



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

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Regular Board Meeting October 19 – 7:30 p.m., FISD Board Room

Approval of Minutes from September 14 Regular Meeting and September 29 Special Meeting— Motion Passed

Frisco HS students led the pledges for the meeting.

Board Recognition—Motion Passed

Act on Recognition of Texas Education Human Resources Day—Motion Passed

A motion was made to approve the resolution in recognition of Texas Education Human Resources Day.

Principals Month

A motion was made to recognize October as Principals Month and celebrate the contribution of campus principals, associate principals, and assistant principals.

Celebration of Learning—GT Humanities

As part of a Celebration of Learning, teachers and students from Heritage High School were on hand to present on the new Gifted and Talented (GT) Humanities course that started this school year with 9th graders and will be a two-year course for 9th and 10th graders.

The GT Humanities teachers from Heritage High school, Gabe Fain and Michelle Valliere, explained how the course marries English and Advanced Placement (AP) World History, while also including the arts and architecture. Four students discussed how the course incorporates Frisco ISD's 4 C's, including critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication.

There are currently 650 FISD freshmen enrolled in the course who have been identified as Gifted and Talented. The course is offered at all FISD high schools. Students who take the full course will gain college readiness skills and will be well-prepared to take the STAAR End-of-Course Exam in English as well as the AP World History Exam.

Community Partner—Young Entrepreneurs Academy

The board recognized this Chamber of Commerce program for its 5th year anniversary of serving students in Frisco. A resolution was also presented to the Chamber of Commerce.

Check Presentation

Dean Costello, President of the N. Texas Wild Turkey Federation presented a \$2500 check to Frisco ISD to support an outdoor adventure curriculum program.

PTA Update

Michelle Wilkins, Frisco ISD Council of PTA President updated the Board of Trustees.



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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; instructional materials with instructional materials allotment (IMA) funds; instructional technology online teacher resource; document cameras for 2016-2017 new and refresh campuses; vendor to supply support and maintenance for district Network Operations Center (NOC) core network equipment; vendor to provide and install projectors and audio system for 2016-2017 refresh schools; trained appraisers for Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) for 2015-2016 school year; new and newly revised job description/evaluation forms; personnel recommendations. —*Motion Passed*

Consider and Act on Adoption of an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Bonds, Establishing Sale Parameters, Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase Contract and an Escrow Agreement; Approving an Official Statement; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the Subject—Motion Passed

A motion was made to adopt an order authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax bonds, establishing sale parameters, authorizing the execution of a bond purchase contract and an escrow agreement; approving an official statement; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Report on District Assessment and Accountability

Dr. Gary Nye, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented data on Advanced Placement exam performance and participation.—*See report in Boardbook*

Public Hearing on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report for 2013- 2014 School Year.—See Presentation

Dr. Todd Fouche made a brief presentation. The Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) is a system created by the Texas legislature to encourage public schools to better manage their financial resources in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. FISD has received the highest rating each year since the system's inception in 2001.

This year's report is based off of the 2013-2014 school year. In the past, there were 20 indicators, but this year there are only seven. This is a transition year, as in the future there will be 15 indicators. Districts earn a passing designation if they score between 16-30 points; FISD earned all 30 points.

The primary goals of FIRST are to:

- Efficiently assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools
- Measure and report the extent to which financial resources in Texas public schools assure the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purpose
- Implement a rating system that fairly and equitably evaluates the quality of financial management decisions
- Improve the management of school districts' financial resources



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- Increase financial accountability within Texas' public education system

Consider and Act on Wide Area Network Extensions for Miller and Vaughn Elementary Schools and Nelson Middle School—Motion Passed

A motion was made to approve the wide area network extensions for Miller and Vaughn Elementary Schools and Nelson Middle School through Capco Communication, Inc. This is funded from the 2014 Bond Program.

Consider and Act on Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) for Acker—Motion Passed

This is budgeted from the 2014 Bond Program with S.F.C.C. This will enable it to accommodate storage in the south wing and gymnasium area. Use of this space will allow the District to save \$150,000 a year in rented storage and will provide more space for this purpose.

Consider and Act on Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Phase 1 of Lone Star High School Addition—Motion Passed

Trustees approved the \$1,694,670 guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for phase 1 of the Lone Star High School addition with CORE Construction. As part of phase 1, work on the orchestra hall and associated support spaces at Lone Star High is set to begin in November and be completed in March 2016, followed by work in the academic portions of the existing building. The Phase 2 work in the academic areas is scheduled to allow for much of the complex foundation, structural steel erection and plumbing work to begin as soon as students leave for the summer break and be completed in the fall of the 2016-2017 school year. The Lone Star project is funded by 2014 bond funds and will complete additions to existing FISD high schools to reach a student capacity of up to 2,100 students per high school.

Zoning Information

Discussion Regarding Draft Plans for Modifications to Existing Elementary School Attendance Zones

1. Comstock and Ashley Elementary Schools
2. Curtsinger and Smith Elementary Schools

Discussion Regarding Draft Attendance Zones for Schools Opening August 2016

1. Vaughn Elementary School, affecting Nichols and Hosp Elementary Schools
2. Miller Elementary School, affecting Robertson, Phillips, and Newman Elementary Schools
3. Nelson Middle School, affecting Roach, Maus, and Scoggins Middle Schools
4. Lebanon Trail High School, affecting Liberty, Centennial, Independence, and Frisco High Schools

Of high interest at the meeting was the first showing of proposed rezoning maps for the 2016-2017 school year.

Rezoning is an annual undertaking in FISD due to the District's rapid growth and commitment to smaller high schools, which leaders believe provide more opportunities for students to get



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involved in activities and enhance educators' abilities to build personal relationships and know the name and need of every student.

In introducing the rezoning portion of the meeting, Superintendent Jeremy Lyon discussed facts relevant to growth in FISD. He showed how in the past 20 years, FISD has built 60 schools and grown by more than 50,000 students. This means on average, the District has opened three new schools each year in the past 20 years. Average annual growth in the last 10 years has been 3,300 students – that's enough to fill one high school and one middle school and is greater than the size of most school districts in Texas. That growth level is expected to continue for the next several years.

"What we're seeing in Frisco ISD is that people are making a conscious decision to move here because of the small school philosophy," Lyon said. "Rezoning is an expression of the success of Frisco ISD, and it is an expression of the fact that our community values school buildings that provide optimal learning environments for children and so this is part of what we do as a fast growth school district."

In the past five years, FISD has grown by 15,845 students, with no other school district in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex nearing that number and with many showing declining enrollment. In looking across the state, FISD has the second highest gain of students in one year, second only behind Houston.

"When you experience unprecedented growth year in and year out and you are committed to smaller schools to create more opportunities for students, rezoning is a part of that commitment," said Anne McCausland, FISD School Board President. "We are working to make sure parents are aware and understand this process and we have the resources in place to answer their questions and assist in alleviating their concerns. We know it can be very emotional, but we also know from experience that students will thrive at whatever school they attend and that our staff members will work to ensure smooth transitions."

When making zoning decisions, FISD utilizes external and internal data regarding growth in neighborhoods, new construction and population trends to assist in developing the best proposals possible.

Among the proposals outlined were adjustments between Comstock and Ashley elementary schools to relieve Comstock and between Curtsinger and Smith elementary schools to relieve Curtsinger.

With Lebanon Trail opening with 9th graders only in its first year, none of the affected students will have previously attended a high school, but they will have been zoned for another high school before the opening of Lebanon Trail. Of the 15,699 high school students projected to be enrolled next school year, 683 9th graders are proposed to be impacted by this rezoning. That represents 4.4% of the projected high school population.



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Frisco ISD is expected to enroll a total of 56,909 students next school year. Current enrollment is approximately 53,200.

Families impacted by the proposals will receive information on the draft maps, which will include who to contact with questions and input.

All input will be provided to the Board as it is received and a time for public comment will be scheduled by school at the November 9 regular Board meeting. The Board will make a final decision on the zones in December.

For more resources on the rezoning process, timelines and to see the maps, visit the rezoning section of the District website. Citizens can also view the video from the rezoning forum FISD hosted in September to explain the process to new families and those unfamiliar with rezoning.

Public Input

Three citizens spoke about the following topics:

Two citizens spoke about bussing, while one spoke on the topic of cell towers. The Board of Trustees did acknowledge two petitions concerning bussing and asked the District to address them. Mr. Doug Zambiasi updated the board on the logistics of each petition. The District does not recommend bus service at this time and maintain the two mile bus policy in both instances.

Staff Reports

Curriculum and Instruction

Katie Kordel shared information about the AP Capstone Program in Frisco ISD. In other efforts to increase learning opportunities for students, Kordel discussed the addition of the AP Capstone diploma program in 2016-2017, which is aligned with FISD's strategic plan.

The AP Capstone program will bring two additional AP courses to students: AP Seminar and AP Research. These new courses are designed to help students develop college and career readiness skills such as completing independent research, writing critically, collaborating with others, and presenting work in front of peers. Students will be able to earn an AP Capstone Diploma by completing and scoring a 3 or higher in the AP Seminar and Research courses and taking and scoring a 3 or higher on four additional AP courses. Liberty High School, Wakeland High School, Reedy High School, and Heritage High School received notification from the College Board that they are eligible to implement the AP Capstone Program for the 2016-2017 school year, and with FISD's academic shuttle system, any high school student within Frisco ISD would have access to this program.

AP Seminar and Research courses provide similar skills learned in the new GT Humanities course, while being open to all students who wish to develop and improve college and career readiness skills. Students may begin this program as sophomores.



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“AP Seminar is a gateway course that helps prepare students for the rigor of AP classes,” FISD officials said. “It is great for students who have never taken a Pre-AP or an AP course before. It is also great for students to develop skills to be successful in taking multiple AP courses.”

Communications and Community Relations

Shana Wortham updated the board on the Community Parade is scheduled again for Saturday, November 7, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Toyota Stadium parking lot as usual. The parade is a collaboration between the City of Frisco, Frisco ISD, the Chamber of Commerce, the Frisco Veterans Advisory Committee, among other groups. The committee is chaired by Mayor Maso and is made up of several community volunteers, including former Board member Buddy Minett and members of our staff.

Student Services

Kenny Chandler provided the following athletics update:

Football

Current 9-5A standings with 4 weeks remaining in district play:

1st – Lone Star (5-0) (7-0 overall)

2nd – Frisco (3-1)

3rd – Centennial (3-1)

4th – Wakeland (3-1)

5th – Liberty (2-2)

Lone Star HS is currently tied for 3rd in 5A area rankings, followed by Frisco HS and Centennial HS ranked 9th and 10th.

Volleyball

First round of volleyball playoffs will be November 2-3.

Current 9-5A district standings with four games remaining in district play:

1st – Frisco (12-0)

2nd – Wakeland (11-1)

3rd – Liberty (8-4)

4th – Independence (8-5)

Frisco HS is ranked 5th and Wakeland HS is currently ranked 14th in the latest TGCA State Volleyball Poll.

Cross Country

FISD teams will compete in the 9-5A district meet on Thursday, October 15. The varsity girls will run at 8:30 a.m. and the boys will run at 9:30 a.m. at Warren Park.

Reedy HS will compete in the 4A district meet on Monday, October 19 in Celina. The varsity girls will run at 9:30 a.m. and the boys will run at 10:30 a.m.

The regional meets will be on October 26th at Lynn Creek Park in Grand Prairie, TX. The 5A girls and boys will run at 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. respectively. The 4A girls and boys will run at 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.



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The state meet will be on November 7th at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. The 4A girls will run at 9:40 a.m. and the 4A boys will run at 10:10 a.m. The 5A girls will run at 10:50 a.m. and the 5A boys will run at 11:30 a.m.

Team Tennis

Frisco HS (ranked 1st in 9-5A) is playing Independence HS in the semifinals of the district tournament on Friday, October 16 at Frisco HS. Wakeland HS plays Liberty HS at Liberty HS in the second semifinal match. Both matches start at 4:00 p.m.

9-5A finals will be on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. at higher seed's courts.

The Reedy HS Tennis Team won the 9-4A Team Tennis District Championship and will play in the area tournament on Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m. at Centennial HS.

5A area tournament – TBA

The 5A regional tournament will be at the Wilkerson-Sanders Tennis Courts in Rockwall and the 4A regional tournament will be at Grapevine HS on October 30-31. The state tournament will be November 11-12.

Next Board Meeting: November 9