



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

Board Members: Richard Beaver - Cindy DePaolantonio - Laura Ellison - Renee Ehmke - Dan Mossakowski - Buddy Minett - Brenda Polk

Regular Meeting, August 13, 2007

Pledges of Allegiance

It was noted that in this Legislative session the words to the Texas Pledge were modified – Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, *one state under God*, one and indivisible.

Recognitions

Jeremy Starritt with the City of Frisco Environmental Services Department presented the Frisco ISD with an award and a check for \$100 from Keep Texas Beautiful. Together, the city and the district won a first place in the state for the environmental education program.

FIRST Report Public Hearing

Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas - Frisco ISD received a Superior rating for the 2005-2006 school year, with a yes answer on all 21 indicators. See this link for the overview

<http://hancock.tea.state.tx.us/First/District.aspx?year=2005&district=043905>

Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance, gave a presentation on the indicators and the report.

Title I Public Hearing

Mia Bennett, Director of Special Programs, presented on the Title I funds the district receives, which amounts to \$163,238. This is primarily spent on staff to offer literacy and math support. It also pays for summer school for students needing assistance. The Title I schools – the schools where the percentage of students on free and reduced lunch exceeds the district’s average of 11 percent – are Bright, Christie, Rogers, Gunstream and Ogle.

Action Items

Consent Agenda – These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; 2007 Certified Appraisal Roll; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; award for preferred approved vendor list; end-of-year budget amendments, including August accounting accruals and TRS on behalf payments, in preparation for end of fiscal year financial audit; change to Board Policy GKD (Local) : Community Relations- Nonschool Use of School Facilities; Board Policy FM (Local): Student Activities; Board Policy DAA (Local): Employment Objectives – Equal Employment Opportunity; 2007-2008 Student Code of Conduct; District Action Plan for 2007-2008; TASB electric contract; renewal of professional services contract for assistant supervisor for

construction services and internal demographer; extension of financial consulting contract; agreement on contraband inspections for 2007-2008; service and maintenance agreement for security cameras; newly trained appraisers for the Professional Development and Appraisal System for teachers; award for external audit service; approval of additional computers for Liberty High School.

Issues Related to Chapter 41 Status –

As a Chapter 41 District FISD has to annually issue a letter of intent regarding its option for reducing wealth. The Board approved exercising Option 4 to achieve the required equalized wealth level for 2007-2008. FISD will submit the "Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credits" that is currently in place as of the board meeting to TEA along with our letter of intent.

The FISD uses a consultant to accomplish the utilization of this option in brokering our purchase of WADA from a partner district. This option saved the district over \$500,000 last year and will save about \$250,000 to \$300,000 this year.

City of McKinney request to FISD

In this last legislative session, a law was put in place that prevents school districts from having to pay impact fees. A district, however, can issue a resolution to continue to pay these fees. Trustees reviewed and discussed the request that Frisco ISD continue to pay impact fees to the city of McKinney for future school construction. The Board did not feel that they could ask FISD taxpayers to accept this financial responsibility in light of the new law passed by the Legislature, and instructed Dr. Reedy to inform the city that FISD would not waive our right to cease payment of impact fees to the city of McKinney.

2007-2008 Budget

The Board approved the following budget:

Total Expenditures for 2007-2008: (Projected)

Aggregate Expenditures

A. Instruction	\$121,261,503
B. Instruction Support	25,353,091
C. Central Administration	5,113,949
D. District Operations	28,759,931
E. Debt Services	63,500,000
F. All Other Category	18,302,250
G. Food Services	11,969,500

Total Expenditures for 2007-2008: (Projected)

Expenditures Per Student

A. Instruction	\$ 4,406
B. Instruction Support	921

C. Central Administration	186
D. District Operations	1,045
E. Debt Services	2,307
F. All Other Category	665
G. Food Services	435

This is based on a tax base of \$13.7 Billion, a projected M&O tax rate of 96 cents and a maximum I&S rate of 40 cents, a tax collection rate of 98.5 percent, and a student enrollment of \$27,500. The tax rate will be approved at the September Board meeting.

Student Achievement Initiatives

Dr. Debra Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, discussed the ongoing focus in FISD on student achievement. Beyond the continued efforts in the areas of math and science, staff is addressing the issue of meeting the needs of students new to FISD and the needs of teachers new to teaching and to FISD. She said that the district is working to formalize the process for assessing new students and placing them appropriately. We are also working to make sure that we personalize their learning for their needs to take them from where they are and to assist them in getting to where they need to be, she added. Dr. Nelson said the district is also addressing how it delivers professional development to provide more ongoing opportunities during planning times and to provide more co-teaching moments where teachers can see strategies modeled by master teachers. A new software that has been purchased, INOVA, should also help leaders get more effective data regarding where individual students need the most assistance to make gains in achievement. We want to focus more on mastery of objectives and moving students forward so they can graduate.

Discussion of Legacy Drive Elementary Final Layout/Design

Richard Wilkinson, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Finance, discussed the final design and layout, including the landscaping plan, for this elementary site near Legacy Christian Academy. This school is expected to be built to open in 2009, but preparations have been made in case it was needed for the 2008 school year. This will be a two-story design. Due to the fact that two lots are within a neighborhood, a fence that includes black aluminum is being proposed in that segment of the site to blend with the neighborhood.

Lone Star High-Final Guaranteed Maximum Price

The Board approved the FGMP at \$61.4 million. This is two million under the bond estimates on this project.

Special Meetings

The Board of Trustees met on **August 22** and adopted a policy FNA (local). HB 3678 (Religious Viewpoint Antidiscrimination Act) required that districts have a policy

in place before the start of school regarding limited public forums.

A Worksession was held on **August 29**, to look at long-range facility planning, services, and some targeted areas of improvement for the year.

Safety was a topic and consultant Dr. John Wilson discussed the four planks of preparedness. FISD has plans in place and through work with the city fire and police departments and knowledge of the systems they have in place feel that we are moving in the right direction. Training is the area where FISD feels that some outside assistance would be helpful, Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, said.

Richard Wilkinson reviewed projected enrollment and timelines for building schools that are provided for in previous bond programs. He also discussed future facility needs for administrative and support staff. FISD staff has studied Plano and Garland ISD as districts that are similarly sized to what we will be at build out. He presented options that include utilizing several satellite sites or a more centralized approach. The Board indicated interest in centralizing the non-campus personnel as much as possible; Mr. Wilkinson will pursue options at the current administrative complex area and also at the property at Wade Blvd. near the CTE Center. Dr. Debra Nelson discussed the potential need for Early Childhood Centers to meet the needs of our growing PPCD and prekindergarten population. Plano and Garland also utilize this centralized approach. She and Mr. Wilkinson feel that no more than two would probably be needed to meet our needs for now and in the future. It was felt that Acker and the SOC should remain in use for the Alternative Education programs.

The Board was supportive of continuing to utilize more than one law firm based on the situation and was also supportive of continuing with two architectural firms at this time. They discussed giving more creative latitude with elementary and middle schools and possible utilizing a new prototype.

Dr. Reedy discussed areas we are looking at this school year including streamlining and improving our application/screening process to save principals time; providing more educational support for drug and alcohol awareness among parents, teachers and students; fostering more parental involvement and communication (particularly at the secondary level; and providing the Board with more critical indicator information and comparative data through the Dashboard initiative. The expanded School Messenger model should help greatly with parental communication; features such as RSS and podcasting are also being researched.

Dates to Remember

- September 4 – Middle School Meet the Teacher Night
- September 6 – Elementary Curriculum Night –
- September 9 – Dedication of Fowler Middle School – 2 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting September 10**