000. These projects to be done by Peterson will include new carpet and paint for Clark Middle School, Shawnee Trail and the Student Opportunity Center. Clark and Shawnee opened in 2000 and the SOC was last upgraded at that same time.

Consultant Services for Internal Controls

The firm of Weaver-Tidwell was approved as the outside consulting firm to do an in-depth analysis of our internal controls and business-related functions.

Long-Range facility assessment for special programs classrooms and support facilities for administration, services and storage

Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance, discussed the need for continued planning regarding how we will accommodate special programs and the expanding need for support services as the district grows. He will continue to survey other districts and work with the Administration and the Board regarding our philosophical approach to having cluster programs or centralized services and also whether we will address office/warehouse space with building, adding to existing space (possibly middle schools) or re-use available space in the community.

Personnel

The Board extended the two-year contracts of Assistant Superintendents, the Director of Communications, the Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, the Athletic Director, the Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board, and all Principals and Directors (one year).

Superintendent's Contract and Compensation

The Board extended Dr. Reedy's contract through 2009-2010 and adjusted his salary based on a salary survey of comparable school districts.

Staff Reports

Dr. Reedy has discussed with city officials the possible use of city council chambers for Fisd Board meetings in the future as the district grows much larger. There is a willingness on the part of the city to accommodate these meetings and Dr. Reedy will continue these discussions under the Board's direction if they so desire.

Next Board Meeting – March 5, 2007