



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

Board Members: Richard Beaver - Laura Ellison - Renée Ehmke - John Hoxie - Dan Mossakowski - Buddy Minett - Brenda Polk

Regular Board Meeting

August 10, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

FISD Board of Trustees Board Room

Board Recognitions

Allison Miller from the Frisco Education Foundation introduced **Dick and Jacqueline Bowman** from “With Love, It’s a Small World” and **Dr. Reedy** spoke to their immense contributions to the students of Frisco ISD. **Dr. Reedy** introduced a resolution to the board for recognition of their work in providing money for school supplies, Angel Tree and many generous college scholarships. **Mr. and Mrs. Bowman** received a standing ovation by the Board of Trustees, Instructional Support Team and others in attendance. **Mr. Bowman** thanked the “With Love, It’s a Small World” board, **Dr. Reedy**, the FISD staff and the Frisco Education Foundation.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of items that the board considers routine and approves under one motion.

1. Act on tax office reports
2. Act on 2009 Certified Appraisal Roll
3. Act on payments to vendors, architects, and contractors (with one pulled due to wrong name)
4. Act on award for preferred approved vendor list
5. Act on service and maintenance agreement for security cameras and software
6. Act on Change Order #1 for Allen Elementary
7. Act on Interlocal Agreement with City of Frisco to purchase goods and services
8. Act on trained appraisers for PDAS (Professional Development and Appraisal System) for the 2009-2010 school year
9. Act on revised evaluation forms
 - a. Librarian
 - b. Library Aid
 - c. Director of Elementary Instruction
 - d. Director of Secondary Instruction
 - e. Director of Instructional Support Programs
 - f. Director of Professional Development
 - g. Director of School Improvement
10. Act on temporary middle school transportation for Stafford Middle School for 2009-2010 school year
11. Act on approval of reading acceleration licenses
12. Act on graduation requirement resolution
13. Act on District Action Plan for 2009-2010 school year
14. Act on approval of literacy curriculum materials for elementary campuses

15. Act on FISD board representation at 2009 TASB Delegate Assembly
16. Act on revisions to Board Policy FB (Local) Equal Educational Opportunity
17. Act on revisions to Board Policy DEC (Local) Compensation and Benefits/Leaves and Absences
18. Act on revisions to Board Policy DH (Local) Employee Standards of Conduct
19. Act on Option 3 agreement to equalize wealth by purchasing attendance credits from TEA

Public Meeting on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report for 2007-2008 school year

- **Dr. Rick Bankston, Director of Finance**, presented the report which gives FISD a superior rating. FISD has received the superior rating since the inception of the system. *See PowerPoint for more information.*

Public Hearing on proposed Title I expenditures for 2009-2010 school year

- **Mia Bennett, Director of Instructional Support Programs**, presented information on how the district is utilizing its Title I monies. *See attached PowerPoint for more information.*

Discussion of issues related to construction projects

- **Mr. Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance**, discussed the following:
 1. High school additions- **Mr. Wilkinson** proposed adding a stand alone facility to each of the existing High Schools to accommodate an additional 300 students, which would prevent the building of a 7th High School in the near future. This expansion would take place after the opening of the 6th High School and expansion would begin as each location approached its current capacity of 1800. **Mr. Wilkinson** listed the following positive outcomes of such a proposal
 - a) Save substantial land and construction costs;
 - b) Save significant operating costs;
 - c) Continue to meet our expressed philosophy of “smaller” secondary schools; and
 - d) Avoid an additional and difficult high school boundary rezoning.

Additional discussion points from Mr. Wilkinson, Dr. Reedy and the board were as follows:

- A new high school would cost \$85-90 million
- 6 additions, which would have 12 classrooms, 2-4 science labs, media/study area, food stations, restrooms and would cost \$5-6 million each addition would add capacity for 250-300 students
- No need to duplicate programs which increases costs

- Most savings come in staffing
- New HS would take 1 year for design and 2 yrs for construction
- An addition could be designed and built in 9 months to a year
- Delays tough re-zoning 5-7 years and at the time a 7th high school is needed lines would be more clearly defined.
- Allows for a stabilization of growth

2. Future administration building

- Given the news on certified values losing \$200 million from the preliminary values and low projections for the following year, discussion took place on putting the new administration building on hold. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the slow down in the increases to values would make it difficult for the district to issue bonds at the rate it has been and meet the “50 cent” test for the tax rate needed to make the district’s payment toward its bonded indebtedness. He is working with staff to have alternative options in place for staff offices at existing facilities and the Student Opportunity Center will look at options, such as flexible scheduling. The current times call for an ultraconservative approach and Dr. Reedy feels that this project should not be revisited until the economy is percolating at a much better level. The board agreed. The architects will finalize design and hold in reserve until a future time.

Staff Report Highlights

Mr. Doug Zambiasi – Administrative Services

The City of Plano will begin paying for all Frisco ISD crossing guards at schools within the Plano boundaries. He stated that the district is looking into same possibility for City of Frisco and City of Little Elm. The City of McKinney already paying full cost of crossing guards within the McKinney City limits, he added.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reedy announced that he would be appealing the District’s rating of Recognized. Based on what he believes to be an oversight in the system, he is appealing the FISD rating and utilizing the required improvement criteria for moving from Academically Acceptable to Recognized in the Completion Rate indicator. This is the *only indicator and the only standard* without a provision to allow districts to show required improvement toward the next standard, and he is appealing the fundamental fairness regarding this aspect of the system.

In the Completion Rate indicator, FISD was shy of the 95 percent standard (needed to be Exemplary) in two measures. In the economically disadvantaged group, FISD improved by 5.5 percent – from 87 percent to 92.5 percent – which certainly puts the district in line to meet the 95 percent standard in two years based on the calculations

for required improvement to move from *Academically Acceptable* to *Recognized*. In another subgroup, FISD had a 93.7 percent completion rate. FISD's analyses shows two students who were counted against FISD who should no longer have been considered FISD students.

He stated that he owed it the students, staff and community to utilize every available process in seeking to have their efforts validated by pointing out both data errors and inconsistencies in the rating system that should not prevent receipt of the Exemplary rating.