



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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*Regular Board Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

## **Approval of Minutes from January 12 Regular Meeting—*Motion Passed***

### **Board Recognitions**

Comptroller's 2014 Texas Honors Circle Award recognition—this award is given to TX districts that exhibit sound financial responsibility, combined with high student achievement.

Recognition of FISD 50,000th student—*See resolution and [story](#)*

Presentation of Grants for Great Ideas Check from Frisco Education Foundation

The Frisco Education Foundation presented Frisco ISD with two checks totaling over \$94,000; \$84,000 for the Frisco Education Foundation Grants for Great Ideas! grant awards to FISD educators and \$10,000 awarded the FISD Professional Learning Department to use for staff professional learning training.

This is the largest grant donation the foundation has awarded FISD educators.

### **Communications to and from the Board Including Public Comments**

One citizen spoke on the topic of cell towers, four citizens spoke about school naming, and one citizen spoke about FISD supporting underground electricity transmission lines.

### **Strategic Planning Progress Report Presentation—*See presentation***

**Consent Agenda**—The Board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of items that the Board considers routine and approves under one motion. The items approved were: tax office reports; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; contract for financial advisor; vendors for miscellaneous grounds care and maintenance services; lawn fertilization and weed prevention services; grounds equipment; deductive change orders— a)IHS, b)McSpedden, and Hosp c)Scott and Newman; 2015-2016 furniture, fixtures and equipment(FF&E) start-up budget for schools opening August 2015—a)Norris, b) Pearson and Trent, c) Reedy; 2015-2016 Fine Arts start-up budget for Norris Elementary School; 2015-2016 Fine Arts start-up budget for Pearson Middle School and Trent Middle School; network equipment purchase for 2015-2016 new and refresh campuses; projectors for 2015-2016 new and refresh campuses; middle school robotics purchase for 2015-2016 new and refresh campuses; document cameras for 2015-2016 new and refresh campuses; network printers for 2015-2016 new and refresh campuses; computers, laptops, and mobile devices for 2015-2016 new and refresh campuses; trained appraiser for Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) for 2014-2015 school year; instructional materials with instructional materials allotment (IMA) funds; Policy Update 101, affecting (LOCAL) policies— a) BE (LOCAL): Board Meetings, b) CH (LOCAL): Purchasing and Acquisition, c) DGBA (LOCAL): Personnel-Management Relations – Employee Complaints/Grievances, d) EB (LOCAL): School Year, e) FFG (LOCAL): Student Welfare - Child Abuse and Neglect, f) FMG (LOCAL): Student Activities – Travel g) FNG (LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances; h) GF (LOCAL): Public Complaints.



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## **Consider and Act on Resolution Supporting Plans to Construct Underground Transmission Lines— *Motion Passed***

The board approved a resolution of the Board of Trustees opposing plans to by Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. to construct the proposed Stonebrook electric transmission line using overhead routes and supporting an underground transmission route along main street in the city of Frisco, Texas.

## **Consider and Act on Construction Manager At Risk for High School #10—*Motion Passed***

Lee Lewis Construction was selected as the construction manager at risk for High School #10

## **Discussion Regarding Follow-up on Design of High School #10 –*See presentation***

### **Elementary School # 39** Frisco Hills site to relieve Robertson, Phillips and Newman **Coy Miller Elementary School**

Coy Miller has been a vital force in the Frisco schools and Community for over 30 years. He served on the school board for six years, two as vice president, and three as president. He also served on the Fair Board that orchestrated our local student livestock show for 16 years and served on the Buyer's Committee for the Collin County livestock show for 10 years. After retiring from the board, he co-chaired the Citizen's Bond Committee for the extremely successful 1995 and 1998 bond referendums that allowed Frisco ISD to keep up with the phenomenal growth within the district. Many of you know this friend of FISD as the owner of Pardner's Garden and Feed Store here in Frisco.

### **Elementary School #40** The Shaddock Southwest site – to relieve Nichols and Hosp **Jimmy and Sammy Lee (Lane) Vaughn Elementary School**

Both graduates of Frisco High School, the Vaughns married in 1955. Sammy served as secretary to the superintendent of schools from 1960 to 1972. She later worked for GNB Technologies until her retirement in 1996.

Community service and involvement were instilled in her at a young age. Her father Sam Lane, who served as President Woodrow Wilson's driver during World War I, returned home to serve as a school board trustee in the late 30s, early 40s. He served as Mayor of Frisco in the mid-1940s.

Jimmy Vaughn worked for Texas Instruments, retiring in 1993. He followed in his father-in-law's footsteps and also served on the FISD Board of Trustees while he had children in Frisco schools from 1974 through 1977.

The Vaughn family has been an active part of Frisco's development. Their two sons graduated from FHS and Blake and his wife Edie work for FISD – she in athletics and he as Director of Maintenance. Blake also served on the School board in the 1980s.

Sammy is still an active supporter of FISD and in the community. Jimmy passed away in February of 2014.

### **Middle School #16** – Shaddock East site adjacent to Norris Elementary – will relieve schools on this east side

#### **Debra Nelson Middle School**

Dr. Debra Nelson joined Frisco ISD in 1996, hired by Dr. Justin Wakeland to lead the Curriculum and Instruction Department. She began her teaching career in 1978 – she was a noted administrator in Coppell when hired. Nelson comes from a family of educators and her father became head of the educational administration department at what was formerly East Texas State University. Dr. M.B. Nelson was well-known, beloved and respected by several generations of educators and administrators in Texas and surrounding states. She followed in his footsteps and earned her degrees there as well.



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Debra was a leader in many of the state's educational organizations; she was honored with the prestigious George H. and Gwyn Brownlee Leadership Award in 2012 by the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (Texas ASCD)

Dr. Nelson retired last year having touched the lives of thousands of children through her leadership, her encouragement and development of others and her passion for education.

## High School #10

**Memorial High School.** This will allow us to pay tribute to service men and women, veterans and active, along with all public servants who dedicate their lives to helping others.

## Natorium – Named for Bruce Eubanks

Bruce Eubanks came to begin our swim program in 2001. At the time of his retirement as Frisco High School swim coach and the Aquatic Director at the FISD natatorium last year he had built a high school program that boasts of multiple state titles and numerous individual state titles for FISD students. He also helped the District plan, build, develop and run a fully-staffed natatorium that at the time of his retirement served six high schools and the community.

During his long and illustrious 34-year career as a coach, he taught his students about competing and about responsibility in and out of the water. That passion and commitment resulted in many awards and accolades. To name a few:

- 37 District titles (22 since coming Frisco HS/FISD)
- 16 Region titles
- 4 State championships including 3 boys and 1 girls
- 3 State runner-up titles
- 17 UIL State top 5 banners

He has also been honored as:

- Region Coach of the Year - 20 times
- State Coach of the Year - 6 times
- 2007 Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2013-2014 National Federation of High School Coaches Association Boys State Swimming Coach of the Year

## Lebanon Trail

In order to eliminate confusion with having two LHS campuses the name would be expanded from Lebanon High to **Lebanon Trail High**

This would pay broader tribute to the old school/the community it served/and the fact that the community was built on the Old Preston Road/Preston Trail/Shawnee Trail, and was the assembly point for the cattle drives.

## Consider and Act on Calling Board of Trustees General Election –*Motion Passed*

Order of Election for the May 9 Board of Trustees general election.

## Consider and Act on Calling Board of Trustees Special Election –*Motion Passed*

Order of Special Election for the May 9 Board of Trustees special election.

## Consider and Act on Contract Extension for Superintendent –*Motion Passed*



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## **Consider and act on Personnel Recommendations –*Motion Passed***

### Principal and Administrative Hires:

**Ashelyn Fain**, currently assistant principal at Scott Elementary, will serve as principal at Norris Elementary School when it opens this fall. Fain joined FISD in 2004 as a classroom teacher and was named assistant principal at Curtsinger Elementary in 2011. Her background includes experience with the Department of Human Services and special education. She obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and her master's degree is from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**Jamie Wisneski**, currently assistant principal at Maus Middle School, will serve as principal at Pearson Middle School when it opens this fall. Wisneski joined FISD as a middle school math teacher in 2003. She became a middle school math coordinator in 2006 before joining Maus Middle School in 2010. Her teaching career began in Richardson ISD in 1996. Her bachelor's degree is from Stephen F. Austin State University and her master's degree is from Dallas Baptist University.

**Shawn Perry**, currently principal at Acker Special Programs Center, will serve as principal at Trent Middle School when it opens this fall. Perry joined FISD in 2008 as assistant principal at Griffin Middle School. He began his education career in 2001 in Plano ISD as a special educator. He also served as athletic director at the middle school level and as an administrative intern at the high school level. His bachelor's degree is from Midwestern State University and his master's degree is from the University of North Texas. He is currently working on his doctoral degree through Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**Devin C. Padavil**, currently principal at Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville ISD, will serve as principal at Lebanon Trail High School when it opens in fall 2016. Padavil will spend next school year planning for the school's opening, which includes assisting in finalizing construction and organizing and assembling a world-class team to welcome students in 2016-17. Padavil has been an educator for 15 years, including 12 years in a campus leadership position. He has experience at all levels and has worked in Northside, Round Rock and Austin ISDs, as well. He is currently the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) First Vice-President and will serve as President-Elect for the 2015-16 school year and President in 2016-17. He was honored as the 2014 Region XIII High School Principal of the Year. His bachelor's degree is from Illinois State University and his master's degree is from the University of Texas. He is currently working on his doctoral degree at the University of Texas.

In addition, the Board approved hiring **Robert McLaughlin** as the new Director of Purchasing. McLaughlin is a former high school science teacher who brings 17 years of experience in day-to-day purchasing operations, most recently at Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. His bachelor's degree is from Texas Tech University and his master's degree is from Texas Woman's University.

### **Public Hearing on 2013-2014 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) Staff Report—*See presentation by Dr. Gary Nye***

Texas Education Code Chapter 39 requires each school district's Board of Trustees to publish an annual report that includes the TAPR, financial standard reports, campus performance objectives, a report of violent or criminal incidents, and information received under Texas Education Code B51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Board of Trustees shall hold a hearing for public discussion of the report, and they shall disseminate the report within the district.





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## Staff Reports

### Business Services

Mr Richard Wilkinson discussed the District participation in the Oncor incentive project at McSpedden Elementary in which the District received a \$20,515.58 check.

### Support Services

**Mr. Doug Zambiasi** reminded the board of the student transfer timeline as shown below:

Employee student transfer requests will be accepted May 1 - May 15, 2015. General public student transfer requests will be accepted July 21 - August 11, 2015. Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm is the student transfer appeals hearing.

### Student Services

**Mr. Kenny Chandler** shared information about the FISD and Collin College Showcase and Career Fair in partnership with Centennial Medical Center. The Third Annual Showcase and Career Fair will be Thursday, February 26 at the Collin College Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Due to popularity, this year's Showcase and Career Fair is for High School students only. Students will arrive in 30 minute intervals starting at 9:30 am and ending around 11:00 am. Each group of students will have one hour to talk and meet with the professionals. Over 100 professionals from the community will volunteer their time for the students. Areas represented at the Showcase include, but are not limited to: Aeronautics, Agricultural Science, Mental Health, Community Outreach, Architecture, Construction, Broadcasting, Media, Business Management and Administration, Education & Training, Financial Systems, Government and Public Administration, Health Sciences, Hospitality, Tourism, The Arts, Lay, Public Safety, Corrections, Marketing & Sales, Engineering, and Science & Technology.

*Next Regular Meeting: March 2, 2014*