



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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Regular Board Meeting July 29– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room

Approval of minutes from June 17 regular meeting—*Motion Passed*

Communications To and From the Board Including Public Comments

Anne McCausland shared a letter of thanks and farewell from John Burdett, former principal of LHS, who is moving to Plano ISD to work in Human Resources.

One citizen addressed the board regarding toner and ink strategies for 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; furniture for transitional classrooms; curriculum materials for special programs; E-Rate Record Retention, Procurement, and Authorization Policy Resolution; provide storage area network equipment and installation services; trained appraisers for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2013-2014 school year; teacher appraisal calendar for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2013-2014 school year; recommendation to rescind notice of proposed termination of the identified term contract teacher and accept letter of resignation with no compensatory requirements; middle school reading acceleration licenses; contract for internet based coursework for credit recovery program at the Student Opportunity Center and HS campuses; adoption of FISD 2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct; temporary middle school transportation for Stafford Middle School for 2013-2014 school year; Board Policy Update 97, affecting (LOCAL) policies—a) CNA (LOCAL):Transportation Management-Student Transportation; b)DBAA (LOCAL): Employment Requirements and Restrictions-Criminal History and Credit Reports; c)DPB (LOCAL): Personnel Positions-Substitute, Temporary, and Part-Time Positions; and Board Committee assignments for 2013-2014 school year.

Consider and act on the purchase of instructional materials with Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) funds

1) Supplemental Materials—Motion Passed

The College Board has changed the content of the foreign language Advanced Placement Exams, specifically in AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature, and the AP French courses. Supplemental instructional materials are needed to provide the most effective instruction to students enrolled in AP foreign language courses (Languages Other Than English - LOTE) in Frisco ISD.

2) License fees—Motion Passed

Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, Mandarin Chinese I will be a high school course offering in Frisco ISD. Chinese I will be offered in an on-line format through My Language 360 during the school day. The items for purchase are license fees for 90 students. Included in the license fees are software access, instruction, curriculum, training, technology support and reporting.

Consider and act on the application for an expedited state waiver for an early release day —*Motion Passed*

Frisco ISD is requesting an Early Release Waiver for Friday, June 6, 2014, which is the last instructional day for the 2013-2014 school year. Senior students at all high schools will be released at noon in order to complete final grade reports and prepare for graduation ceremonies. All students at Liberty High School will be released at noon to allow students and staff to attend graduation ceremonies at 3:30 pm on June 6, 2014.

Consider and act on personnel recommendations—*Motion Passed*



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The following assistant principals and coordinators were named:

Stephanie Janes has been slated for Cobb Middle School. Stephanie has 10 years of experience in education. Stephanie's bachelor's degree and master's degree were earned at Austin College.

Gina Ware will be the new assistant principal at the CTE Center. Gina has 10 years of experience in education. She received her bachelor's degree from Stephen F Austin State University and her Master's from the University of North Texas.

Kendra Kurham has been named as Coordinator of Secondary Science. Kendra has 7 years of experience in education. She received her bachelor's degree from S.E. Oklahoma St, while getting her master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech University.

Elizabeth Hemby has been named Coordinator of Student Assistance. Elizabeth has 19 years of experience in education. She received her bachelor's degree from TX Woman's University and her master's from Texas A&M University Commerce.

Elizabeth Lowell has been named Coordinator of Special Education. Elizabeth has 22 years of experience in education. She received her bachelor's degree from Baylor University and her master's degree from the University of North Texas.

Debbie Russell has been named Coordinator of Special Education. Debbie has 24 years of experience in education. She received her bachelor's and master's degree from St. John's University.

Angela Williams has been named Coordinator of Counseling Services. Angela has 17 years of experience in education. She received her bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin University and her master's degree from Texas A&M University Commerce.

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on one of our FISD partnerships. Currently our third grade students participate in a study trip to the Heritage Museum and the Railroad Museum as a part of their study of the Frisco Community. This May, Meridith Brown, Elementary Social Studies Coordinator, worked closely with the Frisco Heritage Museum to update the third grade field trip guide and provide feedback on previously-used classroom activities. The existing field trip guide and classroom lessons that support the study trip had not yet been aligned with the most recent version of the Social Studies TEKS. After spending time in the museum and experiencing the artifacts students would encounter in their trip, Ms. Brown updated and revised the pre and post-trip lessons to carefully align them with the current third grade TEKS. She ensured that these lessons could be completed by teachers and students within a reasonable time frame and would be highly engaging for students. These guides will be uploaded to the museum website so teachers can access them easily, prepare for the trip and extend student learning after their study trip experience!

Mr. Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, reminded the Board that general public student transfers will be accepted July 22 – August 13, 2013. The student transfer appeal meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting—August 12