

*Regular Board Meeting
March 8, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.
FISD Board Room*

Call to Order

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Presentations

The Board honored FISD High School teams in swimming, wrestling and academic decathlon from CHS, FHS, LHS and WHS. All teams competed in the state tournament in Austin and San Antonio. *See attached Resolutions.*

Recognition of No Child Left Behind Title I campus-Bright Elementary

TEA recently awarded Bright Elementary as a No Child Left Behind “distinguished” school. This is the first such award for a Frisco ISD school. Dr. Reedy introduced Susie Graham, principal of Bright Elementary, speaking to her leadership and accomplishments at Bright. Ms. Graham introduced the following support members from Bright and thanked them for their service to Bright: Laurie Richmond(4th grade teacher), Julie Parker(PTA president), Lisa Dominy(3rd grade teacher) and Audie Adkins(Community Resource Liason) and Becca Bustillos(Assistant Principal). Ms. Graham described the partnerships with the community which helped with the success at Bright, including St. Phillips and other community partners. Three years of data is evaluated in determining receipt of this award including student performance on TAKS, meeting Adequate Yearly Progress, and being an Exemplary/Recognized school. To be considered, 40 percent or more of a school’s student population must be on free and reduced lunch.

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; act on budget amendments; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred vendor list; recommendation of proposal to screen and recoat all secondary gym floors; Early Childhood School change order deduct; Allen Elementary Change Order #2 deduct; closed circuit television wireless security system for stadium transportation facility; recommendation of award for purchase of curriculum and supplies for Lone Star High School; resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2010-2011; selection of vendor for network connectivity for new campuses; vendor for network security audit, supply servers and computers; vendor to supply network equipment; new graduation requirements beginning with the freshman class of 2010*; approval of textbook selections. **Trustees approved graduation requirements for the freshman class entering in the fall of 2010 as follows: FISD will require the ½ credit of Health and the 1 credit in a Technology course. Students will obtain 1 credit of Physical Education. Current students will graduate under the previous requirements of ½ credit of Health, 1 credit of Technology applications, and an additional ½ credit of Physical Education.*

Presentation of Safe Schools Survey

James Caldwell, Student Assistance Coordinator, presented survey results to the board. Topic highlights included bullying and drug/alcohol use in Frisco ISD schools. The student assistance program educates and works to curb this activity in the schools, while providing a safe and secure venue for reporting of such instances. According to the survey, Frisco ISD had a lower occurrence of these incidents than the national average. *See PowerPoint presentation*

Discussion of Utilizing Parameter Bonds

The district's financial advisor, Jim Brooks with Southwest Securities explained that this process would provide the district maximum flexibility in selling bonds and could prove to save money. Parameter bonds sales allow the Board to set parameters - such as selling no more than a certain dollar amount of bonds, at a rate not to exceed a certain amount and for no longer than a certain maturity rate – and then allow the Superintendent to “jump into the market” when rates seem optimum, as long as it is within a specified period of time (such as a six-month period). This type of bond sale would require no midweek or midday special meetings. This industry standard was originally used for refunding bonds, but has now evolved to be used by larger districts and those issuing large amounts of bonds. It provides flexibility for seasoned bond issuers, Brooks explained. *See attached PowerPoint.*

Presentation on budget outlook for 2010-2011

Dr. Rick Bankston presented preliminary budget projections for the 2010-2011 school year. *See PowerPoint presentation*

Discussion of Construction Related Issues-HS Additions (CHS)

Corgan and Associates presented the design for the addition to CHS, scheduled for use August, 2011. Construction would need to begin summer 2010. Dr. Reedy and the board suggested a report on parking utilization at the high schools for a future meeting.

Consider and Act on issues related to construction-Possible Administration Building

Mr. Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Finance, shared recommendations for construction manager at risk for the possible administration building. Pogue was selected; for preconstruction work to secure a guaranteed maximum price, the cost would be \$5000. This preliminary work would give the board information regarding possible savings in construction costs at this time. Work beyond pre-construction would require the board to approve and pass full construction of the administration building, which has not occurred at this time.

Motion Passed

Personnel Matters

Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented her personnel report to the board. The Board approved the contract extensions of directors, assistant principals, Coordinators, Specialists, Teachers, Counselors, librarians, and nurses. Also announced were the new principals of Purefoy, Sonntag, Cobb, Hunt, and Maus. *See attached document for information on the new principals approved.*

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, updated the board on the district focus on advancing academic rigor, particularly in the area of AP and Pre-AP classes. Discussion with parents/students and education to both parties on the benefits of AP coursework was discussed. A committee of administrators and AP teachers is meeting to discuss options and implement ideas. Also mentioned was more counseling with students/parents when students feel the coursework is “too difficult” and they want to drop the course.

Shana Wortham, Director of Communications, shared the dedication dates of the 6 new schools for the 2010-2011 school year—Sept 12, 19 and October 3.

Next Meeting: April 5