

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a regular meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 6:04 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Mia Price who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Price, Rodriguez, Smith, and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Bostic, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Stephens, Sargent, Hicks, Cox and Stevenson.

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Guyer High School ROTC students in honor of September 11, 2001.

Presentations/ Recognitions: There were no presentation or recognitions scheduled.

1<sup>st</sup> Open Forum: No one wished to speak

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Update: Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator provided the Board of Trustees with an update on continued discussion with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Routes to School Plan. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments, established to assist local governments in planning for common needs. Through the joint effort and collaboration of NCTCOG, City of Denton and Denton ISD the District has a funding commitment for sidewalks at two Denton ISD elementary schools, Pecan Creek Elementary and Woodrow Wilson Elementary. The City of Denton is requesting that Denton ISD pay for half of the matching fund cost of the two sidewalk projects. NCTCOG will allocate 80% of the cost (\$376,896.00) with 20% matching funds (\$94,224.00). If the Board approves, Denton ISD and the City of Denton will contribute 10% each (\$47,112.00). The total project cost is budgeted at \$471,120.00.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Discussion & Review of Denton ISD: Paul Address and a representative from TDI presented the Board of Trustees with the utility management processes in all Denton ISD's facilities from July 2011 – December 2011. This report included the total consumption and

Utility  
Management  
Report

cost comparison, analysis by utility type, percentage change of energy use and Geothermal vs., traditional HVAC cost comparison.

The total utility cost for 2011-12 increased by \$121,336 or 1.7 percent, compared to 2010-2011. The water rates increased while gas and electricity rates decreased. The increases were in electricity because of higher temperatures and water usage due to rainfall decreases. The district was commended for keeping utility costs to a minimum while opening more schools and facing increases in charges. The report also provided a comprehensive plan for more energy reductions in the future.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Discussion of  
Legislative  
Priorities

Dr. Wilson presented the Board with an overview of background information for the upcoming Texas 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative session. There are fewer registered voters in Texas today than there were in the gubernatorial primary in 2010. Turnover in the House could result in up to 50 percent of the members being freshmen or sophomores in 2013. The priorities of the lawmakers for the upcoming session include:

- Balancing the state budget.
- Protecting the Rainy Day Fund
- Shrinking government
- Not raising taxes
- Providing school choice for families, which include school vouchers.

Dr. Wilson also informed the Board that the key educational issues in 2013 will include:

- School choice/vouchers and expanding charter schools
- Virtual schools
- Assessment and accountability
- TRS pensions and TRS Care
- Spending limits at the state and local levels
- Funding for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Looking at the Rainy Day Fund
- Statewide property tax and sales tax

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Special  
Education  
Determination  
Status

Debbie Roybal, Executive Director of Special Education provided the Board with the Special Education Determination Status as determined by the Texas Education Agency. Under IDEA, annually Texas is required to make annual determination of the District's performance based on several categories. The categories are Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention or Needs Substantial Intervention. Denton ISD received the 2012 Local Education Agency (LEA) Determination status of "Needs Assistance". based on the rating scale, used by TEA to make the determination level. Denton ISD earned this ranking by receiving 1 (one) point. The point was due to non-compliance with State Performance Indicators as submitted in

August 2011. The 1 (one) point is the result of non-compliance for State Performance indicators 11 and 13 which was based on the 2010-2011 data submission to the Agency in August 2011.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Attendance  
Report

Robert Bostic, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs, reported the district saw a growth of 1,003 students on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of school in 2012, compared to the same time in 2011. The district grew from 24,720 in 2011 to 25,723 in 2012.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve (the minutes for the August 28, 2012 board meeting; personnel matters and leaves and absences; Budget Amendments as of August 31, 2012; approval of the 2012-2013 inter-local cooperation agreement between the Denton Independent School District (Joe Dale Sparks) and the Juvenile Board of Denton County; Approval of the City of Corinth SRO Agreement for Crownover Middle School; Approval of City of Aubrey SR Agreement for Navo Middle School; Approval of Denton County SRO Agreement for Harpool Middle School; Approval of Resolution for of Denton County 4-H as an extra-curricular activity under TAC 76.1 for the 2012-2013 school year; Approval of Lee Standley, Janet Laminack, and Dr. Margaret Jover, Denton County Extension Agents, as Adjunct Faculty Members for 4-H extra-curricular activities for the 2012-2013 school year; Approval of travel for the Denton High School Drumline to travel to the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Austin, Texas, October 31-November 3, 2012; Approval of travel for the Denton High School Choir to travel to the Winter Park Ski Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado, April 11-14, 2013; Approval of travel for the Guyer High School Band to travel to the Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio, Texas, April 11-14, 2013; Approval of travel for the Guyer High School Drumline to travel to the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Austin, Texas on November 1-3, 2012).

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of  
Revisions to  
Policy DNA  
(Local)  
Performance  
Appraisal:  
Evaluation of

Motion by Rudy Rodriguez and seconded by Glenna Harris

To approve the revision to policy DNA (Local) Performance Appraisal: Evaluation Of Teachers on final adoption.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Teachers-Final  
Adoption

Consider  
Approval of  
Certified  
Appraisal,  
Collection Rate  
& Rollback Tax  
Rates

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded Glenna Harris

To approve the 2012 Certified Appraisal Roll, tax collection rate at 100%,  
and confirm the rollback tax rate of \$1.53010.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider  
Approval of Tax  
Rate Ordinance

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of  
\$1.530, which is effectively a .1106 percent increase in the tax rate.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum

No one wished to speak

Closed Meeting

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:53 pm

Open Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:23 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

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President

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Secretary