



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street • Frisco, Texas 75034

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Regular Board Meeting, September 12 – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room - Next regular meeting: October 10

Communications to and from the Board

The Board honored the 40,000th student to enroll in FISD and her family. Natalie is second grader at Boals Elementary. A citizen also spoke regarding high school #7 and noise and light considerations. The Council of PTA's president also spoke regarding the valuable partnership with the district and the important work and training taking place to ensure a strong PTA presence.

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; preferred vendor list; recommendation for unemployment compensation program; purchase of materials/supplies for new centralized special program classrooms; start up supplies for additional Wakeland and Liberty High School science labs; nomination for Collin Central Appraisal District Board of Directors; order authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax refunding bonds, establishing sale parameters, authorizing the execution of a bond purchase contract and an escrow agreement, approving an official statement, and enacting provisions relating to the subject; maximum class size waiver request in accordance with EEB(Legal); vendor for maintenance and extensions for wide area network; act on changes to board policies—A) Board Policy EIA (Local): Academic Achievement-Grading/Progress Reports to Parents; B) Board Policy EIAB (Local): Grading/Progress Reports to Parents-Makeup Work; C) Board Policy EIC (Local): Academic Achievement-Class Ranking; D) Board Policy EHBB (Local): Special Programs-Gifted and Talented Students; E) Board Policy FNG (Local): Student Rights and Responsibilities-Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances; District Action Plan for 2011-2012 school year; trained appraiser for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2011-2012 school year; approval of resolution to designate Denton County 4-H as extracurricular activity group for Frisco ISD students.

Consider and act on proposed Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$1.00 and proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of \$0.42 for a total tax rate of \$1.42 for the 2011 tax year

The board approved an interest and sinking tax rate increase of .03 cents. The M&O tax rate will remain at \$1.00; the I&S (debt service) tax rate will increase from \$0.39 to \$0.42 for a total tax rate of \$1.42 for the 2011 tax year. A board member noted that it is significant to take in new students and hold the maintenance tax rate in light of reduced funding.

Report on beginning of school year enrollment—See PowerPoint

Notable numbers from the presentation -

- 15th day 40,135, compared to same day last year +2,867 - 7.69% growth
- 15th day Kindergarten-3,426
- 15th day first grade-3,569
- 15th day seniors-2,005
- October 1- 40,826 projection

Report on class sizes for 2011-2012 compared to 2010-2011—See PowerPoint

Presentation includes comparison of class size averages from last year to this year. The presentation shows that the average class size ratio from last year to this year in grades K-4 increased by one student; remained the same in 5th grade; increased by half of a student in middle school; and increased by five students at the high school level. These ratios do not include every subject, but do include core and advanced placement classes. FISD basically has the same number of teachers this year as last year; a few additional hires were made after school started to help balance class sizes and reduce teacher loads where needed.



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Discuss options for board of trustees elections relating to new legislation

Board members were updated on current discussions related to Senate Bill 100 (needed due to the federal Military and Overseas Voter Enhancement Act) and the district's work with the city of Frisco to continue with May elections each year. The legislation has created a situation where counties are no longer required to provide municipal election services in May of even-numbered years.

The options available to districts are to work with counties to still conduct the May elections each year even though not required, to go to every other year elections, to conduct elections in November, or to run their own elections (although another law requires school district to hold joint elections with at least one other entity.)

FISD wants to continue to hold elections each May. To go to every other year elections would cause terms to change and lengthen, and would mean three and four board members would be up for reelection at one time. Moving to November is not a good solution for school districts because it is not a good time of year for a new board member to take office. To conduct one's own election would be cost prohibitive.

In discussions with Collin County, the election representatives stated that they will have to buy much additional equipment in order to conduct May elections in years where there are primary elections. The price of this additional equipment would be passed on to the entities receiving the election services which will make this cost prohibitive. In addition, Collin County has also conducted the elections in Denton County for FISD and the city of Frisco in the past. They have stated they could no longer do this, which would mean contracting with both Collin and Denton counties for May elections.

Denton County officials have stated that they feel they have adequate equipment to meet FISD election needs so that no additional costs will be incurred. They have also stated they will conduct the elections at the district's Collin County sites. This will also allow FISD to have a joint ballot with the town of Little Elm which it has not been able to do previously. The negative is that the district will no longer be able to have joint voting with the cities of McKinney and Plano. FISD voters in Plano and McKinney will most likely have to vote in two places in years when other entities have elections (county, cities). McKinney had been looking to reduce voting sites to reduce costs, so city of McKinney/FISD joint sites were possibly going to be impacted anyway.

The city of Frisco is discussing utilizing Denton County. The city of Frisco is FISD's largest municipality and maintaining that partnership is important; having Denton County conduct the elections is the most affordable option. The Board was shown potential voting sites and will continue discussions, with a final decision to be made in the coming months regarding these issues.

Discuss updated options for design of HS #7

After months of discussion related to design elevations and other aspects, including the location of parking, fields and other ancillary facilities, the Administration recommended an option that incorporated input from the Board and community. Number one was the preference of the athletics department; number two was very similar to number one, but also took into consideration having some parking more near the fine arts entrance which helps with after-hours use of the auditorium in addition to convenience for the band utilizing the parking lot for practice. Number 2 also met the needs of maintaining parking in close proximity to the competition fields and also reflected the district's desire to centralize ticket-taking and concession services. Number three, which had the baseball field on the north side of the property, would have created the need for the added expense and ongoing maintenance of a screening, in addition to making parking further from some of the competition fields.

The recommended layout design also places the more noisy and light-generating aspects of the high school away from the existing neighborhood. Through this process the district has also determined landscape considerations that will help with separation from the existing neighborhood.

With consensus to move forward, the staff will finalize programmatic considerations and will prepare design for final board approval. If projections hold, the plan is to go out for bid and award a contract in March for building completion to be ready by fall of 2014. Design of a high school normally takes a year, with construction of a high school being a two-year process.



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Consider and act on personnel recommendations—*Board approved including naming Sonya Neal as assistant principal at Staley to replace Karie Therig who is staying home with her child.*

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Update on STAAR/EOC—Beginning this school year, TEA will implement the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) program, which includes new assessments in Grades 3 through 8 and development of 12, end-of-course (EOC) assessments for students in Grades 9 through 12. STAAR phases out the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) program, in place since 2003. Students enrolled for the first time in Grade 9 this school year must perform successfully on the EOC assessments to graduate.

- STAAR differs significantly from the current TAKS program in the following ways:
STAAR assessments evaluate content and skills from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills at greater depth and a higher level of cognitive complexity. STAAR assessments emphasize readiness in terms of subsequent grades or courses, and ultimately, college and career readiness.
- EOC assessments constitute a new form of exit-level testing. To graduate, students must achieve a cumulative score at least equal to the product of the passing standard times the number of EOC assessment in each foundation area (English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies).

Mr. Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services

After school programs

As of Friday, September 2, 2011, AlphaBest (2,328) and YMCA (680) were serving a total of 3,008 elementary children enrolled in after school child care on our campuses. In addition, children will have the choice of enrolling in the following enrichment programs on most campuses: Young Rembrandts (art); BGS Chess; Drama Kids, KidzScience; Spanish Schoolhouse; and Total Golf Adventures. In addition, the Frisco Elementary Strings Program meets once a week at Lone Star High School.

Foreign exchange students

As of Friday, September 2, 2011, there were 20 foreign exchange students from the countries of: Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and Spain. Students have been placed in FISD for the school year by 13 different foreign exchange agencies in the DFW Metropolitan area.

Mr. Rick Burnett, Executive Director of Student Services

After much study and comparison with rates of other districts, Mr. Burnett showed the board the fees that have been determined for renting FISD high school turf fields. These fields have not been rented in the past; the rates take into consideration deferred maintenance due to potential need to replace more quickly with outside use.

Frisco Based – Non-profit youth organizations whose participants primarily reside in Frisco ISD or City of Frisco
Non Frisco Based– All other Frisco-based organizations whose participants do not primarily reside in Frisco ISD or the City of Frisco

Frisco Based Fee: \$90/hr, 3 hours minimum
\$30 per hour, deferred maintenance fee
\$30 per hour, site supervisor
\$30 per hour, utilities, processing, misc.

Non-Frisco Based Fee: \$120/hr, 3 hour minimum
\$30 per hour, deferred maintenance fee
\$30 per hour, site supervisor
\$60 per hour, utilities, processing, misc.

Mrs. Shana Wortham, Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations

Frisco Nation will be held in conjunction with the Chili Challenge on October 14 from 5-7 p.m. prior to the Heritage vs. Frisco High School football game at Pizza Hut Park in the northwest parking lot.

Dr. Rick Reedy, Superintendent

Frisco Education Foundation Fun Run-October 29th