



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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*Regular Board Meeting June 18 – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

## **Administering of Oath of Office**

Ms. Keri Miller administered the oath of office to Chris Todd and John Hoxie. Brenda Polk also took the oath office at a prior ceremony and was unable to attend the June 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

## **Consider and act on reorganization of Board of Trustees**

After swearing in the new/re-elected board members, the board reorganized its leadership. **Renee Ehmke** was nominated for board president and replaced **Dan Mossakowski** in that role. **Dan Mossakowski** was nominated for board vice-president and replaced **Renee Ehmke** in that role. Lastly, **Anne McCausland** was nominated for board secretary and replaced the “acting” secretary **Keri Miller**, who had assumed the position on a temporary basis after the departure of **Laura Ellison** in March. Ms. Miller filled the position on a temporary basis until the board elections were complete and reorganization of the board took place.

## **Recognition of retiring Director of Transportation**

**Mr. Doug Zambiasi** and **Dr. Rick Reedy** honored **Ms. Karen Sadler** for her years of hard work and service in Frisco ISD. Ms. Sadler began in transportation 19 years ago when the district had eight buses and no crossing guards. In 1998, she assumed the role as Director of Transportation when the district had 28 buses and two crossing guards. At this time, Frisco ISD has 263 busses and 133 crossing guards. Mr. Zambiasi applauded Ms. Sadler’s “can do” attitude at a time of enormous growth for FISD.

## **Student Recognitions – (See attached resolutions for more details)**

UIL Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC) students DECA  
Global Champion Clark Middle School Destination ImagiNation Team

## **Staff Recognitions**

**Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) National Distinguished Principal Finalist—Beverly Woodson**, Principal at Bledsoe Elementary, was honored by Dr. Reedy and the board for reaching the finalist category for this prestigious award.

**Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Region 10 Principal of the Year Dr. Mike Farish**, Principal at Wakeland HS, was honored by Dr. Reedy and the board for winning this prestigious award.

## **Approval of minutes from May 14 regular meeting- 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; payment to vendors, architects, and contractors; preferred vendor list; budget amendments; extension of award for purchase of equipment and supplies for custodial department; extension of contract for temporary labor staffing for Child Nutrition and Custodial Department; technology solutions for Child Nutrition; contract for armored car services; extension of contract for armored car services; extension of contract for purchase of full line



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grocery; extension of workers' compensation contract; proposal for drug testing; non-uniform apparel purchases; award for extension of contract for foam soap and hand sanitizer; grease interception maintenance and liquid waste disposal contract; letter of intent and resolution for Option 3 agreement with TEA to purchase attendance credits from the state for 2012-2013 school year; change order for Nichols Elementary; extension of contract for wireless services; service and maintenance agreement for security systems; adoption of FISD 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct.

## **Discussion of 2012-2013 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Including Opportunity for Citizen Input**

**Dr. Rick Bankston** addressed the board and presented a PowerPoint concerning the near final budget for Frisco ISD. This was an interactive and general discussion about many facets of the 2012-2013 budget, including Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking. *During the opportunity for citizen input on the budget and the proposed tax rate, two citizens spoke against the increased budget and two spoke in favor.—See attached PowerPoint*

## **Consider and Act on 2012-2013 Budget—Passed**

The Frisco ISD board of trustees adopted a \$321,550,000 budget at their regular meeting on Monday, June 18. The budget represents a \$20 million increase (6.7 percent) compared to the current year actual budget. The increase in expenditures is necessary to meet the needs of almost 3,000 new students (7.3 percent increase), to meet the costs of opening 4 new schools (\$14 million) and to provide a three percent of midpoint increase in salary for employees (\$6.6 million). Salaries were frozen last year, with teachers receiving a two percent of midpoint increase in the previous year. This budget is based on revenue that includes a four cent increase to the maintenance and operations tax rate, which will generate \$6.6 million. The current tax rate for M&O is \$1 per \$100 of assessed value. Frisco ISD is one of less than 10 percent of the districts in the state that are not yet at the \$1.04 cap (without holding an election). The district has been at the \$1 rate for the past four years. In order to meet this budget, cuts of \$8 million that were realized in this past year will be moved forward in this next budget year. Savings were realized in a variety of ways, such as moving to the triple routing of buses, reducing grounds maintenance schedules, reducing utility costs and hiring fewer teachers for growth, which has resulted in increased class sizes. Additional revenue sources, such as modifying the after-school care contract, among others, resulted in about \$2 million in additional revenue to offset pressure to the operating budget. FISD received \$14 million less state funding in the 2011-12 school year compared to the previous year funding levels. In this second year of the biennium, the district will receive \$17.4 million less compared to the old funding levels. The Board will not officially adopt the tax rate until the August or September board meeting when the certified values are available. On a home valued at \$261,000 last year and this year, after subtracting the \$15,000 homestead exemption, a four cent tax rate increase would represent a \$98.40 annual tax increase, or around \$8 a month. *When residents turn 65 they can apply for the over-65 exemption through their appraisal district and have their tax bill frozen.* The tax rate for the debt service payment, the I&S tax rate, is not proposed to change from 42 cents. *See the budget presentation for more detailed information.*

## **Presentation on Gifted and Talented Program**

**Ms. Katie Kordel** and **Ms. Nancy Lawson** presented to the board. **See PowerPoint**



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## **Consider and act on Recommendation for Frisco Economic Development Corporation Board Representative**

**Dan Mossakowski** was nominated for the EDC position replacing **Richard Beaver** in that role.

## **Consider and Act on Appointment of School Board Representative on the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Board**

**John Hoxie** was nominated for the TIF Board position replacing **Richard Beaver** in that role.

## **Consider and Act on Personnel Recommendations**

**Melissa BahnMiller** was named Elementary ELAR Coordinator; she is currently the ARI teacher at Sonntag Elementary. She has nine years of experience with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and a master's degree from the University of Texas.

**Amanda Campbell** was named Secondary ELAR Coordinator; she is currently the FISD ELAR Facilitator. She has ten years of experience with a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas.

**Carrie Dellinger** was named Elementary Math Coordinator; she is currently the FISD Math Facilitator. She has 12 years of experience with a bachelor's degree from South Illinois University and a master's from Lamar University.

**Jacob Duce** was named Assistant Principal of Lone Star HS; he is currently a teacher at Heritage HS. He has six years of experience with a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas and a master's degree from Concordia University.

**Karen Kidd** was named District 504 Coordinator/Assistant Testing Coordinator; she is currently Campus Instructional Support Facilitator at Robertson Elementary. She has 12 years of experience with a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas and a master's degree from Dallas Baptist University.

**Jamie Flemmer** was named Elementary Science Coordinator; she is currently the Assistant Principal at Tadlock Elementary. She has eight years of experience with a bachelor's degree from East Central University and a master's degree from Concordia University.

**Laura McLeod** was named Elementary Science Coordinator; she is currently the FISD Science Facilitator. She has 23 years of experience with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a master's degree from Grand Canyon University.

**Kyla Prusak** was named Elementary ELAR Coordinator; she is returning to Frisco ISD and was the Assistant Principal for Bledsoe Elementary. She has 6 years of experience with a bachelor's degree from Austin College and master's degrees from Austin College and Dallas Baptist.

**Kena Robertson** was named Assistant Principal of Boals Elementary; she is currently an Assistant Principal in Mesquite ISD. She has 10 years of experience with a bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and a master's from Texas A&M University at Commerce.



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**Sonia Smith** was named Assistant Principal of Lone Star HS; she is currently the Coordinator of Assessment in Irving ISD. She has ten years of experience with a bachelor's degree from Biola University and master's degrees from Biola University and the University of North Texas.

**Leann Stephenson** was named Assistant Principal of Frisco HS; she is currently Women's Athletic Coordinator for Mesquite Horn High School. She has seven years of experience with a bachelor's from Indiana University and a master's degree from Lamar University.

*In addition, the following assistant principals have changed campus assignments for the 2011-2012 school year:*

*Christina Beran will be at Phillips Elementary*

*Erin Miller will be at Frisco HS*

*Brenda Youngblood will be at Fisher Elementary*

## Staff Reports

### **Mr. Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services**

Mr. Zambiasi informed the board that Frisco ISD will accept **general public student transfer** requests July 23 through August 14. Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. was the date set for student transfer appeals hearings. These will be held in the FISD Board Room.

### **Ms. Shana Wortham, Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations**

Ms. Wortham updated the board on Mindbender 2012, which took place last week and was host to 200 FISD middle school age campers with registration filling in 1 minute and 30 seconds! This is up from 150 campers who participated last year. The Frisco Education Foundation was awarded another \$5,000 from Raytheon for the camp and a \$15,000 grant from Alcatel-Lucent in support of Mindbender. In addition to Raytheon and Alcatel-Lucent; Collin College, Frito Lay, Arts & Technology Institute of Frisco, Frisco ISD staff, John and Leslie Keating, and over fifty volunteers all supported the camp this year ensuring its success.

Next year, FEF plans to host 400 campers split between two camp sessions. A morning session and an afternoon session will allow for 200 campers each session. Raytheon has already signed on to run a full day next year with curriculum, human resources, and a monetary donation.

FISD board members **Anne McCausland** and **Debbie Gillespie** also pitched in as volunteers during the camp. Many thanks to them both!

**Next regular meeting:** July 30, 2012