



# Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

5515 Ohio Drive • Frisco, Texas 75035

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*Regular Board Meeting March 4– 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room*

**Approval of minutes from February 11 regular meeting—*Motion Passed***

**Board Recognitions-** *held prior to Regular Board Meeting*

Students and coaches from all high schools were honored for their efforts resulting in qualifying for state competition in wrestling, swimming and diving, and Academic Decathlon. — *See resolutions*

**Approval of minutes from February regular board—*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; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred vendor list; roofing service, repair, and maintenance vendor contract extension; construction manager at risk delivery method for HS #8; renewal of kindergarten through fifth grade supplemental reading program; deductive change order for Phillips Elementary School; deductive change order for Administration Building project; job order contract extensions; contract for depository banking services; purchase of instructional materials with Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) funds; approval of college test prep provider.

**Presentation of results of school finance litigation ruling**

Dr. Lyon introduced John Turner from Haynes and Boone, who recapped the school finance litigation and was available to answer questions from the community regarding the litigation.— *See PowerPoint*

**Consider and act on issues related to May 11 Board of Trustees Election**

***The Board took no action*** on the May 11 board of trustees election. May 11 will be cancelled, pending the approval of the Order of Cancellation at the April regular meeting of the Board. There are three candidates for three open places and all are unopposed. Incumbents Renée Ehmke and Dan Mossakowski do not face challengers and newcomer Bryan Dodson will run in the seat held by Brenda Polk, who is not seeking reelection. Another candidate who had filed to run in two places withdrew his application.

**Consider and act on naming new schools —*Motion Passed***

Names were selected for the next two elementary schools. Janice Stahly Scott Elementary School will open in 2014 in the Reserve at Westridge to relieve Mooneyham, Sonntag and Ashley Elementary Schools, with possible adjustments needed in the zones of Sem and Tadlock. Scott retired in 2010 after 33 years of service as a teacher at all levels and as a librarian. She opened the Curtsinger library in 1995. James R. Newman Elementary School will open in 2014 in Newman Village. It will relieve Roberston, Phillips, Pink and possibly Carroll. The Newmans are a pioneer, farming family that settled in this community in 1841 and contributed greatly to the area and the education of its youth.

**Discussion of schematic and exterior design for HS #8—*See PowerPoint***

Preliminary design information was presented regarding the 8th high school which is being planned now for a 2015 opening. The school will be built in the southwest quadrant of the district on the site that is bordered by Teel and 4th Army to the west and east and Stonebrook Parkway and Timber Ridge to the north and south. The delivery method for the project will be construction manager at risk. SHW is designing the school.



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## **Consider and Act on Recommendation of Superintendent to Non-Renew Probationary Contract Teachers at the End of the Term Pursuant to Board Policy DFAB (LEGAL)—*Motion Passed***

### **Consider and act on Personnel Recommendations—*Motion Passed*** *Trustees named new principals for high schools*

Wakeland High School Associate Principal **Clarence Williams** has been named to lead Wakeland High School, replacing **Dr. Mike Farish**, who is retiring at the end of this year after 32 years of service in public education. A 19-year veteran educator, Williams joined FISD at Heritage High School in 2009 as an assistant principal. He assumed the role of associate principal at WHS in 2010. Prior to joining FISD, Williams worked as an assistant principal in Richardson ISD and a teacher in Dallas ISD. His bachelor's degree is from Northwestern State University and his master's degree is from Texas A&M Commerce.

**Scott Warstler**, Associate Principal at Liberty High School, has been named principal of the new Independence High School that will open in 2014. A 17-year veteran educator, Warstler joined FISD and LHS in 2010, after working as an assistant and associate principal in Canyon ISD for four years. Warstler has 10 years of experience as a math and science teacher. His bachelor's degree is from Indiana University at South Bend and his master's degree is from West Texas A&M University.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Dr. Debra Nelson, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum**

Beginning in September, 11 of our 12 Title I elementary schools have been in the process of moving from Targeted Assisted campuses to Schoolwide campuses. Bright is currently our district's only Schoolwide campus at this time. The rationale for this move is that a School-wide program permits campuses to use Title I funds to improve the **entire** educational program as compared to using funds only on those programs that directly impact students classified as Title I. **The following are some of the benefits of a Schoolwide program:** eliminates determining which students to serve; allows greater latitude in spending Title I funds; and allows for increased flexibility overall. **To be eligible to apply for this program, schools must adhere to the following criteria:** have a minimum of 40% of student population qualifying for free or reduced lunch or apply for Ed-Flex Waiver (*we are applying for an Ed-Flex Waiver*); complete the planning process (*we have started the planning process with Region 10 in Sept.*); and include 10 components of Title I in Campus Action Plans (*all of our Title I campuses have completed this*). After completing the planning process with Region 10 in April, we will await notification from TEA regarding our Title I program status for 2013-14 school year by early May.

#### **Rick Burnett, Executive Director for Student Services**

The 4A UIL One Act Play (OAP) contests will be held on March 21 and March 22. The contests will be held at HHS. The 3A OAP will be conducted at LSHS, also on March 21st. The public performances of the respective productions at their home campuses are as follows:

LHS – Wednesday/Thursday, 3/6-3/7 (7-8 PM)

LSHS – Wednesday/Thursday, 3/6-3/7 (7-8 PM)

FHS - Saturday, 3/23 (7-8 PM) AT LSHS due to construction at FHS

HHS – Saturday, 3/23 (7-8 PM)

WHS - Thursday, 4/5 (7-8 PM)

CHS – Tuesday/Wednesday, 3/26-3/27 (7-8 PM)



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

The week after spring break, the community will begin to see the signs in the neighborhoods and on buses reminding parents that it is time to preregister their preschoolers for kindergarten. Roundup is April 8-12, with extended hours on Tuesday. Flyers will go to the daycares and schools, and posters will be placed at apartment complexes. FISD also will place information on marquees and send to the HOAs for their newsletters and websites.

**Next Board Meeting:** April 8