



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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Regular Board Meeting December 10– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room

Approval of minutes from November 12 regular meeting—*Motion Passed*

Board Recognitions

Staff Recognition

Curtsinger Elementary staff was recognized for their lifesaving use of automatic external defibrillator. Much of the staff at Curtsinger Elementary and the Laverne Forwark family were present for the board to honor both those who took immediate and lifesaving steps to revive Ms. Forwark after cardiac arrest and Ms. Forwark for her tenacity and courage in overcoming the odds as she works to recover from the trauma of the episode. Ms. Angie Borgarello's riveting narrative detailing the events of that day can be seen in the board video. Ms. Borgarello honored staff that took lifesaving action, as well as Frisco Fire and Paramedic staff. Also, Ms. Forwark thanked those groups as well.

Dr. Nelson, Smith Principal Matt Kimball, and Clark Middle School Principal Joel Partin recognized Ms. Sunita Patel who was recently honored as a Hero for Children by the State Board of Education for her active role as a parent volunteer and her Destination ImagiNation participation and success at Smith and Clark, with teams that have achieved national recognition and honors. See full article at the link below.

<http://www.friscoisd.org/news/2012/12/10/parent-volunteer-recognized-as-hero>

Allison Miller and Frisco Education Foundation board members presented FISD with a check for \$65,000 at Monday night's board meeting representing the dollar amount awarded this year through the foundation's Grants for Great Ideas! program to FISD educators. The foundation received over 100 applications this year, awarding 40 of those great ideas to 63 FISD educators. Since 1999, the Frisco Education Foundation has awarded over \$265,000 in grant to FISD educators.

"Grants for Great Ideas!" is a program offered to FISD staff to enhance the overall learning environment for students in FISD at the district, campus and classroom levels. Such projects are not otherwise funded by the district and would not be possible without the grant award. These grants impact students across the district.

Communications to and from the Board Including Public Comments

Mayor Maher Maso, City Manager George Purefoy, city council members John Keating and Bob Allen along with former mayor Mike Simpson and former city council member Joy West presented Dr. Reedy with a parting gift in appreciation of his years of service to the City of Frisco and the Frisco Independent School District.

FISD parent Heather Brown addressed the board with compliments concerning the education of her student. Her son attends Vandeventer Middle School.

Approval of minutes from November 12 regular board meeting and November 13, 14, and 19 special meetings—*Motion Passed*

Consent Agenda—*Motion Passed*

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,



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architects, and contractors; recommendation of award for Preferred Approved Vendor List; extension of contract for online student enrollment; change orders for 1)Final Acker/Annex/Student Opportunity Center project and 2)deduct for 2012 summer contracts; delivery method for Elementary #34 and #35; changes to Frisco ISD employee contracts; new and newly revised evaluation forms for itinerant special education personnel; change to Board Policy DEC (Local) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and absences; 2013-2014 school calendar (<http://www.friscoisd.org/ly/admin/docs/181818121212.pdf>); purchase of antivirus software.

Presentation on Current Progress of Process and Performance Management in Frisco ISD—*See PowerPoint*

Discuss New Elementary Prototype Layout and Final Design Considerations—*See PowerPoint*

Consider and Act on Modifications to Existing Zones in Areas Currently Housing No Students—*Motion Passed*

Due to capacity issues, it is necessary to zone high school students from the new apartments along FM 423 in the Town of Little Elm into Lone Star High School. Elementary and middle school students would remain in the current Corbell Elementary and Cobb Middle School zones.

Consider and Act on Current Superintendent Participating in School Finance Litigation after Retirement—*Motion Passed*

Consider and act on personnel recommendations—*Motion Passed*
Dr. Linda Bass presented the staffing report sheet.

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum

In late October, Frisco ISD sent three people to the International Association for K-12 Online Learning's Virtual School Symposium and Annual Conference. The trio from FISD spent four full days attending sessions on how to incorporate blended learning into K-12 public schools and they also attended sessions on open educational resources, online learning policy across the nation, and the use of Moodle (our "learning hub") in education. This particular conference was specific in instructional tools to increase the academic rigor and engagement of online learning for students. Frisco ISD has used the learning gleaned at the conference in the construction of the first online course to possibly be piloted in 2013-2014 with Pre-AP Geometry at our middle schools. This was the third time that FISD staff attended the conference as it continues to embrace public education and the incorporation of blended learning and flipped classroom instruction.

Mrs. Shana Wortham, Executive Director for Communications and Community Relations School Board Appreciation Month Coming January

Frisco ISD looks forward to honoring the board former FISD board members at a reception prior to the January 14 board meeting. There will be student entertainment provided by the Lone Star High School Guitar Ensemble.

Next regular meeting: January 14 10, 2013