



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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*Regular Board Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

## **Approval of Minutes from February 9 12 Regular Meeting—*Motion Passed***

### **Board Recognitions**

The Board recognized the following student groups:—*See resolutions for a comprehensive list of students and sponsors/coaches.*

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| CHS—All State Band      | HHS—All State Orchestra | WHS—All State Band      | LHS—State Swim Team |
| CHS—All State Choir     | IHS—All State Band      | WHS—All State Orchestra | WHS—State Swim Team |
| CHS—All State Orchestra | IHS—All State Orchestra | FHS—State Dive Team     | CHS—State Wrestling |
| FHS—All State Band      | LHS—All State Band      | FHS—State Swim Team     | FHS—State Wrestling |
| FHS—All State Orchestra | LHS—All State Orchestra | HHS—State Swim Team     | HHS—State Wrestling |
| HHS—All State Band      | LSHS—All State Band     | LHS—State Dive Team     | LHS—State Wrestling |
| LSHS—State Wrestling    | WHS—State Wrestling     |                         |                     |

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

One citizen spoke on the topic of zoning and a representative of CoServ presented a credit check in the amount of \$143,000 to Frisco ISD.

**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; preferred approved vendor list; remainder of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) start-up budget of schools scheduled to open August 2015—a) Reedy HS, b) Pearson and Trent MS, c) Norris Elementary School; energy management controls for upcoming projects—a) Nelson MS, b) summer projects; purchase of school bus; revision to DEC (LOCAL): Compensation and benefits-Leaves and Absences. —*Motion Passed*

### **Consider and Act on Issues Related to May 9 Election —*Motion Passed***

1. Joint Election Contracts
2. Notice of General Election for Board of Trustees Places 6 and 7
3. Notice of Special Election for Board of Trustees Place 3

Frisco ISD will contract for joint election services with both Collin County (including a joint election agreement with the City of Frisco and Collin College) and with Denton County.

### **Consider and Act on Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (FGMP) for Memorial Stadium and Eubanks Natatorium project —*Motion Passed***

Recommendation—\$3,395,000 with CORE Construction.



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**Consider and Act on Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (FGMP) for Nelson Middle School—*Motion Passed***

Recommendation—\$29,431,849 through CORE Construction.

**Consider and Act on Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) for Barrow Transportation Project Item—*Motion Passed***

Recommendation—competitive sealed proposal (CSP) for Barrow Transportation project in the amount of \$1,308,000 through Mart, Inc.

**Consider and act on Resolution to purchase Elementary School Site—*Motion Passed***  
2014 bond funds will be used for this purchase.

**Report on District Assessment and Accountability**

**Dr. Gary Nye** presented this information to the Board of Trustees—*See Presentation*

**Consider and act on Personnel Recommendations—*Motion Passed***

Assistant Principal and Administrative Hires:

**High Schools**

**Heather Albuquerque** was hired as assistant principal for Reedy High School. Albuquerque is currently an assistant principal at North Garland High. She began her career in education in 1999 in Garland ISD as a science teacher at the middle and then high school level. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of Oklahoma and her master's is from Concordia University.

Kendall Still will be leaving Liberty High School to open Reedy High as an assistant principal. **Jason Harris** was hired as an assistant principal at Liberty High to replace Still. Harris is currently assistant principal at Coronado High in El Paso. He taught science and coached for four years in Tennessee and in El Paso before becoming an administrator in 2009. He also served his country in the United States Army for four years. His bachelor's degree is from Mississippi State and his master's is from the University of Phoenix. He is currently pursuing his doctorate.

**Middle Schools**

**Ryan Knickerbocker** was hired as assistant principal for Pearson Middle School. He is currently sixth grade social studies teacher/team leader and coach at Griffin Middle School. Knickerbocker joined FISD in 2010 and began his career in 2006 in Bangs ISD. His bachelor's degree is from Howard Payne University and his master's is from The University of Texas at Arlington.

**Michelle Coleman** was also hired as an assistant principal for Pearson Middle School. Coleman is currently assistant principal at Lake Highlands Junior High in Richardson ISD. She began her career in education in 1998 as a social studies teacher in RISD. She has also been an instructional specialist. Her bachelor's degree is from DePauw University and her master's is from the University of San Diego.



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In addition, Mitzi Garner, who is currently assistant principal at Wester Middle School, will be helping to open Trent Middle School. She will be replaced by **Jennifer King**, who is currently teaching animation/multimedia/yearbook at Wester, and is also the 504 and testing coordinator. She joined FISD in 2001 as a teacher at Fisher Elementary and has also taught at Griffin Middle School. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of North Texas and her master's is from Lamar University.

**Reed Bond** was hired as assistant principal for Vandeventer Middle School to replace Jason Ellis who is now the Coordinator of Testing/504. Bond is currently a math teacher and team leader at Wakeland High School. He began his career in education in 2007 in Arlington ISD. Prior to teaching, he served his country in the Air Force. His bachelor's degree is from Texas Tech University and his master's is from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

**Lacey Moser** was hired as assistant principal for Fowler Middle School to replace Kathy Leonard, who is retiring. Moser is currently principal of Riverside Middle School in Garfield Re2 in Colorado. She began her career in education in 2000 as an elementary teacher in McKinney ISD, where she was also an assistant principal. She has 10 years of administrative experience. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of Wisconsin and her master's is from Dallas Baptist University.

**Karen McNeil** was hired for Maus Middle School to replace Jamie Wisneski who is the principal of the new Pearson Middle School. McNeil is currently the science instructional coach at Roach Middle School, having joined FISD in 2013 as a science teacher. She began her career in education in 1997 and has taught at the middle level in McKinney, Dallas and Plano ISDs. Her bachelor's and master's degrees are from the University of Texas at Dallas.

## Administrators

In other Board action, **Christy Fiori** was hired as area director in the Curriculum and Instruction Department to replace Nancy Lawson, who is retiring after 11 years in FISD and 31 years of service to children. Fiori is currently the Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Federal Programs in Melissa ISD. She began her career in education in 2000 in Richardson ISD and also taught in McKinney ISD before becoming a campus administrator in Melissa in 2006. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of North Texas and her master's is from Texas A&M Commerce. She is currently working on her doctorate.



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## Staff Reports

### Curriculum and Instruction

**Ms. Katie Kordel** shared the following student scholarship information:

#### National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Frisco ISD is proud to celebrate 26 high school seniors who have been recognized as Finalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program. About 1.4 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and his or her high school must submit a detailed scholarship application in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. Finalists have the opportunity to win three types of National Merit Scholarships, which will be announced beginning in April and concluding in July.

#### National Achievement Scholarship Program

In addition, two FISD students have been named Finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, an academic competition that recognizes outstanding African American high school students who also qualify for scholarships by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Every Finalist will compete for one of the 700 one-time National Achievement \$2500 Scholarships, which will be awarded on a regional representation basis. In addition, corporate and business sponsors will underwrite about 100 Achievement Scholarship awards for Finalists who meet criteria set by the grantor. The list of students earning these achievements can be found on the FISD web-site at:

<http://www.friscoisd.org/news/district-headlines/2015/02/23/scholarship-programs>

#### 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.



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## Support Services

**Mr. Doug Zambiasi** updated the board on security testing that continues on the one button activation method for campus lock-downs. This process involves collaboration with four different vendors. Once testing is complete and the process is on-line, the time it takes to lock-down a school and alert the Police Department will be dramatically reduced.

The process is as follows:

1. Campus administrator activates the button on their radio
2. The front door is locked
3. The PA advises student and staff to initiate lock-down procedures
4. The monitoring company receives a signal that the campus is on lock-down
5. Monitoring company calls Police

## Communications and Community Relations

**Ms. Shana Wortham** reminded the board of the Realtor Breakfast on March 17. The District is inviting Jim Gandy of the FEDC and a representative from the City of Frisco to be on hand to give quick updates in addition to our key information on growth, planning and zones.

## Student Services

**Mr. Kenny Chandler** discussed information regarding Coordinated School Health as outlined below.

Studies consistently demonstrate that physical activity is associated with improved academic achievement, academic behaviors, and cognitive skill. GoNoodle offers a few free engaging brain breaks for classroom teachers to use. GoNoodle Plus offers seven suites of physical activity breaks or brain energizers that are aligned to core subject areas. Often, classroom teachers use these to engage their students multiple times per day. While providing physical activity breaks, these activities also reinforce grade-aligned lessons, aid in subject fluency through kinesthetic learning and assist teachers in positive classroom management while achieving student focus and time on task. Teachers can also add their own material into GoNoodle. Whether it be reviewing history questions, practicing spelling words, memorizing times tables, or learning science questions, GoNoodle makes learning fun and interactive. It is a tool teachers can use if they choose.

All elementary teachers in FISD will have free access to GoNoodle Plus through this school year! Cook's Children's Hospital has paid the fee for our 13 elementary schools in Denton County to use the site through the 2016-2017 school year. Because of our strong support and interest, the GoNoodle Company will grant the other 24 elementary schools access for free through the end of this school year. Frisco ISD is hoping by then to secure a partner to grant access to our elementary schools in Collin County through the 2016-2017 school year. <http://www.gonoodle.com/>

*Next Regular Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015*