



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

May 10, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

FISD Board Room

Call to Order

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Presentations

The Board honored the following FISD organizations: CHS Solo and Ensemble, Choir, Orchestra, Forensics, UIL Academics, National Merit Finalists, and Powerlifting; WHS Solo and Ensemble, Choir, Orchestra, Debate, National Merit Finalists and TASSP honoree, Powerlifting, and Boys Soccer; LHS Solo and Ensemble, Orchestra, and National Merit Finalists; HHS Solo and Ensemble; and FHS Solo and Ensemble, Choir, Orchestra, Forensics, UIL Academics, and McDonald's All-American. *See attached Resolutions.*

Communications to and from the Board

Two patrons spoke about Special Education in Frisco ISD.

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; recommendation of award for Preferred Approved Vendor List; contract extension with external auditor; award of contracts for elementary student pictures; extension of contracts for secondary student pictures; purchase of student agenda/planners for the 2010-2011 school year; award for purchase of capital request needs for 2010-2011 school year; 2010 summer projects; extension of current warehouse leasing contract; extension of yearbook publication services; miscellaneous RFQ recommendations for professional services; deferred parking agreement; approval for vendors to supply instructional software for 2010-2011; approval for vendors to supply instructional hardware for 2010-2011; award for extension of contract for food service; award for extension of contract for foam soap and hand sanitizer; award for extension of contract for health screening services; award of purchase for Child Nutrition steamers and ovens; participation in purchasing cooperative; English Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics assessment contract. **Motion Passed**

Discuss policy and administrative regulation revisions

FISD Instructional Support Team members worked with a Texas Association of School Boards policy consultant this year to do a comprehensive policy review. Through this process some legal policies were found to be missing and other local policies needed to be revised, added or deleted to be in line with practice and district goals. Some information that was included in policy was found to be better suited for administrative regulations. Within the past month, Frisco ISD has sent recommendations and supporting regulations for Board review. The Board will be asked to re-adopt the entire policy manual at the June meeting. Dr. Reedy commented that the process was a great experience for the Instructional Support Team.



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Continued Discussion of Budget for 2010-2011 School Year

Dr. Rick Bankston reviewed efforts to reconcile revenue and expenditures in the 2010-2011 budget. Currently there is a \$9.6 million gap between projected revenue and budget considerations. Some of the areas being addressed to balance the budget, without raising the tax rate, are looking at plant maintenance and operations and trying to budget as close to true projected costs as possible for utilities, etc, and using more federal funds to pay for special education personnel. In addition, FISD officials have been looking very closely at comparisons of our student to staff ratios to other districts and ours are lower – some of that can be attributed to rapid growth and opening new campuses and trying to maintain comparable programming at the newly opened, smaller schools. We are working to make headway in being as efficient as possible in scheduling at our secondary schools, particularly high schools. This will mean making every effort to maintain optimum/full class sizes and to reduce instances where there are small numbers. In looking at consolidating services, rather than adding personnel, existing staff may be asked to take on additional duties and expand services. There was also consensus reached on the maximum proposed maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking tax rates to fund the 2010-2011 budget for the “Truth in Taxation” notices. The published maximum rates will be \$1 (same) for M&O and \$.42 for the I&S rate (three cents higher and also utilizing debt service fund balance to buy down debt). If taxable values differ greatly from preliminary values, the district could re-advertise if that proposed maximum needed to change.

Possible New Administration Building

Mr. Wilkinson discussed issues related to construction and financing of the administration/board complex. He reviewed the guaranteed maximum price (GMP), which is \$3-4 million less than previous estimates. With construction, development and equipment, the total cost would be at \$27 million. He showed the board cost estimates in relation to the impact on the debt service tax rate, which will go up next year regardless of the administration building project. The impact to the tax rate was shown at $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent. He also shared information related to indicators that construction materials and costs are on the rise. The board requested information as to costs/timelines related to converting the existing Administration complex and Acker into instructional settings. Mr. Wilkinson agreed to obtain the requested information for review in June; a final decision on whether to move forward with the project should occur at the June 21 regular meeting.

Consider and act on issues related to construction

Mr. Wilkinson presented the Initial Guaranteed Maximum Price (IGMP) for the Centennial High School addition- \$6,250,680. **Motion Passed**

Personnel Matters

Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented her personnel report to the board. The Board approved positions including new assistant principals as follows:

Stacy Mills has been named principal of Elliott Elementary. Mills has been with Frisco ISD since 1984. A graduate of Stephen F. Austin, she began her teaching career in 1972 and obtained her Master’s degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. Mills helped open Elliott in 2008 as the assistant principal. She has been an experienced classroom teacher, reading recovery teacher



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leader and she worked as the district's Dyslexia Coordinator before becoming an assistant principal at Rogers Elementary. She takes over leadership from Susan Murphy, who is retiring in the fall and will be relocating with her husband. She will assist with areas of need at central office until that time.

Assistant Principal Assignments:

Jamie Flemmer, Mooneyham Elementary

Jodi Jordan, Elliott Elementary

Staff Reports

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

In April, Frisco ISD submitted JROTC applications to the Army, Air Force, Marines and the Navy requesting to be considered for a JROTC unit here in Frisco ISD. On May 6, a representative from the USMC visited the CTE Center and toured the facility with Dr. Wes Cunningham. Frisco ISD has also received communication from the Air Force and they will be conducting a site survey on Wednesday, May 12, at the CTE Center. These survey visits are required prior to the school being placed on the official "waiting list" and are a fairly important component to the application score and placement on their waiting list. According to the Air Force, all applicant schools receive a score on a scale from 1-100. The score is derived from the following categories: Geographic location—40%, Size of student population and instructor availability—25%, Availability and quality of facilities and support from school district and community—25%, Title 1 eligible—5%, and Located in a Metropolitan area of 150,000 or greater—5%. The Air Force usually notifies school districts in October or November if they are offered to establish a new AFJROTC unit and a decision will be made at that time if we are ready to commit to establishing the unit. Should Frisco ISD choose to decline the offer from the Air Force, our district would remain on the waiting list but will be re-ranked with any new applications received. The Air Force is expected to expand their JROTC program by about 50 units nationwide during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

Dr. Linda Bass, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

The Frisco ISD Certified Teacher Job Fair will be held on Saturday, May 15, at Dr Pepper Arena. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All campuses will be in attendance.

Shana Wortham, Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations reminded the Board of upcoming events -

Scholarship Night—May 13

Top Ten Luncheon—May 26

Rachel's Challenge Rally —May 25

Dr. Rick Reedy, FISD Superintendent, worked with the Board to set a special board meeting of June 7 to discuss 2010-2011 budget considerations.

Next Regular Meeting – June 21, 2010