



# 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, May 21, 2007

### Pledges of Allegiance

Centennial High School sophomore Kelsey Jarzombek led the audience in the pledges.

### Oath of Office

Keri Miller, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board, administered the Oath of Office to Laura Ellison, Renee Ehmke and Dan Mossakowski, incumbents who faced no opposition for reelection. Mrs. Ellison is beginning her fourth term and 10<sup>th</sup> year of service. Mrs. Ehmke and Mr. Mossakowski are beginning their second terms and fourth years of service.

### Reorganization of the Board

Buddy Minett was elected again as president; Richard Beaver as vice president; and Laura Ellison as secretary.

### Recognitions

The Board recognized the efforts of FISD high school students who advanced to state competition in the areas of UIL academics, art, fine arts, track and field, tennis, German contest, golf, soccer, speech and debate, TASSP All-State Academic Excellence Team, and National Merit Scholarship. Please see the resolutions on our website [www.friscoisd.org](http://www.friscoisd.org) 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; budget amendments; award for preferred approved vendor list; bank depository bid (16 banks bid; Chase Bank received the award); Board Policy GKD (Local Community Relations: Nonschool Use of School Facilities, GKDA (Local) Nonschool Use of Scholl Facilities, and FNAA Local) Student Expression: Distribution of Nonschool Literature (to bring in line with recommended revisions from the state); Food Service slush drink proposals; Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points monitoring devices for campuses (regarding food safety); biometric systems for secondary campuses (allows fingerprinting as another means of verifying student account use); Food Service smallware purchases; purchases of large Food Service equipment for campuses; Food Service proposals and extensions for grocery and paper goods (Sara Lee Bread Extension, BakeCrafters, Blue Bell Ice Cream, Coca Cola, Oak Farms Dairy, Red Gold Tomatoes, and CD Hartnett); band and orchestra instruments; orchestra

instrument storage cabinets at Griffin, Roach, and Fowler Middle Schools; purchase items for new harp pilot program; Staley Middle School and Frisco High School weight room equipment; repair/replacement of fire alarm system at Staley; award for extension of contract for fire alarm and suppression systems; contract through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to relocate portables; contract through TIPS to sand/refinish Centennial High School gym floor; contract through TIPS to screen recoat 17 gym floors; leases for portable buildings at Ogle Elementary and Griffin and Roach Middle Schools; purchase of furniture and supplies for portable buildings at Ogle Elementary and Griffin and Roach Middle Schools; proposal for mowers, trailers and miscellaneous equipment; award for purchase of equipment and supplies for transportation department; purchase of equipment and supplies for custodial department; minor boundary adjustment with Little Elm ISD (three lots for three lots); bids for athletic supplies for all secondary schools; disposal of unused FHS vehicle; city use of unused district fiber; disposal of outdated technology equipment (Delcom).

### PreKindergarten Program

Director of Special Programs Alicia Richmond discussed our current program and the changes that are being implemented for next year and the reasons. The district must have a program for students who are 4 years of age by Sept. 1 and who qualify by definition of homeless, belong to a military family, free and reduced lunch status, or limited English proficient. We currently have 12 classrooms serving 264 students at five cluster campuses. Our program is currently full day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff researched what area districts do in regard to their PreK program, made site visits and gained feedback from staff. Of the districts surveyed, we were the only ones with an extended day, and very few provide transportation. In order to serve more students, better utilize space, create a smaller teacher to student ratio, and have more focused instructional time, the district is moving to a half-day program – 8-11 a.m. and noon-3 p.m. This shorter day will eliminate recess, lunch, nap time and the need for multiple bathroom breaks. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch make up an estimated 20 percent of the students; by allowing for early arrival in the morning or mid-day, we will still be able to accommodate students who qualify for meal service. Next year we will go to 7 cluster sites and will provide transportation from the home zone campus to the PreK site. We hope to be able to provide classroom aides when the enrollment goes beyond 16 students.

### **Internal Controls Risk Assessment Priorities**

The group conducting the financial risk assessment discussed the process and how they were assessing high risk areas for evaluation so that an internal control evaluation strategy can be developed. They will first look at cash receipts and special activity funds. They will then review purchasing, payroll, construction projects, cash disbursements and risk management.

### **Discussion of 2007-2008 Budget**

Director of Finance Rusty Craig presented more information regarding preliminary budget estimates based on the limited financial information still available at this time. He stated that an estimated amount of \$17.7 million will be needed for new personnel. If we look at raising the beginning teacher salary to 43,000 and then give all teachers a \$2,000 raise, this comes to about 4.25 percent of mid-point salary range. Some additional funds will be needed for some categories of returning teachers to keep them above the placement schedule. Mr. Craig then outlined any preliminary budget expenditures that were increasing more than 20 percent compared to last year.

### **Construction Projects**

*Millwork delivery and completion timelines at Carroll, Robertson and Mooneyham* – All millwork has been delivered and Carroll is substantially complete. Robertson and Mooneyham should be substantially complete no later than mid June.

*Sam Carter Service Center Complex Plans* – An Annex is being built across from the Service Center on the Centennial High School side of Rolater. This will house custodial services, security, textbooks, and maintenance. The current service center will house food service and transportation.

*Two-Story design for Elementary 28 at Fields/Legacy site* – We will not know until August if we will need this school to relieve Bledsoe and Spears in 2008 or 2009. The site is configured in such a way that a two-story design is necessary. Steve Hulsey with Corgan Architects reviewed the preliminary design which takes into consideration adjacent neighborhood concerns, such as traffic, privacy and lighting. The areas of the cafeteria and gym are on one end, adjacent to the administrative area. The library is in the middle of the first story and there are three pods on each story, which allows each grade level to have its own pod. At this time the school is designed in such a way that each classroom has windows, but they do not face the neighborhood – only the windows in the stairwells face the neighborhood. The two lots in the neighborhood which were also purchased at this time are shown as part of the playground area. In order to keep from overflow event parking pushing into the neighborhood, additional land was purchased between this site and Legacy Christian. This parking can be shared by the two schools. A traffic study has not been completed and given to the city so that the flow of traffic can be analyzed and recommended, however, the

preliminary design allows for three 12-foot lanes for drop off and pick up and an open fire lane. The city likes as much of the traffic to stack on-site as possible, particularly when dealing with a road such as Legacy. Light ordinances are also adhered to involving night sky and no light shining past the property line.

*Change Order #2 for utilities and other considerations at WHS* – The Board approved the change order.

*Construction Manager for Elementary #28* – In order to be ready if needed in '08, the construction manager must be named now. Core Construction was approved.

*Playground Modifications for Special Needs Students at Anderson and Fisher Elementaries* – The Board approved these modifications that will provide the necessary surfaces so that special needs students can access and utilize the playgrounds.

### **Technology**

The Board Approved the bids for Instructional Software for '07-'08, networking and administrative software; hardware; foreign language lab for Liberty High; moving services and the event notification system (upgrade of School Messenger that can do mass calls in a short period of time.)

### **Personnel Recommendations**

The Board approved the hiring of Rachel Taylor as principal of Riddle Elementary to replace Mia Bennett who will be the Director of Special Programs. They approved Angela Romney as principal of Wester Middle School to replace Kenny Chandler who will be the Director of School Improvement. Other hiring approvals were *Dr. Rick Bankston* as Director of Research, Planning, Evaluation and Reporting in the Facilities and Finance Department. He has 25 years of experience as an educator and administrator. *John Curran* will be the Director of Technical Operations in the Technology Department. He has six years of public school experience and has also worked in the Oklahoma Department of Education.

*Brad Longfellow* will be the Auxiliary Coordinator in the Personnel Department. He has 10 years of experience.

*Jaime McCracken* is the new webmaster in the Communications Department. He has four years of experience in web design and operations.

*Tom Palacios* has been hired as a district-wide parent liaison. He has 23 years of experience in education.

*Artie McLaurin* has been hired as Secondary Science Coordinator in the Curriculum Dept. She has 11 years of experience.

*Deidre Parish, Ph.D.*, has been named an assistant principal at Liberty High. She has five years of experience.

*Becky Specht* has been named assistant principal at Robertson Elementary. She has 21 years of experience.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

*May 28 – Graduation, GISD Special Events Center – FHS 10:30 a.m.; CHS 2 p.m. – Next Board Meeting June 4*