



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

October 12, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

FISD Board of Trustees Board Room

Board Recognitions

Frisco Education Foundation Outgoing Board Members receiving plaques for commitment to the students and staff of FISD through their dedication and service with the Frisco Education Foundation:

Audie Adkins, Bob Allen, Trent Emmons, John Hoxie, Matt Pirtle, and Bill Henning

The Foundation was also recognized this evening with a resolution/proclamation from FISD in celebration of its 10 year anniversary. This is a major milestone for the Foundation recognizing the Foundation's successes over the years and their commitment to the students and staff of FISD through scholarships and grants.

See www.friscoeducationfoundation.org for information on the Foundation.

In addition to Director, **Allison Miller**, FEF Board members on hand to receive resolution/proclamation were President Elect **Bill Pittenger**, Secretary and Past President **Sarah Claunch, Catherine Fowler** and **Rhoda Christie**. *See Resolution.*

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced the **Texas Business Education Coalition (TBEC) Honor Roll** campuses. Schools and principals are as follows:

- **Beverly Woodson-Bledsoe Elementary**
- **Betty King-Borchardt Elementary**
- **Manual Gonzales-Christie Elementary**
- **Nancy Lawson-Fisher Elementary**
- **Rachel Taylor- Riddle Elementary**

These principals will be attending a ceremony in San Antonio, TX, along with 2 campus representatives in honor of their selection. The TBEC Honor Roll is the most prestigious award for sustained, academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations. TBEC Honor Roll schools have the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard-commended- in every subject. Of the more than 8,000 Texas public schools less than 4% will be honored.

Mr. Rick Burnett, Executive Director of Student Services introduced the **Texas School Counseling Association** Middle School Counselor of the Year, **Patrice Dunn**. **Ms. Dunn** addressed the Board and other attendees, thanking the district for their support and positive atmosphere. She joined Fisd this year from Lewisville ISD.

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 tax roll for 2009 tax year
3. Act on payments to vendors, architects, and contractors
4. Act on recommendation of award for Preferred Approved Vendor List
5. Act on budget amendments for federal funds
6. Act on recommendation to award extension of contract for vending machine services
7. Act on nomination for Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors
8. Act on Board Policy CCA (Local) Bond Issues
9. Act on Board Policy CE (Local) Annual Operating Budget
10. Act on deductive change order for natatorium digital scoreboard
11. Act on purchase of vehicles to support community-based instruction for high school students
12. Act on service contract for finance consultant
13. Act on interlocal agreement with Frisco ISD and Collin County Department of Homeland Security
14. Act on vendor for maintenance and extensions for wide area network

Discussion of economic impact and growth trends on potential revisions to opening of new middle schools in 2010-2011. *See website for more information.* It was discussed that the final decision on the zones for the middle schools should wait until the spring. This gives the district time to monitor the enrollment in the zones that could be impacted by economic factors and growth trends. When the decisions were made to build the schools the projections were more robust than they are at this time. The current projections are not significantly above the enrollment cap of 1,125 that was established a few years ago. Administrators know how many students currently live in these zones who will be in the middle schools next year, and if growth continues and they are confident of reaching the projections, then all three should open as scheduled. Programmatic and financial considerations in operating very small middle schools must be a consideration at any time, but particularly in a year when six schools are slated to open.

Draft Plans for Northwest quadrant attendance rezoning for 2010-2011 including opportunity for citizen input

Dr. Reedy discussed the draft zones and Mr. Cohagen and Mr. Brent summarized input received to-date. They had 12 phone calls and emails regarding Lone Star. Most parents had questions regarding issues such as the definition of a 3A school, the clarification of the western boundary and course offerings at a smaller school. Concerns expressed were primarily about sending a junior to a new high school after being at Wakeland for two years. They received 24 parent emails or phone calls regarding Purefoy Elementary with only one concern (a 4th grader having to leave Pink) and they received 17 contacts regarding Cobb Middle School with two sharing concerns (a Marina Vista parent about having to move again and a concern for Shaddock Creek Estates attending Griffin when the rest of Shaddock Creek goes to Cobb). Three parents spoke at the meeting – one from Eldorado Fairways to bring awareness to potential transportation concerns and two from Marina Vista with concerns regarding multiple moves. Purefoy and Lone Star zones will be finalized in November; Cobb will be finalized in the spring.

Draft Zones for Sonntag Elementary School, Maus Middle School and Hunt Middle School

Dr. Rick Reedy presented the district's draft zones for **Sonntag Elementary School, Maus Middle School and Hunt Middle School**. Zoning maps and related info are posted on the website at www.friscoisd.org. The zones will be discussed further at the November Board meeting and an opportunity for public input will be extended. A final decision will be made in December for **Sonntag Elementary**. A decision on **Maus and Hunt Middle School** will be made in the spring.

Frisco Education Foundation Annual Report

Director Allison Miller presented the **Frisco Education Foundation Annual Report**. *See PowerPoint.*

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented on the FISD Bilingual and ESL programs. FISD currently has 1,602 students whose primary language is not English and are served in either a bilingual classroom or in an English as Second Language (ESL) classroom. This figure is an increase of 126 students from the 2008-2009 school year. There are 348 Spanish speaking students in the PK-5 Bilingual program and 1,254 in the PK-12 ESL program. According to the law, districts are required to provide a bilingual classroom at any PK-5 grade level where they have identified 20 or more students who speak the same language. For the first time in the history of Frisco ISD, there are more than 20 students identified in kindergarten and first grade who speak Vietnamese and Telegu. FISD is unable to provide a certified teacher in either of these languages, so a waiver from TEA will be requested. **All identified students speak 74 other languages with Spanish being the most predominate of the languages followed by Vietnamese, Telegu (India), Korean, Arabic, Urdu (Pakistan), and Farsi (Iran and Afghanistan).** FISD is truly a diverse school district and community!