



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

Board Members: Renée Ehmke • Debbie Gillespie • John Hoxie • Anne McCausland • Dan Mossakowski • Brenda Polk • Chris Todd

*Regular Board Meeting February 11– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

**Approval of minutes from January 14 regular meeting—*Motion Passed***

## **Board Recognitions**

More than 40 band and orchestra students from Frisco ISD high schools have been named as members of the all-state band, the all-state orchestra, the state symphonic band or to perform for the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) concert. The board honored each of these students and they were presented with a resolution in their honor.

The Frisco ISD All-State high school musicians include the following students:

### **Centennial High School**

Persia Abdollahi, F horn, 5A All-State  
Brooks Hamilton, flute, 4A Symphonic Band  
Hunter Horby, tenor saxophone, 4A Symphonic Band  
Andrew Knepler, tuba, 4A Symphonic Band  
Nazario Mendoza, clarinet, 4A Symphonic Band  
PJ Rahimi, baritone saxophone, Jazz  
Sydney Tang, clarinet, 4A Symphonic Band  
Belle Weathers, alto 2, Women's Choir  
Terrance Young, tuba, 5A All-State

### **Frisco High School**

Niklas Ax, percussion, 5A All-State  
Briana Ford, oboe, 4A Symphonic Band  
Elizabeth Hampton, clarinet, 4A Symphonic Band  
Savannah Todd, harp, Orchestra

### **Heritage High School**

Abigail Fuchs, violin 1, Orchestra

### **Liberty High School**

Tarun Bellur, percussion, 4A Symphonic Band  
Alex Chang, violin 2, Orchestra  
Andrew Huang, clarinet, 4A Symphonic Band  
Sarah Jiang, violin 1, Orchestra  
Eliot Johnson, percussion, 5A All-State Band  
Jonathan Kim, viola, Orchestra  
Nathan Le, viola, Orchestra  
Charlie Lin, violin 1, Orchestra  
Cynthia Ma, harp, Orchestra  
Spencer Roberts, saxophone, 5A All-State Band  
Stacey Uhm, clarinet, 4A Symphonic Band  
Veronica Zheng, flute, 5A All-State



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## **Lone Star High School**

Joey Arrigo, cornet/trumpet, ATSSB  
Haley Blanchard, bassoon, 5A All-State Band  
Adam Esserine, tenor saxophone, ATSSB  
Colin McKelroy, cornet/trumpet, ATSSB  
Alex Sanchez, clarinet, ATSSB  
Linnea Sill, tenor trombone, ATSSB  
Gabrielle Stokes, oboe, ATSSB  
Troy Tippawang, string bass, Orchestra  
Haley Walker, bassoon, ATSSB

## **Wakeland High School**

Jae Choi, violin 2, Orchestra  
Mitchell Doerr, saxophone, 4A Symphonic Band  
Courtney Erbes, harp, 5A All-State  
Matthew Hauser, euphonium, 4A Symphonic Band  
Vidur Marwaha, clarinet, 5A All-State Band  
Tyler Plowman, clarinet, 4A Symphonic Band  
Ray Wilkins, tenor saxophone, Jazz

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

Officer Grant Cottingham from the Frisco PD, along with other School Resource Officers in Fisd came to thank Frisco ISD and the Board of Trustees for their continued support of the Shattered Dreams program, which is conducted yearly at a HS campus in Frisco ISD. The officers presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Lyon.

*Board Reports-*Debbie Gillespie and Dan Mossakowski shared their experiences at the Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference, where they attended break-out sessions, saw Arne Duncan (Secretary of Education) and met with lawmakers. Topics discussed were 1) sequestration, 2) re-authorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 3) National School Board Association bill and 4) school safety. Mr. Mossakowski discussed that in order to influence education issues at the federal level, lawmakers must hear from their constituents. He encourages all parents to become involved and research education issues, particularly the sequestration policy that is currently threatening funds at the local level, moreso even in other districts in the state.

Anne McCausland spoke briefly about her visit, along with Debbie Gillespie and Dr. Lyon, to the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS). Topics included 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning, a case study on the Denver Public School System led by former Secretary of Education Rod Paige, among others.

Renee Ehmke mentioned her attendance at the HS wrestling in Frisco ISD during the prior weekend. HS wrestlers will be honored at an upcoming board meeting.

Renee Ehmke and the board welcomed Beverly Brunson as Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees. Brunson replaced Keri Miller, who was honored with a gift from the Board of Trustees. Miller is assuming the duties of demographer full time.

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## **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, architects, and contractors; resolution to suspend portions of EIA(Local): Academic Achievement-Grading/Progress Reports to Parents; Board Policy Local Update 96; vendor to provide services for software migration; printer purchase for spring; purchase of buses for 2013-2014 school year; TEA waiver for foreign exchange students.

## **Consider and act on pending litigation, TEA Docket No. 293-SE-0808 —*Motion Passed***

Dr. Lyon recommended a motion to authorize the superintendent to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the Frisco ISD in TEA Docket No. 293-SE-0808, consistent with the terms discussed and recommended by the administration and legal counsel in closed session.

## **Consider and act on Order of Election for May 11 Board of Trustees Election Action —*Motion Passed***

Motion made for the Order of Election for Board of Trustee Place 1, 2, and 3 to be held on May 11. The joint contracts will be ready for approval at the March board meeting.

## **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**

Frisco ISD hosted the Region IX Academic Decathlon Regional Tournament for the medium and large school division at Centennial High School on Friday, January 25th and Saturday, January 26th, 2013. More than 160 volunteers participated as judges, speech timers, essay graders, and test proctors over the course of this tournament. Many of these volunteers were FISD staff and community members.

### **Medium School Division**

1st Place – Centennial High School

2nd Place – Wakeland High School

3rd Place – Liberty High School

4th Place – Heritage High School

**Centennial, Wakeland, Liberty, and Heritage** will advance to the state competition.

**Lone Star High School** participates in the small school division for Region IX Academic Decathlon. Lone Star High School placed second in the small schools division and will advance to the state competition.

## **Shana Wortham, Executive Director for Communications and Community Relations**

### **[State of the Schools Report](#)**

### **Dr. Jeremy Lyon, Superintendent**

Dr. Lyon presented his observations after personally visiting nearly half of the schools in Frisco ISD. Dr. Lyon plans to continue with his visits to every school over the next month.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 4