



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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*Regular Board Meeting October 13– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

**Approval of minutes from September 9 regular meeting—*Motion Passed***

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

Frisco ISD Council of PTAs president addressed the board and updated them on activity in the district.

A citizen addressed the board concerning Open Records requests in Frisco ISD.

Three citizens addressed the board concerning zoning for Independence HS, opening in the fall of 2014.

A representative and student storyteller addressed the board and invited them to the Lone Star Storytelling Festival, thanking the district for its support.

**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; recommendation to approve purchasing cooperative agreement; extend contract (37 months) for kilowatt per hour costs for electricity; grounds keeping and pest control chemicals and supplies proposals; lease of two additional print devices for print center; new and newly revised job descriptions/evaluation forms; newly trained appraiser for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2013-2104 school year allotment funds—a) Atlas Resources for K-5, b) Advanced Placement Art History textbooks, c) SpringBoard based ELAR Curriculum, d) Texas Instruments calculators, e) World Geography Textbooks .

**Consider and act on adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax bonds, establishing sale parameters, authorizing the execution of a bond purchase contract and an escrow agreement; approving an official statement; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.—*Motion Passed***

**Mr. Richard Wilkinson, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services** recommended this motion to approve the issuance of bonds within parameters for \$95,000,000. The sale included debt service costs for four new elementary schools, a middle school, two high schools and funds for technology and maintenance. The rate cannot be more than 5.5 percent.

**Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report for 2011-2012 school year—*See Attached***

**Mr. Richard Wilkinson, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and Dr. Rick Bankston, Chief Financial Officer** presented this report to the board. This was also a public hearing. No questions were fielded. FISD has had a superior rating since the inception of the FIRST report.

**Discussion regarding consensus on recommendation of Reedy High School colors**

Green and Blue will be Reedy HS colors. The board looked at color schemes for the interior.



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## Discussion regarding draft zone for Independence High School opening in August 2014 and affecting Centennial, Heritage, and Liberty high schools—*See Attached*

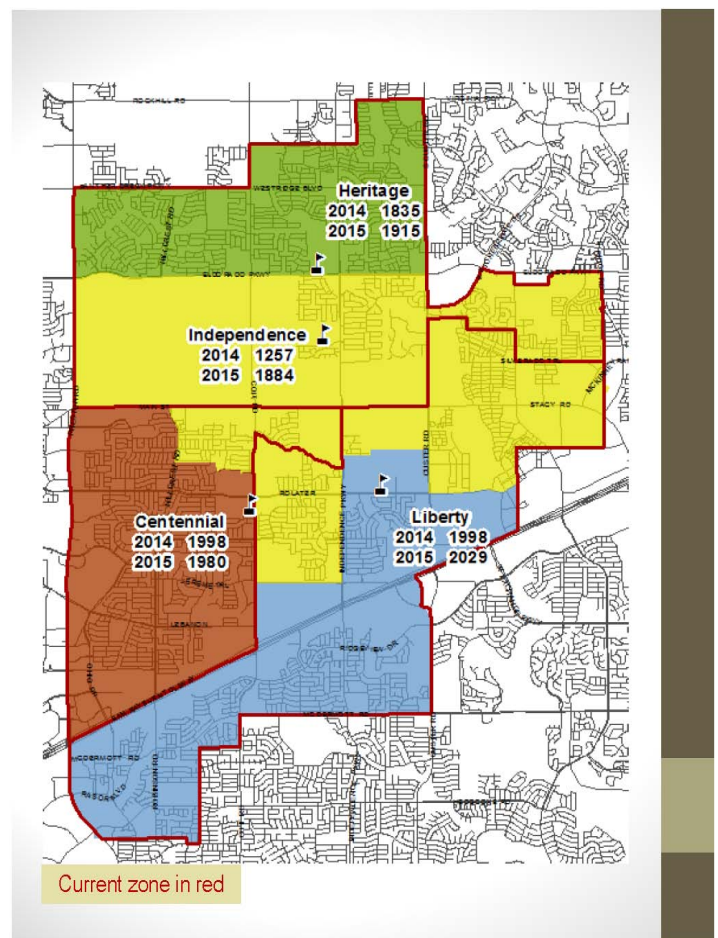
**Mr. Richard Wilkinson, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services** presented a draft zone for Independence High School, located at 10555 Independence Parkway, which is scheduled to open in the 2014-2015 school year with students in grades 9-11.

FISD annually receives the updated fall enrollment projections and those numbers are used to draw the draft zones for schools planned to open in the following school year. After review at the initial Board meeting, those proposals are communicated and input is taken from parents. An opportunity for citizen input will also be extended at the November 11 regular board meeting as the Board moves toward making a final decision on the new boundaries at the December 16 board meeting.

As staff develops the proposed plans, they take into consideration issues of student stability, effective utilization of space, proximity to the school, diversity of the student body and unity in the community. Although all are considered important, with the continued and rapid growth and the overcrowding in existing schools, space utilization is a priority. When making boundary decisions, district officials do look at what zones will hold for the longest period of time.

The draft zone of **Independence High School** allows all four high schools to have enrollments under the capacity of 2,100 students, while also allowing Independence High School to open large enough to be competitive in the 4A arena. When high schools open in an even year, they open in the first year of a two-year UIL district realignment which puts them in varsity play in the school's inaugural year. To ensure the best opportunity for student success and the building of a strong program, high schools that open in even years open with students in grades 9-11. If a high school opens in an odd year, they open in the second year of the UIL reclassification, which does not allow them to be scheduled in varsity play for team sports. They do compete at the varsity level in individual sports and the district. In consideration of what is best for students, the district practice has been to open high schools as 9-10 campuses when they open in an odd year.

These high schools zones do not impact the current middle school or elementary schools zones. They do, however, impact some according to which high schools they feed. A





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portion of Maus Middle School will continue to feed into Heritage High School under this scenario, as will part of Roach Middle School. The part of Maus and Roach Middle Schools below Eldorado Parkway would feed Independence High. Scoggins Middle School will feed Independence except for the portion bordering SH 121 that currently does not have any students. Part of Wester would feed Centennial and part Independence under this scenario, and part of Vandeventer would feed Liberty and part Independence. It would be optimal for whole middle schools to feed into the same high school, but it is not possible in our District at this time.

FISD will compile all input and the Board will receive weekly updates of citizen comments.

## **Consider and act on personnel recommendations—Motion Passed**

**Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources** presented the board with personnel recommendations.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Business Services**

**Mr. Richard Wilkinson** reminded the board to share with the community that bond information can be found on the FISD website— <http://www.friscoisd.org/bond-program-2014>

### **Communications and Community Relations**

**Shana Wortham** reminded the board that the annual Community Parade will be held on Saturday, November 9, beginning at 11 a.m. The parade honors veterans and this year's theme is the Spirit of Frisco.

### **Administrative Operations**

**Mr. Rick Burnett** informed the board about all five 4A high school bands, which will be involved in marching band competitions this month and next. The Region 24 contest will be held at CFB ISD's Standridge Stadium on Saturday, October 19. For those bands that advance from Regional, the Area B UIL contest will held on Saturday, October 26 and will be conducted at HEB's Pennington Field. The final competition will be the UIL State Marching Contest, which will be held at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio on Tuesday, November 5.

*Next Board of Trustees Meeting—November 11, 7:30pm*