



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

May 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

FISD Board of Trustees Board Room

Board Presentations

The Frisco ISD School Board honored state qualifying high school students in a variety of fields at a reception at 6 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting. Resolutions were given to students from all four high schools – Liberty, Frisco High School, Centennial and Wakeland - commending them on their performance. The students were honored for their competition in the following areas: LHS State VASE competition; LHS BPA (Business and Professionals Association) competition; the LHS National Merit Finalist; LHS German Contest and the Commended National Exam students; LHS UIL Computer Science team members; LHS Citizen Bee Winner; WHS Debate team members; WHS Golf girls team; WHS VASE competitors; WHS DECA Competitors; WHS National Merit Finalist; WHS UIL Current Events; FHS UIL Persuasive Speaking; BPA National Officer Candidate; FHS Track and Field Discus Qualifier; FHS Boys Golf; FHS National Merit Finalists; Texas Association of Secondary School Principals All-State Academic Excellence Team; FHS DECA; FHS Debate team; FHS Art VASE and Governors State Capitol Show; CHS Track and Field; CHS tennis players; CHS National Merit Finalist; CHS Golf; CHS State German Contest and Commended National Exam; CHS French Contest Qualifiers; and CHS VASE competitors. [See Resolutions.](#)

Call to Order

Catherine Hoxie, daughter of newly elected board member John Hoxie, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas pledge.

Canvassing of Votes and Oaths of Office

May 9th election results that showed Buddy Minett and John Hoxie as the elected board members with the majority of votes were canvassed and approved. Notary Keri Miller, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Rick Reedy, heard the State oath of office from returning board member Buddy Minett and new board member Hoxie. The board also reorganized reappointing Dan Mossakowski as board president, and voting to re-appoint Renee Ehmke as vice president and Brenda Polk, as secretary. The board thanked Laura Ellison for serving as secretary previously.

TEPSAN of the Year

Superintendent Rick Reedy introduced Anna Koenig, principal at Boals Elementary, who has been named District 10 TEPSAN of the Year by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Koenig has been in the district since 1998, when she joined FISD as a gifted and talented teacher, working in second and fourth grades and also serving in the role of team leader. She served as assistant principal at Shawnee Trail for two years and helped open Spears Elementary. She opened Boals Elementary 6 years ago. Prior to coming to the FISD, she taught for seven years in the Irving ISD and in a school district in Los Angeles. Her bachelor's degree is from Texas A&M University; her master's degree is from the University of North Texas.

Communications to the Board

A representative of a local program spoke to the Board about adding another after-school enrichment option.

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 May consent agenda included actions to approve and act on: tax office reports; budget amendments; payments to vendors; architects; and contractors; Preferred Approved Vendor List; contract extension with external auditor; purchase of district vehicles; staff uniform proposals; replacement of freezers at Bright, Fisher, and Shawnee Trail Elementary; extension of contract for elementary student pictures; purchase of furniture and equipment for Frisco High School offices and library; purchase of furniture and equipment for Acker; participation in purchasing cooperative; extension of contract for fire alarm and suppression systems; extension of contract for on-site financial services; purchase of lift system for Active Learning classroom at Clark Middle School; lease services for five transitional double classrooms; change Order #1 for Service Center Phase 4 project; vendors to supply instructional software for 2009-2010; vendors to supply instructional hardware for 2009-2010; vendors to supply miscellaneous hardware and equipment for 2009-2010; vendor for network support services; award for extension of contract for milk, ice cream, and snack items; canine detection contract for 2009-2010; award of visitor management system for the district; award for extension of contract for foam soap and hand sanitizer; award for extension of contract for health screening services; Board Local Policy Update 85 which concerns these issues: CNB (Local): Transportation Management--District Vehicles, CQ (Local): Electronic Communication and Data Management; DBB (Local): Employment Requirements and Restrictions--Medical Examinations and Communicable Diseases; FL (Local): Student Records; GRA (Local): Relations with Governmental Entities; Local Governmental Authorities; recommendation to implement instructional leadership training for administrators and campus-based instructional coaches; job description/evaluation form for Financial Technical Coordinator; revision to Board Policy DEA (Local): Compensation and Benefits regarding definition of district workweek.

Preliminary budget Report

The board heard a budget update from Dr. Rick Bankston, Fisd Director of Finance, who confirmed that the district staff is nearing a final budget. Current projected expenditures are \$245 million. Personnel costs will make up about 80 percent of that budget. Fisd is trying to get comparisons of salaries with other districts, but staff is finding that other districts are also moving slowly on setting their budgets, he said, in consideration of the Legislature being in session and awaiting better information on property values. He discussed the new hire teacher placement schedule, percent of midpoint salary adjustments, employee health insurance adjustments. The board agreed to meet on June 8 in to establish the maximum tax rate to fund the 2009-2010 budget for "truth in taxation" notices.

Physicals

After much discussion about costs to parents, inconvenience and necessity, the board cast a split 4-3 vote choosing not to adopt a proposed administrative guideline that would ask that band and color guard participants obtain a physical prior to high school marching band.

Construction

The Board looked at the exterior design plans for the proposed new Administration complex. Design plans and construction of the building have been slowed because of the economy, but Dr. Rick Reedy asked the board to continue to look at the design because of concerns about the needs for the Student Opportunity Center to expand into the areas now occupied by administration. "That is the larger issue," Reedy said. The new administration would house 400 or so employees and has been estimated to cost in the \$30 million range. Mr. Wilkinson will provide information to the Board regarding impact to debt service tax rate over time and any impact as the district continues to build classrooms for growth. Currently, Fisd administrative staff housed throughout the district at the Maple Street Complex, the Maple Street Annex, Acker Programs Center and in the Sam Carter Service Center.

The Board approved the expansion improvements of the existing agricultural science building and granted the project to Core Construction.

Personnel Matters

Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented her personnel report to the board. Of the many new hires, several new assistant principals were named including: Frisco High AP Jon Boettcher, a 22-year education veteran with degrees from the University of Alberta in Canada and Texas A&M University Commerce; Frisco High AP Erica Castille, a 10-year education veteran with degrees from University of Southwestern Louisiana and Texas A&M Commerce; Liberty High School AP Erin Coates, with 13 years experience and degrees from Texas Tech University; Robertson Elementary School AP Melanie Davis, who has 17 years experience and degrees from Eastern Connecticut State University and California State University; Isbell Elementary Assistant Principal Serita Dodson, who has degrees from the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University; Floating High School AP Hector Garcia, who has eight years of experience and degrees from Texas Woman's University and Texas A&M Commerce; Anderson Elementary School AP Pam Orr, who has 14 years of experience and degrees from St. Edwards University and Concordia University; Frisco High School AP Cade Smith who has 10 years of experience and degrees from Southwest Texas State University; Spears Elementary AP Dana Solomon who has four years of experience and degrees from University of Texas at Dallas and Concordia University; Heritage High School AP Diana Topham who has 31 years of experience and degrees from Henderson State University and Texas A&M Commerce; Heritage High AP Alan Waligura who has 10 years of experience and degrees from Southwest Texas State University and Texas Woman's University; Heritage High School AP Clarence Williams who has 15 years of experience and degrees from Northwestern State University in Louisiana and Texas A&M Commerce. Dr. Bass also reported that hiring is going well at all campuses.

Staff Reports

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Debra Nelson reported that the District has received its TAKS scores. The District will be bringing principals together for vertical dialogue and disaggregation of data and analysis. On June 15 all principals will meet and discuss TAKS data and identify at-risk students who are transitioning into middle school or high school.

Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance Richard Wilkinson reported that JoAnn Tinney of Purchasing has been named TASBO (Texas Association of School Business Officials) Affiliate for Region 10 Board of Directors.

Most of the Board of Trustees informed Shana McKay Wortham, Fisd Communications Director, they would be attending the annual Top Ten Luncheon honoring the top graduates at each Frisco ISD high school. The students will also bring a guest educator who has made a difference in their lives to the event. The event is coordinated through Communications and the Frisco Education Foundation.

Graduation plans are well underway according to Rick Burnett, Director of Student Services. Information can be found on the Fisd website.

Level III Hearing

The Board upheld the administrative decision at Level Two and denied the student grievance.

Next Meeting: June 22