



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

Board Members: Richard Beaver - Cindy DePaolantonio - Laura Ellison - Renee Ehmke - Dan Mossakowski - Buddy Minett - Brenda Polk

September 8 2008

Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Board Room, 6928 Maple Street

Resource Officer Recognition

The Board recognized the Frisco ISD/City of Frisco School Resource Officers. The SRO program in Frisco has been selected as a National Model Agency for 2008 by the National Association of School Resource Officers, (NASRO). Frisco was one of five cities selected at the national conference in Arizona this summer. FISD has 14 resource officers serving in the District at this time. The SRO program in Frisco began in 1998 and is one of the most successful partnerships the school district and city are involved in, according to Dr. Rick Reedy. Captain Ward introduced several of the SRO officers and noted that the success of the SRO program is one of the reasons Frisco has a low juvenile crime rate.

Campus Recognition

The Board also recognized the Texas Business Education Coalition Honor Roll Campuses, which are Borchardt, Christie, and Fisher. Principals Betty King, Manuel Gonzales and Nancy Lawson attended and recognized staff, PTA and parent volunteers for their part in this honor. TBEC identifies Honor Roll schools by analyzing three years of performance data for every public school in Texas. A TBEC Honor Roll school must have a high percentage of students meeting state standards on every TAKS test for three consecutive years. TBEC Honor Roll schools also have the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard - commended- in every subject. The selection criteria also considers the school's demographics, number of subjects tested and grade levels. Compared to other schools with similar demographics, TBEC honor Roll schools have demonstrated the highest levels of academic achievement year after year.

Student Recognition

The Board honored the official 30,000th student to enroll in FISD – Angela Lopez Ramirez, a sixth grader at Clark Middle School. She was visited in class Friday by Superintendent of Schools Rick Reedy, School Board Member Brenda Polk, Principal Joel Partin, Frisco Education Foundation Director Allison Miller, and other FISD officials to congratulate her on being the 30,000th student to enroll in Frisco ISD. FISD reached the 20,000th milestone during the 2005-2006 school year. Angela and her family moved to Frisco two years ago from Puerto Rico and at that time she attended elementary school in Dallas ISD where her mother teaches. She enrolled for middle school on August 12 and became the 30,000th student. FISD enrollment is now at 30,606. Angela was presented with a t-shirt donated by EmbroidMe that said on the front “You can count on me!” and on the back stated, “30,000th student to enroll in Frisco ISD.” North Dallas Bank and Trust donated \$300 in gift checks to commemorate this milestone. She also received certificates for a few free ice cream cones from Baskin Robbins, along with 30 FISD pens and pencils and 30 pieces of candy. The Board presented her with a resolution at the meeting Monday.

Board Finalist for Honor

Dr. Rick Reedy announced that the board, which has been named the District 10 Honor Board of the Year nominee, is now one of five finalists for Outstanding Board of the Year in the State.

Consent Agenda

The Board considers some agenda items routine and approved these actions in one motion: tax office reports; budget amendments, payments to vendors, architects and contractors; the award of the Preferred Approved Vendor List and extension of contracts for 2008-2009; newly trained appraisers for the Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2008-2009; Frisco ISD partial self-funding of employee benefit medical program; renewal for unemployment compensation with TASB; extend the bid for armored car services; agreement for development and implementation of data warehouse through Region 10; District Action Plan for 2008-2009 school year; change order #2 for Briar Ridge Road project; Change Order #2 for Sam Carter Service Center; Change Order #1 for Stafford Middle School off-site improvements; additional document cameras needed for fill-out of existing schools; and authorization of district to participate in the Region 10 Educations Service Center 403(b) Third Party Administration Services.

Public Meeting – FIRST Report – Director of Finance Rick Bankston

The Districts 2006-2007 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas report indicates that the district received an overall score of 83 which is a Superior Achievement ranking. The Superior ranking is given to Districts with scores between 75-85 and a Yes answer to Indicator 7. There was no comment from the public.

M&O Tax Rate – Assistant Superintendent Richard Wilkinson

The board approved a Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$1 and an Interest and Sinking tax rate of \$0.37 for a total tax rate of \$1.37 for the 2008 tax year. The tax rate represents a 2 cent increase from the 2007 tax rate.

Interventions for TAKS Failures –

Director of School Improvement Kenneth Chandler presented the district's intervention strategies regarding students who fail one or more portions of the TAKS. He stated that Frisco ISD works very hard to convert TAKS Failures to TAKS Winners. Statewide the "conversion rate" average is 25% and Frisco's rate of success is more than 50%. FISD has the highest conversion rate in more than 100 districts working with INOVA. Strategies to make this work include quick identification of students with diagnostic assessments, name and need mentoring programs, TAKS Labs, diagnostic use of data, allotment of funds for extra personnel and materials, Mastery Learning philosophy and FISD changing from a system of schools to a school system.

Enrollment Figures – Superintendent Rick Reedy

The board went through a slide presentation that presented sixth day enrollment at each of the campuses, the October 1 projection and the grade level enrollments. Overall, this year FISD has seen a 13 percent growth in enrollment. Campuses that the Board will be watching closely

include Bledsoe Elementary and Pioneer Heritage Middle School. Numbers at Liberty should be decreased next year when Heritage High School opens. *See attached PowerPoint.*

Vendor for wireless connectivity to CTE – Director of Technology Melissa Fouche

Technology Director Melissa Fouche explained to the board that technology is investigating a new wireless vendor. The wireless product will be tested at the CTE center.

Construction Updates – Wilkinson

Assistant Superintendent Richard Wilkinson updated the board on last minute details concerning newly opened FISSD facilities. Some punch list items are still being completed; the field is still being worked on at Stafford, along with the track at Scoggins.

Instructional Support Team Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, invited the board to attend Frisco Reads. This event is scheduled for October 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Centennial High School and is open to the public.

Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Finance explained that the administration will be discussing middle school needs and construction with the board in coming months. He also reported that the StarCenter expansion continues.

Doug Zambiasi, assistant superintendent of Administrative Services, noted that his department is looking at ways to refine the transfer request and appeals procedures after analyzing this year's process. The district will be looking at things such as considering primarily geo-coded students in the zones, reviewing multiple years forward data on projections, and moving the appeal hearing to the Tuesday prior to the start of school.

Dr. Linda Bass reported that this year there are 28 participants in Growing Organizational and Administrative Leaders (GOAL). The program began in the 2002-2003 school year with 10 participants. Of the 65 folks who have gone through the program thus far, 38 are now in administrative positions.

Shana McKay-Wortham reminded the board of the upcoming dedications of Elliott Elementary School at 2 p.m. and Tadlock Elementary at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 14 and the dedications of Scoggins and Stafford at 2 and 4 p.m. on the following Sunday, September 21.

Superintendent Rick Reedy discussed upcoming calendar events with the board such as the Gary Burns Fun Run on November 1, the Chili Challenge on November 7 and the community parade on November 8th. Board member Buddy Minett is one of the parade organizers. He also addressed the rezoning timeline, with the Heritage High School proposal to be presented in October, with a public hearing in November and a final decision in December. The zoning for Allen Elementary will take place one month later, with the proposal being presented in November, a public hearing in December and a final decision in January.