

FISD Board Report



FRIENDSWOOD, NOVEMBER 2020



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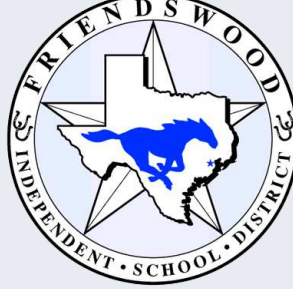
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Information Items:

VIRTUAL LEARNING UPDATE

Superintendent Roher, Assistant Sup of Teaching and Learning Lauren Ambeau and Exec Dir of Secondary Teaching and Learning Kim Cole presented the most up-to-date information from TEA (released Thursday) and first nine weeks performance data and case statistics to the Board.

This second nine weeks the number of virtual learners has dropped to 13% – a little over 800 students. After evaluating the data on our virtual learners' first nine weeks performance (slide 9, 10 & 11), attendance, and engagement (slide 11) as well the experience of instructional challenges in a virtual environment for our teachers, the district is considering possible shifts in practice going forward for the benefit of both students and staff. The District Leadership Team has met throughout the nine weeks to discuss the data and possible changes. A focus group of secondary teachers and students provided valuable feedback from what has been learned in the first nine weeks and what shifts could be beneficial.

Protocols have been put in place for in-person learning have thus far kept case counts low and tracing thus far shows that overall cases are not coming from spread within the school, but from contacts outside of school.

A Board workshop is scheduled for November 16th at 6:30 p.m. During that workshop, the board could consider potential action to adjust the virtual learning plan for the second semester based on the discussions and information presented on November 9th. Once finalized this would then be shared with our FISD staff and community. See Timeline (slide 22) See Application Components (slide 16).

The following [SLIDES](#) were shown to capture the proposed 3 prong approach based on data and feedback to date.

Audience Participation

Nine parents spoke to the board during the Audience Participation portion regarding their concerns over making any changes to the virtual learning option in FISD.

ESL Annual Report

The District is required to annually report to the Board of Trustees an accounting of the number of English Language Learners (ELL) students in the district, organized by home language. These are students who have qualified to be part of the District's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. A district must provide a bilingual program if there are 20 or more students in one grade level who speak the same language. Since Friendswood does not have 20 or more students speaking the same language in one grade level, the district provides an ESL program (a program of sheltered instruction). The district has 153 ELL students at this time; last year the count was 146. There are 17 different first languages represented in our schools.

Friendswood ISD did file a waiver with TEA for 9 teachers who are teaching ESL students and are not ESL certified. COVID presented issues with certification during the spring and summer. However, our current professional development plan does include training and time for these teachers to prepare for their certification exam. The district also reimburses teachers who successfully pass the exam. Our expectation is they will prepare and take the certification exam this school year.

See [Languages Spoken Report](#) accounting of the current ESL students reported by language.

Friendswood Education Foundation Report

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1999 whose mission is to support and enhance FISD by providing innovative and engaging learning opportunities for all students through meaningful relationships. Last year the Foundation awarded over \$234,000 to FISD teachers through the Adopt-A-Grant program. Board President, Kelly Lovell, and Executive Director, Ashley Adair shared the highlights from 2019–2020 as well as what's on the horizon for 2020–2021.

[2020 Education Foundation Report](#)

Action Items:



All Action items were approved by the board.

Approval of AE Local

Board Policy AE Local focuses on the Educational Philosophy of the District. The Superintendent is recommending an update to the policy to capture the Call to Action and Beliefs of FISD approved in the FISD Strategic Plan as well as the foundational Character traits of Friendswood ISD. These traits were developed in 1986 by the Board of Education and updated in 2016.

[Draft policy of AE Local](#). The first reading for the policy was on October 12, 2020.

Transfer of Surplus Funds to Capital Projects Fund

The District's fiscal year ended August 31, 2020, and the District is expecting a surplus of approximately \$2.23M in the general fund. This surplus is the result of receiving \$1.46M more in revenues than adopted and underspending the expenditure budget by \$70K. A majority of the surplus is \$960K revenue from TEA due to an increase of 119 ADA. The attached reconciliation details the difference between the adopted, revised, and projected budgets to the actual amounts.

The District is recommending the transfer of \$1,800,000 of the surplus funds into the capital projects fund, which will bring the total balance to approximately \$2.13M. An additional \$369K of revenue is anticipated from TCEQ as reimbursement for the 5 bus purchase grant executed in October 2019. Funds may be utilized for safety, security, and other priority maintenance items. These purchases will be prioritized and brought to the board for approval before funds are expended.

[FINAL 19-20 Budget Recon](#)

Tropical Storm Beta Temp Prop Tax Exemption Resolution

The attached resolution will provide temporary property tax exemption for "qualified property" in which is 15% or more damaged, as determined by the chief appraiser, due to Tropical Storm Beta within Friendswood ISD boundaries. The resolution was written by the District's legal counsel. The district recommended approval of the Tropical Storm Beta Temporary Property Tax Exemption Resolution as presented.

[Resolution of Texas Tax Code 11.35](#)

FISD 2019–2020 Safety Audits

Texas Education Code, Sec. 37.108(b) requires that least once every three years, each school district or public junior college district shall conduct a safety and security audit of the district's facilities. To the extent possible, a district shall follow safety and security audit procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a person included in the registry established by the Texas School Safety Center under Section 37.2091. The results of these audits must be presented to the Board of Trustees for review prior to submission to the Texas School Safety Center no later than November 15, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

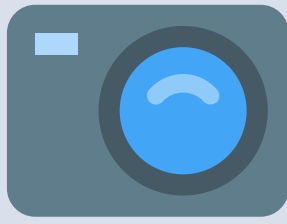
All Consent agenda items were approved by the board.



- 6.01 Consider Approval of Minutes October 12, 2020
- 6.02 Consider Approval of Gifts and Donations
- 6.03 Consider Approval of Budget Amendment
- 6.04 Consider Approval of Interlocal with City of Friendswood for CARES Act Funding
- 6.05 Consider Approval of the 2020 Tax Roll
- 6.06 Consider Approval of Addendum to Rental Agreement with Clear Creek Community Church
- 6.07 Consider Approval of Membership in Go Public Gulf Coast
- 6.08 Consider Approval of Lease Agreement for 1101 Falling Leaf Drive
- 6.09 Consider Approval of Appraiser for the 202

Financial Reports:

- 9.01 [Balance Sheets](#)
- 9.02 Monthly Check Register and [Payroll Summary](#) Report
- 9.03 Monthly [Investment Report](#)
- 9.04 Revenue and [Expenditure Reports](#)
- 9.05 School Lunch [Fund](#)
- 9.06 Tax Assessor Collector's [Report](#)
- 9.07 Capital Projects and Priority Maintenance [Update](#)



Checkout all the pictures
from the Nov 9,
Board meeting
[HERE!](#)

Celebrations

Making a Difference

The Making A Difference Award is given to employees who best exemplify the District's beliefs and call to action. Thirteen Beliefs were adopted as a part of the 5-year Strategic Plan. These Beliefs will guide how FISD spotlights employees for the Making a Difference Award. Administrators and Departments were asked to choose an employee(s) who best exemplifies one of the thirteen beliefs.

Technology Department

Tonia Meadows
Mike Gasiorowski
Demosesneeds "Punch" Punchard
Christy Houting
Misty Shannon
Ruth Foster
Tracy Bryant
Sheila Hageman
Brian Smith
Joey Wetmore
George Matamoros
Tony Wilcox
Greenlee Brittenum
Shelby Cruz
Colton Bailey
Jason Norman
Darlene Cates - FJH
Karen Hillier - FHS
Jane Pearce - FHS

Cline Elementary

Carlee Hendershot
Jennifer Massar

Celebration of Excellence

The Celebration of Excellence portion of the board meeting is dedicated to those students in FISD, who compete at the State and/or National Level in UIL competition, display outstanding character, strong leadership skills, and/or show academic growth and progress.

National Merit Commended

ANISHA ABBARAJU
ADAM L BOEHNKE
KACIE L BRIDWELL
NICHOLAS L CIPOLLA
MICHAEL D DIAMOND
TROY H DUTTON
MITCHELL LITVINOV
PUMARIE A MADDEN
CAITLYN N MOORE
MEGNA A PANCHBHAVI
GABRIEL A PERRY
QUINN R RADTKE
CONNOR J THURMAN
KENNETH T WEBB
MARA E WHITE

National Hispanic and African American Recognition Program

Elizabeth Ayala
Gerald Musyimi
Austin Saenz

Dean Galloway - Nominated by Principal Griffon for being an outstanding Mustang

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