



# 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., May 19, 2008 - Regular Meeting of the Board

### ***Student Recognition Reception – 5 p.m.***

The Board hosted a reception and recognition program for state qualifying students from all four high schools. Student groups honored included National Merit Finalists from Frisco High and Centennial; FHS Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Academic All State team member; FHS National DECA competitors; FHS National Business Professionals of America competitors; Texas Forensic Association Competitors from FHS and CHS; UIL Academic state qualifiers from all four high schools; German state contestants from FHS, LHS and CHS; Art State Visual Arts Scholastic Event contestants from all four high schools; National French competitors from Liberty and Centennial; Computer Science contestants from CHS; WHS, FHS and CHS track; WHS, CHS and LHS tennis; and FHS, WHS and CHS golf. *See PDF of resolutions.*

### ***Worksession***

The Board and Administration held a work session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss updated elementary enrollment projections. It appears that the district will still just need one elementary school in the fall of 2009 (Allen Elementary on Legacy Drive near Cheyenne Crossing). An early childhood school will open that year as well. Smith Elementary projections show continued overcrowding and if projections are reached, the enrollment cap will need to be implemented at that school in 2009. In 2010, a school will most likely be needed to take some students out of Smith Elementary and potentially provide some minimal relief to Curtsinger and Gunstream elementaries, as well. Mooneyham and Ashley elementary schools will need relief, as will Robertson, Pink and Boals, based on current projections. Sparks and Bledsoe will also continue to be watched for overcrowding and potential relief in 2010.

### **Canvass of the FISD May 10, 2008 Board of Trustees Election**

The results of the election were officially canvassed. Reelected Board members Brenda Polk and Richard Beaver signed their statement of elected officer and were sworn in for their new terms.

### **Reorganization of Board**

Dan Mossakowski was elected President of the Board; Renée Ehmke was elected Vice President; and Laura Ellison was elected Secretary.

### **Staff Recognition**

Ronnie Rogers, head swim coach for Centennial High, was recently honored with the Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. Since 1998, two coaches each year are awarded with this highest honor for service to students and the organization. Rogers was actually coached by Theron Pickle in high school. FISD's Bruce Eubanks has also received this award. Athletic Director David Kuykendall stated he believes we are the only district in the state with two recipients.

Fowler Middle School girls athletic coordinator Tommy Hill was honored with the Middle School Coach of the Year Award from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Only one coach each year receives this honor. Kuykendall stated that he believes Hill is FISD's first recipient of this award.

### **Consent Agenda**

These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; payments to vendors, architects and contractors, preferred approved vendor list; extension of award for purchase of equipment and supplies for custodial department; student data analysis software contracts; Executive Director of Student Services evaluation form; contract extension with external auditor; district vehicles; staff uniform proposals; extension of contract for temporary labor; extension of contract for elementary student pictures; secondary picture proposal; yearbook proposal; proposal to upgrade interior lighting at Staley Middle School to provide efficient electronic ballasts and bulbs; furniture for training room at Transportation West; new course curriculum supplies for Liberty High School; contract through the Interlocal Purchasing System to relocate portables; shelving and workstations for Sam Carter Service Center; proposal to screen and recoat all secondary gym floors; change order for cinder track at

CTE Center; CCTV contract for miscellaneous repairs and projects; amendment of resolution to purchase 10.31 acres; vendor to supply servers; vendor to upgrade storage area network; vendor for backup systems; vendor to supply instructional software for 2008-2009; vendor to supply networking and administrative software for 2008-2009; vendor to supply instructional hardware for 2008-2009; vendor to supply document cameras for 2008-2009; Region 10 services; vendor to install wireless access points; vendor to relocate fiber at Coit Road and Service Highway 121; disposal of outdated technology equipment; FISD's support of Less Tears More Years resolution (This initiative began in Pottsville after two teen driving fatalities. It seeks to get the legislature to do two things: strengthen the driver education requirements by either eliminating or altering the parent taught driver education program and returning driver education to the schools. The representative who has agreed to introduce the bill says it would not be submitted without a funding mechanism.)

### **Presentation by Frisco Fire Department on Hazard Crisis Database System**

Representatives from the Frisco Fire Department, including Chief Mack Borchardt, along with representatives from the Frisco Police Department and the IT department were on hand to discuss the joint project of the city and the school district to have the safest, most secure learning environment possible. Because situational awareness is needed by all responders in the matter of a school crisis we are working together to take the information we have - from inspection information, floor plans, photos, aerial maps, GIS/infrastructure, alarm information, video, response plans, contacts - and to make sure that the information is real-time and accurate, can be integrated and is adaptable to every situation. A timeline for the project was discussed. The feeling of those involved is that because so much is already in place, there is a great opportunity to create a system that is best for our community that cannot be bought commercially.

### **Overview of Planning Process for Summer Online Resource Project for Math and Science**

Coordinators and specialists were on hand to discuss the work that has been done to date and the plans for the future regarding this massive undertaking. In May coordinators and specialists have secured input from math/science leaders and district teachers; they have met with writing teams to finalize Scope and Sequence; they have realigned current instructional timeline using Region 4 Scope and Sequence and materials. On May 20 there was to be a meeting to review Scope and Sequence, review the 5E Instructional Model; analyze a sample lesson, and discuss assessment rigor. During June 9-27, all writers will be meeting at one site to write assessments and lesson plans where needed. In addition, technology representatives were on-hand to discuss how their department supports this effort and demonstrated how teachers will be able to access all of these resources on-line. Presenters also discussed what needs to be in place to fully implement this project effectively, including training, collaboration, ongoing professional development and modeling and the role of the instructional coaches.

### **Preliminary Budget for 2008-2009 School Year**

Dr. Rick Bankston continued discussions of the 2008-2009 budget projections. In comparing this year's operating budget to next year's projected budget, FISD is looking at a 13-14 percent increase in expenditures, which is in line with the projected student growth and the opening of four new schools and the Career and Technical Education Center. The projected operating budget is \$213 million, with an additional \$11 million projected for FISD's recapture payment. The budget increases reflect an \$18.4 million cost for new personnel to meet the needs of growth and \$900,000 for new employee insurance; \$10 per month increase in the district's contribution to the self-funded insurance program; a 4 percent of midpoint raise for returning employees and a \$100,000 allocation for a wellness program. The total projected budget for payroll and related costs is \$187 million. In addition to the percent of midpoint salary adjustment, the employee health insurance adjustment and the wellness program expenditure, the Board approved the new hire teacher/nurse placement schedule that puts the beginning teacher/no experience pay at \$44,500 in FISD (a \$1,500 increase). The wellness program involves a partnership with the city of Frisco and Athletic Center for membership benefits. The district will reimburse employees the cost of membership - up to \$35 a month -if they access the center a minimum of 10 times per month. This program will begin in October of 2008; more information will be forthcoming. To fund this budget, a projected maintenance and operation tax rate of \$1 per \$100 of assessed valuation is projected, representing a four-cent increase. This will also allow for an increase in funds to be allocated to fund balance (2.5 percent). It is anticipated that the interest and sinking rate (I&S) may be reduced from \$.39 to \$.37 if taxable values increased as anticipated, which would result in a net combined tax rate increase of only two cents. The budget will be approved in June as the district changes its fiscal year. The tax rate will not be officially approved until September. A two-cent increase in the overall tax rate would mean less than a \$50 increase in the average homeowners (\$257,000 minus the \$15,000 homestead exemption) annual tax bill.

## **District Mission and Belief System Revisions**

In a strategic planning session on Saturday, April 26, the Board reviewed the District's Mission and Belief Statements, which were developed in 1997. Building on what was done at that time, the Board modified and streamlined the statements to improve the flow and to better reflect the uniqueness of the District. The result of their work is as follows:

### **Our Mission:**

By providing a unique learning environment that maximizes student opportunity and invests in meaningful relationships, the mission of the Frisco Independent School District is to partner with parents and community in developing caring citizens equipped to continue learning and pursue their aspirations.

### **Belief System**

Education is a shared responsibility of students, school, home, and community and with that as an essential principle, we believe that:

- Every person can learn.
- Each person is ultimately responsible for his/her own learning.
  - Learning is lifelong and unlimited.
  - Each person is unique.
- Everyone has equal inherent worth and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.
  - Everyone needs challenge and encouragement.
    - Imagination and creativity are vital.
    - Integrity is essential.
  - A safe and orderly environment is necessary for learning.
  - Meaningful relationships have profound lifelong impact.
    - There is always room for improvement.

## **Construction Issues**

Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance reported on the status of Scoggins and Stafford Middle Schools. Stafford is 90 percent complete on the interior, although due to soil issues, there has been some delay on the track completion (it will be done before school starts). Scoggins is 85 percent complete in the interior. Transportation West has had some delays, but will be ready before school starts. SHW Architects were designated as the group to work on the proposed Administration Building.

## **Personnel Recommendations – See Attached Document on New Administrative Hires and Changes.**

## **Staff Reports**

*Curriculum and Instruction – Texas Virtual School Network* - TEA has entered into several partnerships with education service centers, universities, and private companies in launching the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN). This network was created due to 2007 legislation which will provide online courses through the Internet to students across Texas. Classes are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2009. The first online courses will be available for Grade 9-12 and the course content will be reviewed beginning this summer. The proposed courses will be assessed against the TEKS curriculum standards and the National Standards for Quality Online Courses endorsed by the North American Council for Online Learning. A list of the approved course offerings will be released in the fall and TEA is developing an ongoing review process for adding additional courses. Teachers will be required to take professional development sessions prior to teaching an electronic course offered through the network. We will be anxiously following this process as we explore adding online courses to our offerings.

*Technology – Graduation Streaming* - This year, we are planning to stream our graduation ceremonies live on the Internet. We will be able to archive the videos so people can watch them throughout the summer. People will simply click on a link from our homepage to access a third party vendor that is supplying this service for us. Garland ISD will be doing all of the video work as part of the package we receive when we rent their facility. Dee Scott has done a lot of work on this project and will test it fully in the next few days and then we will advertise the service more fully.

## **Upcoming Dates –**

**May 23 and 26 – Holidays - June 5 – Last Day of School - June 6 - Graduation**