



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., June 16, 2008 - Regular Meeting of the Board

Student Recognition:

The board honored high school band, orchestra and choral students who competed at the state level with resolutions. Superintendent Rick Reedy commended the students who came to the board meeting, noting that it is difficult to come back after “the last bell has rung.” *See the attached resolutions for more information.*

Faculty and Board Recognition:

David Kuykendall introduced Kathy Barton of Liberty High School who was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the state basketball coaches association. He also announced that Barton will be taking over as athletic coordinator for girl's athletics at Stafford Middle School when it opens this fall.

The Board also took a moment early in the meeting to express their gratitude to Terry Cornelius who is leaving his position as Executive Director of Technology to join the private sector. Richard Beaver thanked Cornelius for all the technological advances he had brought to the district in the past 10 years. Other board members shared his sentiments.

The Board recognized Brenda Polk for her completion of Leadership TASB and her new status as master trustee. Mossakowski noted that Renee Ehmke, who received her master board member ranking last year, along with Polk, have taken their board service to “a whole new level” with their participation in this extensive training program.

Consent Agenda:

The Board approved routine items as part of the consent agenda. These items included tax office reports; year-end budget amendments; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred Approved Vendor list and extension of contracts for 2008-2009; Region 10 Division of Instruction Services for 2008-2009; Region 10 Administrative Services Package for 2008-2009; investment policy; deductive change order for Elliott Elementary; middle school purchases of band and orchestra instrument; award for foam soap and hand sanitizer proposal; cubicles for Acker, administrative annex, and child nutrition; special education curriculum supplies; self-storage lease contract; revised award of staff uniforms for custodial, maintenance, transportation and child nutrition; playground surfacing for Shawnee Trail Elementary; tractor for maintenance department; vendors over \$25,000 for maintenance and custodial; disposal of unusable tractors; resolution for Frisco ISD to join Educational and Institutional Cooperative Purchasing Membership; new campus kitchen smallwares and equipment; five trucks for maintenance and construction departments; award of purchase for supplies and equipment for Transportation West Facility; change order #2 for summer renovation project to install rubberized flooring; extension of interlocal agreement for three years for property casualty insurance; disposal of unusable furniture, equipment and ESL materials; Board Policy DMA (local) Professional Development; newly revised principal assessment instrument; personal services contract for representation on public/private venture partnership construction and agreements; approval for vendor to supply camera equipment; approval for vendor for computer-aided design (CAD) software; approval for fiber to be relocated at Main and Teel. Board member Brenda Polk commented on the item for five new vehicles for the maintenance department. She requested that in light of current gas prices that future vehicle purchases be analyzed closely and, where feasible, smaller, more gas- efficient vehicles be purchased. Dr. Reedy agreed that while hybrids are still expensive, the Transportation and Maintenance have been asked to scrutinize the number and types of vehicles used.

Crisis Management Collaboration with City:

Assistant Superintendent Doug Zambiasi and City of Frisco Fire Chief Mack Borchardt presented the current financial estimations for a joint crisis management plan between the city and school district. Zambiasi said that if all proceeds as planned the finished product would be ready to implement by fall of 2009. The school district and city chose to work together on this program after looking at similar programs in the private sector. The school district would purchase the hardware and software needed to coordinate the program, while the city would provide the human resources such as IT people, police and fire. Dr. Rick Reedy observed that he has been advised that an overall project manager is needed. Currently, the city is considering managing the program in a team effort with Borchardt as the lead contact. The school district would assume 75% of the total cost under the current cost analysis. Borchardt said that what is not evident in the cost analysis is the cost for development, IT, fire or police hours that will be a major part of

the program, or the maintenance of the program by city employees once it is in place. The current estimated cost for the district is approximately \$441,000 - \$325,000 for hardware and software, and the other for personnel. Frisco City Staff and School District Administration stated that they feel this is a better product to meet the needs of our community than what can be found “on the shelf” and that it will work in the same fashion as how the emergency services currently operate on a daily basis. This internal system will also provide for a smoother transition with the other communities in which Frisco ISD serves students, presenters stated. This would be the first collaboration between a city and school district for a state of the art program of this type. “There have been a lot of firsts between the city and FISD,” Reedy commented. Board members asked several questions concerning the cost breakdown, timelines and oversight.

2008-2009 Budget

The FISD Board of Trustees approved the 2008-2009 \$218,800 million operating budget, with an additional \$12 million for Chapter 41 payment. About \$5 million of the \$218 million will go to fund balance as the district works toward a goal of 15 percent of the budget being in this account. FISD should be very close to this, especially considering that the district operated on a compressed budget cycle this year as it transitions to a July 1-June 30 fiscal year. Rick Bankston, interim finance director, stated that this balance will be easier to maintain in the future. To fund this budget, an estimated tax rate of \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value is anticipated for maintenance and operations; a tax rate of \$.37 for interest and sinking is projected. This would be a two-cent increase on the combined tax rate, resulting in an annual increase on the tax bill of the average homeowner in FISD (\$257,000) of less than \$50. The new budget meets and exceeds the state mandate of 65 percent of the budget going to curriculum and instruction. There was no citizen input on the budget. The tax rate will not be approved until after September 1 when the tax rolls are certified.

New Vision

Dr. Rick Reedy presented a summary of a document developed over the past 18 months that describes how a group of 35 superintendents around the state, who participated in the public Education Visioning Institute, feel public education should be re-shaped. The New Vision for Public Education in Texas calls for schools to be a safe haven, reasonable learning standards, promotion of creative thinking, multiple forms of assessment, and to give second chances. Board member Richard Beaver asked what the board could do to assist in getting this vision out. The suggestion was made that the board meet with State Senator Florence Shapiro to discuss the document.

Change of Board Policy FNG (Local) Campus Extracurricular Concerns

The board approved a policy change that clearly outlines the complaint process for campus extracurricular activities. A fourth step is available if the concern is based on district guidelines or policy. This fourth level is made up of a three-person committee - the Executive Director for Student Services, the Athletic Director or the Fine Arts Director, and the Director for Secondary Personnel. That committee could facilitate a policy or guideline change by bringing it forward to the Board for consideration.

Physicals for Band, Color Guard, Cheerleaders and Drill Team

The Board, after much discussion about the pros and cons of requiring physicals for band and other extracurricular programs, asked Rick Burnett, Executive Director for Student Services, to do further research. UIL requires physicals for athletes at 9th and 11th grades. It appears the drill team constitution also calls for physicals prior to tryouts. Research on requiring band/color guard to similarly seek physicals prior to participation will be conducted, including how would be documented and utilized regarding participation. This would not go into effect for the 2008-2009 school year.

Construction Issues

Assistant Superintendent Richard Wilkinson reported that construction on Elliott and Tadlock and the service center are going well. Scoggins and Stafford are proceeding well with the buildings but the district is watching the landscape and outside projects closely. Wilkinson and architect Trey Laird told the board that a problem with some exterior panels for the CTE center has arisen because the company working with the panels is going out of business. Steps are already underway to use a different company but may delay the installation of the panels. A temporary measure could be used, if necessary, to insure that the CTE Center is fully complete on time.

Early Childhood School - The board awarded the contract to Ratcliff Construction; the bid includes canopies and a preferred roof design. The school will not have a fully operational kitchen but is designed so that it can be added later if necessary.

New School Sites -The Board approved Wilkinson to continue plans to purchase a new elementary site. The administration is in constant discussion with demographers to determine needs and areas where schools should be built.

New Employees and Resignations

The Board approved the recommended new hires and accepted resignations. The Board approved the hiring Melissa Fouche as Executive Director of Technology and Information Services. Fouche has been in education for 15 years as a teacher and administrator in the area of technology, 10 of those in FISD. She has one year of experience with Eduphoria. New hires also included several assistant principals:

John Brown, who has degrees from University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M at Commerce and 12 years of educational experience, will serve at Liberty High School. He is joining us from Liberty-Eylau ISD.

Clint Cypert who has degrees from McMurry University and Texas A&M University at Commerce and 10 years of experience, will serve at Centennial High School. He has taught at CHS for the last two years.

Philip Evans, who has degrees from Baylor and University of North Texas and 12 years of experience, will serve at Liberty. He has most previously worked in Plano as an assistant principal.

Brad Helenberger, who has degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and the University of North Texas at Denton and nine years of experience, will serve at Staley Middle School. He is joining FISD from Plano ISD.

Vickie Krueger-Perkowski, who has degrees from Texas Tech University and Texas A&M Commerce and 27 years of experience, will serve at Frisco High School. She comes to FISD from Richardson ISD.

Derek Leary, who has degrees from the University of Northern Iowa and Illinois State University and 7 years of educational experience, will serve at Rogers Elementary.

Seleste Sully, who has degrees from Prairie View A&M University and 12 years of experience in education, will serve at Wakeland High School. She joined Wakeland in 2007-2008 and has worked in other districts, including Richardson ISD.

Curriculum Department TAKS Report

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented TAKS results to the board, noting that the District should most likely regain its Recognized status. Of all 27 scores, FISD either maintained or improved in 23, she said. Nelson noted that math and science continues to be a focus and that gains are being made in closing the gap in student performance. Nelson also stated that the percentage passing score for the recognized designation is changing from 75 percent to 80 percent in 2010 and that the district will be working to meet that goal.

Communication Department Report

Director of Communications Shana McKay-Wortham announced that a move will be made in the coming school year to send non-profit flyers in e-mail form whenever possible and to post information on the community portion of the district's website. This is an effort to decrease the number of flyers sent home in Thursday folders. PTA information will continue to be seen as school news and the PTA council and the Communications Department will work on how best to send out PTA information. Wortham noted that the number of flyers continues to increase and that parents have noted they sometimes miss important school information because of being overwhelmed by flyers. In addition, this will be more environmentally responsible, Wortham said.

Technology Report

Terry Cornelius reported the change to Outlook had gone well with only a few glitches on the first day that were easily resolved. Transcripts are on schedule.

Administrative Services Report

The Center for Safe Schools will conduct district training on the National Incident Management System with campus principals and appointed staff in September.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reedy reminded the Board of school dedications coming up in September and an open house for the CTE and Sam Carter Service centers in October.