



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

December 14, 2009 7:30 p.m.

FISD Board of Trustees Board Room

Call to Order

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags, led by FHS student **Kristen Matulis**.

Board Recognitions

Dr. Reedy honored student athletes for their outstanding individual and team Cross Country achievements. Resolutions were given to coaches and student athletes, while parents were also recognized.

- Frisco High School Girls Team-6th in state
- Liberty High School Boys Team- 3rd in state
- Wakeland High School Girls Individual- -District champ, all state and 10th in state-**Mattie Zimmerman**
- Centennial High School Girls Individual-5th district, 10th region, state qualifier-**Bronwyn Boswell**

Melanie Cornelius introduced Project Learning Tree award winner **Michelle Siegel** of Sem Elementary. Sem Principal **Diana High** spoke to her importance to the Science Curriculum-**Ms. Siegel** thanked all involved for her ability to work on this project. Project Learning Tree is an environmental education program.

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 amendments**
3. **Act on payments to vendors, architects, and contractors**
4. **Act on recommendation of award for Preferred Approved Vendor List**
5. **Act on renewal of fire safety systems**
6. **Act on deductive change order for ag facility**
7. **Act on extension of contracts for athletic vendors**
8. **Act on changes to Board Policy for Academic Achievement in EIF (Local) Graduation and EIA (Local) Grading/Progress Reports to Parents**

School Health Insurance Information

Information regarding the state plan and the FISD self-funded plan were presented at a special board meeting in December. After there is more time for review, the topic will be back on the agenda in January. If the Board determines the need for a change to the state plan, ample time is needed to make this switch. If the district stays with the self-funded plan it will continue to make sure the plan is sufficient and comparable.

Zoning

Sonntag Elementary attendance zone-**Dr. Reedy** stated that the district has listened to parents, agree with their logic and have decided to leave The Reserve at Westridge in Mooneyham as long as is practical. Another elementary site is located in the area and would most likely be the future home for that neighborhood. *See zoning attachments.*

Discussion of economic impact and growth trends on opening of new middle schools in 2010-2011

Projections are holding and growth trends are favorable. The board will discuss in January and make the final decision for opening all three middle schools at that time.

Discussion of restrictions to middle school transfer guidelines for 2010-2011 school year

Mr. Zambaisi spoke about limiting transfers out of the 6 newly constituted middle schools for one year – 2010-2011 – with the opening of three new middle schools. This will ensure consistency in the enrollment numbers for the first year. This topic will be on the agenda for action when the decision is made to open the middle schools.

Information on data analysis partnership between Frisco ISD and Southern Methodist University

Dr. Mike Waldrip discussed that he has been working with Dr. Kyle Roberts of SMU on longitudinal data analysis for Liberty High. Dr. Roberts is a nationally recognized researcher. When Dr. Roberts saw the data that FISD has available he proposed a partnership with Frisco ISD to study and analyze the data for informed instruction for students and teacher efficacy. A grant is also involved that will relate to other top researchers; another professor and graduate students will also be working on the partnership.

Consider and act on laptop purchase for summer 2010 replenish schools

Melissa Fouche- Asked for approval to purchase 490 laptops (end of life) now to refresh the schools that are up for the 5-year replenish this summer. By buying a couple of months early, the district can save more than \$100 a machine – total savings of \$50,000 – compared to what was paid for the same machines last year. In addition, Apple will give FISD a three month extension on the warranty in consideration of the early purchase.

Considerations relating to current business service software and future direction

Dr. Bankston-Presented Business Service timeline and discussion of the process in looking for a new finance software system. The finance team has looked at many products and will report to the board as and when needed. The system in place, which replaced Region X and costs about the same as did the previous system, is functioning well, but the district needs a system that requires less manipulation on the part of district employees and can perform more efficiently and effectively. The current system is going to sunset.

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson-Curriculum and Instruction

Reported that the January 15 staff development day will consist of two parts- follow up on quality questioning and assessment for learning.

Mr. Richard Wilkinson-Facilities and Finance

- Reported on the CTE Center receiving the Shirley Cooper Award for Career and Technical Education Center, a National Award
- Reported that Purefoy Elementary is a couple of weeks behind, but will be should be complete by the end of May.
- Showed a Hunt Construction Calendar featuring FISD facility-Lone Star HS

Mr. Doug Zambaisi-Administrative Services

- Health Fair participation-Reported there were 2,021 participants this year, which was triple the amount from last year. Localizing the Health Fair was a huge success and allowed some health concerns to be found early and for referrals to personal physicians to be made.
- Transportation employees honored by state organization-**Howard Keeling** was named Supervisor of the Year by the TX Association of School Bus Technicians. Also, FISD transportation technician **Danny Maples** placed 2nd in the Diagnostician division.

Mrs. Melissa Fouche-Technology and Information Services

Highlighted student projects posted to the Shawnee Trail wiki and skyping projects taking place in the district.

Next meeting: January 11