



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

7:30 p.m., December 8, 2008, FISD Board Room

Regular Meeting of the Board

Recognitions

The Board recognized the Frisco High School Cross Country Girls Team and their coach Sam Reiter for qualifying for state. The board also recognized Centennial High School's Cross Country Boys Team and their coach Tommy Newton for also qualifying for state.

Presentations

The Board received gifts of appreciation from students involved with Friends of Rachel clubs. Rachel's Challenge is a program that promotes an atmosphere of compassion in the schools through student involvement and clubs. It is named after Rachel Scott, the first victim at the Columbine High School shooting. The students thanked the school board for allowing the program to come to Frisco.

The current Leadership Frisco class also attended the board meeting, thanking the board for working with Leadership Frisco over the years. Leadership Frisco announced that its class project will be directly involved with Frisco Family Services – a program with which FISD works closely, as well. Leadership Frisco is working on a plan to increase donations to this worthy community food pantry and emergency services program.

Consent Agenda

These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: Tax office reports; a budget amendment; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; recommendation of award for preferred approved vendor list; recommendation for preferred approved athletics vendor list; extension of job order contract; marquee service agreement; audit for Career and Technical Education Center; renewal of fire safety systems; revision to board policy FFAD (local) Wellness and Health Services; tax office reports; school calendar 2009-2010 (view at www.friscoisd.org); and consultation services for the network configuration system.

Heritage High School Zone

The Board approved the Administration's recommendation of Option 4 of the proposed zoning plans for the *Heritage High School* attendance zone. This decision came after three months of discussion and much citizen input. Dennis Brent, the district's internal demographer reported receiving seven emails since the November public meeting about the issue. Option 4 will leave *Ogle* in Liberty and most of *Elliott* in Heritage. The final decision keeps the elementary zones together, except for the Harvest Bend/Alexan Apt. areas in Elliott, which were left in Liberty due to proximity issues and in consideration of projected need to relieve Elliott in three or four years. This option gives a slightly better balance in enrollment projections than the original preferred plan put forward, according to school administrators.

Allen Attendance Zone Public Hearing

The board also heard from demographers and the public concerning the preferred plan for the *Allen Elementary* Attendance Zone that was presented to the board in November. Rick Cohagan, FISD demographics support, reported receiving more than 30 emails and five telephone calls during the past month regarding the proposed zone. He said 20 percent of the comments seemed to be about traffic and safety considerations and the other comments were about the projected enrollment of *Allen*. He also noted

receiving calls from Stonebriar Park – a small neighborhood with only about 20 children - that has asked to remain in *Spears Elementary* School. Four residents who live in the proposed zoning area addressed the board. Concerns included the size of the attendance zone, the number of multifamily housing units within the zone, and the fact that some will be changing schools again in a few years. A resident from the *Bright Elementary Zone* asked that Frisco Square be placed in *Carroll* or *Allen's* zone because of proximity.

Board members noted that several successful schools in FISD have multifamily units within their zone. Dr. Rick Reedy said that the District also believes a diverse campus is a better campus. In addition, Reedy pointed out that unless the market causes development to change, FISD expects to have to build multiple elementary schools in the western area of town in coming years that will shrink the *Allen* zone. The proposed *Allen* zone is drawn in a way to provide relief to *Bledsoe*, *Sparks* and *Spears* elementary schools that will hold for two years. The board will make its final zoning decision in January.

Construction Reports

The board approved bids presented by Assistant Superintendent Richard Wilkinson contractor for Middle Schools 10, 11, and 12.

1. Middle School #10 (Legendary site) - Pogue Construction
2. Middle School #11 (Dooley site) - Ratcliff Construction
3. Middle School #12 (Teel site) - Core Construction

The board also approved bids from Ratcliff Construction for the expansion of the original FISD Service Center.

Board Approves School Names

The board voted to accept the recommendations of the board's facility naming subcommittee for new facilities. The proposed facilities will be named: *Libby Maus Middle School*, *Robert Cobb Middle School*, *Lamar and Norma Hunt Middle School*, *Gerald Sonntag Elementary School* and *Debra and George Purefoy Elementary School*.

See www.friscoisd.org for more information on the new school names.

Resignations and New Hires

The Board also accepted the personnel report that includes resignations and new hires..

Instructional Support Team Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, reminded the board that the AEIS Report Public Hearing is scheduled for January. Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Facilities, told the board they will be receiving a delinquent tax report. Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, reported that in the first month of the employee wellness program with the City of Frisco's athletic center and the Frisco YMCA, 187 out of 500 had qualified for the district reimbursement plan. He expects more to enroll in the program in January. Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reported that the District is now using Teacher Insight to screen applicants and is able to follow the trends of applications filed. Rick Burnett, Executive Director of Student Services reported that the district is working on its At-Risk Student response to track student's at risk of dropping out of school. Executive Director of Technology Melissa Fouche explained that the district is completing its preparation for school messenger to notify employees in cases of bad weather. Communications Director Shana Wortham announced that the annual board appreciation reception will be held in January to honor past and present school board members. Dr. Rick Reedy reminded the board that winter break is December 22 through January 2.

Next meeting – January 12.