



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, April 2, 2007

Pledges of Allegiance

Frisco High School senior Josh Pena led the audience in the pledges.

Recognitions

The Board recognized the efforts of FISD high school students who advanced to state competition in the areas of wrestling, swimming and diving, and basketball. Please see the attached resolutions for highlights of these students' accomplishments.

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; purchase of student agenda/planners for the 2007-2008 school year; award for foam soap and hand sanitizer (62% alcohol) proposal; payment for program management software; Corbell and Taylor Elementary deductive Change Order #1; top dressing materials for purchase for district grounds.

Certification of Unopposed Candidates and approval of Order of Cancellation for May 12, 2007, Board of Trustees Election

This board action item officially cancels the election as the incumbents drew no opposition.

Preliminary Budget Outline

Director of Finance Rusty Craig presented preliminary budget estimates based on the limited financial information available at this time. In his estimates Mr. Craig used estimated taxable values at \$13 billion, an increase of \$2 billion over current values. Based on the understanding of the second year of changes brought about by HB 1, we believe the continued compression of the M&O tax rate, and the estimate of what our effective tax rate will be (rate that generates same revenue as last year), will mean a potential tax rate of 96 cents for FISD. This is assuming the effective tax rate will be 92 cents and that we will add four cents as allowed by HB 1 because we were at a tax rate less than \$1.50 in 2005-2006. This tax rate and TIF revenue, minus our reduced recapture payment, along with an estimated increase in state funding would put our revenue potential at \$188.9 million. Current year payroll expenditures are \$126 million. An estimated amount of \$16.7 million will be needed

for new personnel. Looking at an estimated four percent of mid-point salary range raise for returning employees, this would place payroll costs at \$149 million. Other budget considerations are increases in supplies for growth, increased utility costs, and the start-up costs for the new buildings. A total preliminary budget estimate for expenditures for 2007-2008 is \$183 million. Consideration must be given as well to building our fund balance in order to retain the highest bond ratings for FISD. The estimated payment for 2007-2008 for retiring bonded indebtedness is \$63 million. All of this will still mean a significant tax rate reduction for local property owners. We are still uncertain how potential reductions being considered for senior citizens whose taxes are frozen may impact revenue estimates.

Construction Issues

Lone Star High School Layout – SHW presented a modified site plan based on input at the last Board meeting. The design was also adjusted at the front of the building in order to create a more pronounced entry.

Playground surfacing for Anderson, Carroll and Fisher – Mr. Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance, discussed with the Board the study of adding accessibility surfaces at these playgrounds where there are the most special needs students who have mobility concerns in getting to the playgrounds. He will get the Board more information on durability and warranty concerns as he moves forward with a bid.

Robertson and Mooneyham updates – Millwork delivery issues at these campuses have slowed timelines for completion. Representatives of Adolphson & Peterson Construction and the millwork subcontractor are working together to remedy the situation by bringing in additional installers to utilize the subcontractors materials and get them in the buildings more quickly. The commitment is to have the buildings complete by June for occupancy.

Briar Ridge Road Contract – The Board approved the award of the contract to LH Lacy for \$1.2 million. This is the road to the west of the new elementary site that is north of Griffin Middle School. We are responsible for 40 percent of this contract and will be reimbursed for 20 percent by the city. The developer is responsible for the remainder.

Transportation Center proposal – The Board approved the competitive sealed proposal of Hisaw for the west Transportation Center located by Wakeland High School.

Legacy site elementary school delivery method – If it is determined that we need to utilize the new Legacy site for an elementary school in 2008, the Construction Manager at Risk

method will be recommended due to the tight timeline.
Summer Projects Package 2 – The Board approved the competitive sealed proposal for these projects.
Elementary sites – The Board approved the purchase of two elementary school sites.

Technology

Cameras - The Board approved utilizing McKinney Security for the installation of security cameras for new and existing campuses.

Wireless WAN system – The Board approved Calence for installing the wireless WAN at our four new schools. As part of our disaster recovery program, we provide redundant connectivity by using a wireless WAN.

Copier Lease – The Board approved Xerox for providing the additional equipment needed for the next three years.

Document Cameras – The Board approved Master AV as the vendor to provide Lumens cameras in the district.

Moving services – Due to the amount of equipment needing to be moved this summer in a short timeline, the Board approved the utilization of Delcom movers.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board approved the hiring of assistant principals. Mindy Arends will be the assistant principal at Sparks Elementary; Rebecca Bustillos will be the assistant principal at Boals Elementary; Jina Eksaengsri will be the assistant principal at Riddle Elementary; Dana Ewing will be the assistant principal at Carroll Elementary; Nancy Hightower will be the assistant principal at Shawnee Trail Elementary; and Monica Treadwell will be the assistant principal at Mooneyham Elementary.

Staff Reports

Curriculum and Instruction- Dr. Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, reported that the district has received results from the first administration of TAKS reading for Grades 3 and 5. In third grade, we tested 2,179 students in either English or Spanish and 93 percent of the students met standard with 55 percent receiving commended status. In order for students to be commended, they must correctly answer 34 out of 36 questions. In fifth grade, 91 percent of the students met standard and 41 percent were commended out of the 1,975 students tested. In fifth grade, students must correctly answer 39 questions out of 42 to receive commended status. All students who did not meet standard have had individual reading plans developed for them and will be receiving additional support through Accelerated Reading Instruction (ARI), as required by the state. They will take the reading test again on April 18.

Technology - Terry Cornelius, Executive Director for Technology and Information Services, reported that he has visited with both the Technology and Curriculum sub-

committees about adding the wireless keyboards and Interwrite Pads to our standards. These tools have been researched and piloted with teachers during this school year, receiving positive results and comments. Teachers report that they allow them to be more mobile in the classroom and allow better interaction with the students during lessons. Mr. Cornelius will be looking at pricing and surveying how widely they will be utilized.

Facilities and Finance – Mr. Wilkinson reported that the Fire Department Safety Town School House Building is complete and that we have Corgan Associates, Inc., CORE Construction and Adolfson and Peterson Construction for to thank for their donation of construction funds, time and man power for the construction of this new school house located in the City of Frisco's Fire Department Safety Town. The contribution by CORE Construction and Adolfson and Peterson Construction to the city of Frisco and the children of the community will be greatly appreciated for many years to come. Frisco Fire Safety Town (<http://www.ci.frisco.tx.us/departments/Fire/index.aspx?id=3002>) is a one of a kind facility in the United States. It was designed as a multi-purpose venue where education in all areas of fire and life safety can be taught. With out great companies and partners like CORE Construction and Adolfson and Peterson Construction, projects like this could not happen. The educational value provided by this program to ALL Frisco elementary school children has been enhanced greatly with their assistance.

Administrative Services – Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, reported that the district will be utilizing the Region X Safe Schools Survey with 7th-10th graders in late July as a means of gauging (anonymously) issues related to school/student safety, such as drug and alcohol use, bullying, etc. We should have the results by June and can use this information to better tailor programming to meet the needs of our students, staff, parents and community.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 9-13 – Kindergarten Round Up

April 12 – FEF Scholarship Night

April 26 – Frisco Community Night at Pizza Hut Park

On this date our home town professional soccer team FC Dallas will be hosting the NY Red Bulls at Pizza Hut Park. Game time is 7:00pm and it will be televised live to a national TV audience on ESPN2. Every student will be given a voucher for a free ticket to this game, and every family can buy additional vouchers at a discounted rate of \$16 for the best seats in the stadium...and on the TV side!! Two dollars from every voucher/ticket purchased will be donated directly back to the Frisco Education Foundation. An additional contribution will be made on every ticket/voucher used that night. Parking for all FC

Dallas games are FREE!

May 7 – FISD Service Pin Recognition Ceremony

May 18 – Teachers on Ice

Next Board Meeting – May 21, 2007