



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

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*Regular Board Meeting
July 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
FISD Board of Trustees Board Room*

Call to Order

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Recognitions

The Frisco ISD Board honored recently retired superintendent Vernon Newsom of Mansfield ISD, who died in a S. Dakota motorcycle accident.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of items that the board considers routine and approves under one motion.

1. Act on tax office reports.
2. Act on payments to vendors, architects, and contractors.
3. Act on award for Preferred Approved Vendor List.
4. Act on extension of contract for student insurance proposal for the 2009-2010 school year.
5. Act on extension of contract for library books, supplies, and equipment for the 2009-2010 school year.
6. Act on award for white copy paper through Education Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas contract.
7. Act on award for purchase of color copy paper.
8. Act on closed circuit television contract for miscellaneous repairs and projects.
9. Act on deductive change order for Memorial Stadium project.
10. Act on deductive change order for Stafford Middle School
11. Act on award of services for grease trap and liquid waste removal.
12. Act on purchase of equipment and supplies for Lone Star High School weight rooms.
13. Act on online discipline management system for 2009-2010 school year.
14. Act on Region 10 Education Service Center Regional Mass Communications Network Board Resolution.
15. Act on E-Rate Record Retention, Procurement, and Authorization Policy Resolution
16. Act on addition of wireless at Rogers, Curtsinger, Smith, Anderson, Christie, Shawnee Trail, Bright, Fisher, Borchardt, Isbell, and Riddle Elementary.
17. Act on approval of reading acceleration licenses.

18. Act on trained appraisers for PDAS (Professional Development and Appraisal System) for the 2009-2010 school year.
19. Act on PDAS (Professional Development and Appraisal System) calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.
20. Act on Student Code of Conduct for 2009-2010.
21. Act on committee assignments for 2009-2010.
22. Act on temporary middle school transportation for Griffin Middle School for 2009-2010 school year.

Teambuilding and Planning Meeting

As required by state law, the board discussed options and dates for a teambuilding session. The board will plan to hold this activity on September 9. Interest was expressed for a particular speaker on leadership styles. More details on the presenter and subject matter will be explored.

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction discussed HB 3 requirements.

- Middle School students are now required to take (1) Fine Arts credit.
- 3rd grade requirement for passing TAKS for advancement to 4th grade repealed. Students DO NOT have to pass TAKS to move on to 4th grade. The rule is still in effect at the 5th and 8th grade level.
- Minimum Graduation Plan: Parents MUST give written request to the district when requesting this plan and the district MUST give a written response outlining the differences between the plans.
- Recommended Degree Plan Changes:
 - Only (1) P.E. Credit Required (dropped a .5 credit)
 - Eliminates Health and Tech Applications credit
 - Allows for more electives
 - Eliminates Speech, but since it is not "enrichment" course and is coded as English, there is still some question as to how to interpret.
 - Dr. Reedy and Dr. Nelson will be meeting with HS principals on how FISD will handle these changes
 - The fact that the bill does not apply just to incoming Freshman, but all current HS students is a reason for concern.
- The above changes could affect hiring and teacher placement for the upcoming school year and beyond.

Human Resources

Dr. Bass updated the board on the fact that all principal and supervisory positions have been filled. Also, there are just a few teaching positions left to be filled for the 09-10 school year. In addition, Dr. Reedy and Ms. Judy Haven have met with Instructional Support Team members about U.S. stimulus money that will be received in the amount of more than \$5 million over a two-year. Subsequent meetings are planned during the coming weeks. There is intent to spend much of the money on personnel, and leadership will be briefing the board in the coming months on how the money was and will be spent. This is a positive budget item for the district.

Superintendents Report (State Legislative Highs and Lows)

- Stabilization money has been captured by the state rather than passed along to schools. This is where the \$800 in raises derived. Finance will have to work on a new way to allocate that money. Downside is a possible \$11-13 million shortfall in the future, since the money is temporary.
- Senator Jane Nelson introduced a bill to enact a state grading policy related to minimum grades, which will take away local control and flexibility of grading practices.
- Equalized wealth level was raised, so Frisco ISD will pay out less in recapture funds this year.
- State eased bus evacuation requirements. Frisco ISD will require one drill for each elementary school campus for the 09-10 school year.
- New state law banning cell phone usage while driving in school zones.
 - **HB 55 – Mobile Phone Use While Driving Through a School Crossing Zone**
Effective Date: September 1, 2009 **Code Sections Impacted:** Amends Texas Transportation Code §545.425 HB 55 prohibits the use of a wireless communication device while driving through a school crossing zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the operator is using a hands-free device. The bill requires a municipality, county, or other political subdivision that enforces this law to post informational/warning signage at the entrance to each school crossing zone. Exceptions to the prohibition include making an emergency call to certain entities, and if the required signage was not posted. The law does not apply to operators of emergency vehicles while on duty, and operators licensed by the Federal Communications commission. An offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.
- SBEC now has a procedure in place to expedite certifications for critical shortage areas AND out of state certifications.