



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

Board Members: Richard Beaver - Laura Ellison - Renée Ehmke - John Hoxie - Dan Mossakowski - Buddy Minett - Brenda Polk

Regular Board Meeting

January 11, 2009 7:30 p.m.

FISD Board of Trustees Board Room

Call to Order

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags.

Communications to and From the Board

A parent addressed the board regarding the addition of bus routes for students living less than two miles from school.

A parent of Pearson Farms subdivision addressed the board regarding the new zone for Hunt Middle School.

Consent Agenda- The Board approved the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of items that the board considers routine and approves under one motion.

1. **Act on tax office reports**
2. **Act on budget amendment**
3. **Act on payments to vendors, architects, and contractors**
4. **Act on recommendation of award for Preferred Approved Vendor List**
5. **Act on recommendation of approval of cooperative purchasing organizations utilized by Frisco ISD**
6. **Act on deductive change orders**
 - a. Card access
 - b. Allen Elementary
 - c. Cobb Middle School (add and not a deduct)
7. **Act on acceptance of donation for Ag facility livestock panels**
8. **Act on purchase of perpetual licenses and training for special education students**

Public hearing on 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Mr. Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance, spoke to their areas of responsibility concerning the AEIS Report. There were no questions from the audience.

See PowerPoint for presentation specifics.

See www.friscoisd.org for a link to the full report in the area of Accountability.

Consider and act on Cobb, Hunt, and Maus Middle School attendance zones opening in August 2010

The district had been monitoring growth trends and economic factors at the local and national level to gauge impact on enrollment projections within the current middle school zones of Roach, Griffin and Pioneer Heritage prior to making a final decision on the opening and the attendance zones for the three new schools – Maus, Cobb and Hunt. Input had been taken throughout the rezoning process and the draft zones were the recommended zones. The schools as zoned are in line to open at a size that can operate effectively from a programmatic/educational standpoint. One modification was made to keep an area that is closer to Pioneer Heritage Middle School in that zone. (It is a neighborhood that is in Allen Elementary; no students currently live in that area).

Members of the demographic team Mr. Dennis Brent and Mr. Rick Cohagan reviewed input they had received from parents since the last Board meeting.

-See PowerPoint for Finalized MS zone boundaries.

Consider and act on restrictions to general public middle school transfer guidelines for 2010-2011 school year-PASSED

The Board approved limiting any additional (new) general public middle school transfers out of the six newly constituted middle schools for one year to ensure consistency in the enrollment numbers for the first year of opening the three new schools. Mr. Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services presented information to the board. Only the six affected Middle Schools would restrict transfers for one (1) year.

The six(6) schools in which the restrictions will be in effect are as follows:

- Pioneer Heritage
- Roach
- Griffin
- Cobb
- Hunt
- Maus

Presentation on plans to emphasize importance of student selection of academically rigorous curriculum at secondary level (2-part presentation)

Dr. Debra Nelson and Mr. Kenny Chandler, Director of School Improvement presented information regarding current efforts in place and plans for increasing emphasis on encouraging more students to take advantage of academically rigorous coursework. Mr. Chandler stated that we have done a great deal of work toward challenging students to perform well and in meeting the needs of struggling students, but that more work can be done. The data shows that many capable students are not challenging themselves by taking pre Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement classes. Mr. Chandler explained that rigor should not mean more work. In addition, he said that these classes can be more inclusive and less exclusive and that support mechanisms can be in place to help students succeed.

Mr. Rick Burnett, Executive Director of Students Services, and Mrs. Brenda Russell, Director of Guidance and Counseling, discussed efforts in place and additional plans that will help to achieve the districts goals for getting more students involved in academically rigorous programs. These involve AP extravaganzas; marketing materials; identifying and counseling with students early on regarding the importance of taking challenging courses and the benefits in obtaining scholarships, acceptance to selective colleges and future successes in college and beyond; working with parents to understand that it is okay for students to struggle a bit in a class with more rigor, etc.

See PowerPoint for more information

Consider and act on direction for employee health insurance plan for 2010-2011

Dr. Rick Reedy, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the board and recommended the district continue under the district's current partially self-funded program. We continue to monitor both plans. In that time we will reshape our plan to make it as close to the state plan, in regard to premiums and benefits, as possible, without an increase in the district contribution. This also allows time to watch and see if the state plans to make any changes to the plan.

Discussion of items related to proposed administration building

- SHW architects presented a fly-through animation illustrating a 360 degree view of the proposed design.
- Richard Wilkinson and Dr. Reedy reviewed potential bond sales and the impact on the tax rate if the district proceeds with building an administration building.

- Considerations included:
 - Possible construction savings from current construction market
 - Classroom space needs for growing SOC and KEYS center (could take over current space being used at the administration building and Acker)
 - Consolidation of administrative staff that fosters better collaboration and more efficiency
 - The need for a larger board room, accommodating all interested citizens and avoiding the use of closed circuit TV in overflow rooms.
- Mr. Wilkinson will put the project out to bid to test the market before a final decision is made to proceed. If the project began in late spring it could be complete in the fall of 2011. It was discussed that this window of opportunity must be looked at as that is the only year that the district might only need a high school addition. The tax rate implication for debt service was estimated at about half a penny even considering no to low increases in taxable values.

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson-Curriculum and Instruction

- Stated that we would be adding a PreAP Algebra 1 course for freshman

Dr. Linda Bass-Human Resources

- Reported on the Master's Degree Reimbursement program:
 - Summer 2009-66 Participants
 - Fall -2009-90 Participants
 - Spring 2010-70 Participants

Mrs. Melissa Fouche-Technology and Information Services

- Discussed business software considerations including security, comparison districts and other functionality to meet the needs of FISD

Mr. Rick Burnett – Student Services

- **Presented the plan for At-Risk/Dropout Prevention entitled, Building the Pathway for Student Success**
 - This plan addresses the four major components of identification, prevention, intervention and recovery. It also aligns the role of staff members at both the campus and central level within each of these components.

Dr. Rick Reedy-Superintendent of Frisco ISD

- Latest enrollment figures-*See PowerPoint*
- UIL realignment/reclassification Feb. 1
- Appreciation to the Board
 - Thanked the board and expressed his deepest gratitude for the tireless hours of service to the students and staff of Frisco ISD.